

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**6893A Private
Hugh Stobo**

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24.

STOBO, H. 6893.

K. May 19th, 1918.

I didn't see Stobo, A.Co., killed instantaneously by m.g. bullets, which cup him right up the left side in the attack on Villers-spr-Ancre early in the morning (before daylight) but I helped to carry out his dead body. He was shot near the river, and in the same stunt, Matherson, Commons, Newbound, and Scott, all of A.Co., were also killed. In the afternoon we carried them all a little way past Beire and another party carried them on to Hailly where they were buried that evening. Crosses were made and sent up.

Stobo came over from Melbourne in the Nestor with the 20th rfs. He was a small chap, married, I think had children, a jovial chap, hadn't been long with the co.

Inf. Pte. O. A. Schroeder, 6880. 24.B.VIII.
No.2. Stat. Hosp.

ABBEVILLE. 11.8.18. HSH.

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24th Battn. A.I.F.

STOBO. H. 6893.

"Killed 19.8.18."

Stobo was killed in Ville-sur-Ancre stunt about that date by a shell receiving head wounds and being killed instantly. I was not far away and did not see it but heard of it from a great mate, his best mate of his. I can't give his name but a late reinforcement. I was camped with the late reinforcements and they were telling me how they got on in the stunt in answer to my enquiry. The boys of his reinforcement were very sorry, he was a favorite with them.

He was killed during our attack about 3 a.m. on a Sunday morning.

Inf:-

Knowles H.W. 6847.

24th C. Co.

Hut 14.

WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand,
London,
15.8.18.
H.G.

M.

24th Battn:

Stobo, H. 6893.

K. 19/5/18.

We were at Ville-sur-ancre at about 4.30 A.m. While we were going up to the village Stobo was hit by M.G. bullets right down one side of his body, and being the only one injured by that burst. We all rushed up to him and he was put on my waterproof. He died about an hour after being hit, but was unconscious the whole time. I do not know where he is buried but I saw the cross that was to be erected on his grave. We captured the M.G. about 10 minutes afterwards.

24th Battn:

Slookwitch, A. Pte. 6911.

A 12. Dartford. 22/8/18.

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P.L.A. *M*

24th Battrn.
A.I.F.

H.

STOBO.
6893.

"Killed 19-5-18"

He was of A. Company. At Ville-Sur-Ancres on 18th or 19th May during our attack on enemy's lines about 2 o'clock in morning, we found him lying between Swamp and village, about 200 yards north of village. He had got a blast of machine gun bullets - hit all over - was alive, but unconscious. He died as soon as put on stretcher. I helped to carry him out to the Chalk Pits near Buire. 7 men altogether were laid out there ready for burial. I have not seen his grave, but was buried either in the Warley or Buire Military Cemetery. He had just joined up - came from Victoria.

Informant:- Pte. J. Cullen. 754A.

24th Battrn. A. Coy. II Pl.
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.
London.
2-5-18.
J.E.A.

M

24th Battrn.
A.I.F.

STOBO.
H. 6893.

"Killed 19-5-18"

We were holding the line at Villers Bretonneux and in the hop over Stobo got knocked by machine gun fire and died instantly. I saw his remains carried behind the lines by S/B. I knew him in Australia.

Informant:- Thomas. A. 6306.

24th Battrn. A. Coy 7th Pl.
SOUTHALL.

T. St. J. P. P.
London.
7-9-18.
H.G.

M.

24th Btn.

STOBO. H.
Pte. 6893a.

Killed in action 19/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. slightly built, sallow complexion, about 32 years of age. Casualty was advancing at Villers-sur-Ancre. I was in the same advance. He was mortally wounded in the head by machine gun bullets and died three hours later. I saw Casualty as I was coming back, he was quite dead. He was buried just near by. by a burial party that was sent out from our Co."

Informant:- Pte. F. J. Painter,
No. 6868, 24th Bn.

Private address:-
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Melbourne.

T.C.F.
18/10/18.

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24th Btn.

STOBO. H.
Pte. 6893a.

K. in act. 19/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. medium build, about 24 years of age. Casualty was advancing at ville sur Ancre. I was in the same advance. He was hit by a machine gun bullet in the leg and bled to death. I did not see Casualty killed but I found him two hours after he had been wounded, and I carried him back but he died on the way to the Dressing Station. I left him at the Dressing Station and as far as I know he was buried there as there was a cemetery just near the Dressing Station."

Informant:- Pte. C. A. Sharpley,
No. 47, 24th Bn.

Private address:-
55 Carlisle Street,
St. Kilda.

T.C.F.
10/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

24th Btn.

STOBO. H.
Pte. 6893a.

K. in act. 19/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 9 ins. slightly built, medium complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was advancing at Villers sur Ancre and I was in the same advance on the 19th May. He was hit by a machine gun bullet which entered his chest killing him almost instantly. I was 20 yds. away at the time he was hit and I saw his body immediately afterwards. He was buried at ~~the~~ Heilly but I do not know if a cross was erected."

Informant:- Pte. G. Barlow,
No. 6766, 24th Btn.

Private address:-
22 Mount Street,
Pahran.

T.C.F.
21/2/19.

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