

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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Lieutenant  
Sydney Clezy  
Stockham

27th Battalion



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A.I.F. 27th Battn.

STOCKHAM  
Sydney G Lt.

"WHEREABOUTS"

Died of wounds at 55th Casualty Clearing Station 18/8/18 Gun shot wound abdomen.

Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 27/9/18 - No details available yet.

London  
27/9/18

P.I.

27th Battn.  
A.I.F.

STOCKHAM  
Lt. S.C. (Sydney)

"Died of Wounds 18-8-18"

Re Lt. Sydney G. Stockham, 27th Battn. Full particulars of this officer's death were sent to his father on 19-8-18.

Letter from:- Capt. C.W. Camplin Cogan, C/F  
for C.C.  
55th C.C.S. 4-10-18.

London  
11-10-18  
H.T.

P.I.

*J.P.W.*

27th Battn:

Stockham, Lt. S.C.

D/W. 18/8/18.

Mr. Stockham left our Battn: between the 8th and 15th August to be attached to the Americans and it was reported to us that he had been killed while with them but no particulars were to hand.

27th Battn:

Angove, L.M.Pte. 6212.

A 16. Dartford. 16/10/18.

R.D.B.

*hms*

*P. 1.*

27th Battn.  
A.I.F.

STOCKHAM  
Lieut. S.C.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 18-8-18"

Refer to Lieut. Coleman C.Coy.

Informant - Coleman. Pte. A.C. 6557  
27th Battn. C.Coy.  
3rd A.A.H.  
DARTFORD.

H.B. Priddle.  
14-11-18  
London  
25-11-18  
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Lieut. Coleman 19-11-18

P.I.

A.I.F. 27th Battn.

Lieut. STOCKHAM  
S.C.

"Died of Wounds 18/8/18."

I saw his grave in the Cemetery near Dawours. His grave had a cross etc., up. I knew him well; he got his Commission in the Field.

Informant:- 81, Holland,  
Ward 21,  
Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.  
London  
3.12.18.  
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F. 27th Battn.

STOCKHAM  
Lieut. S.C.

"Died of Wounds 18/8/18."

Refer to Sergeant Peake, A. Coy, 27th Battalion, who is now in England, and marked for Australia, for he was the only man from our lot who was with him that day, when they were attached to an American Unit.

Informant:- Sgt. A.I. Dewar, 4657,  
B. Coy, 27th Battn.  
3rd A.A. Hospital  
Bartford.

W. Oman.  
London  
6.12.18.  
J.E.A.

P.I.

Note:- Written Sgt. Peake, 2.12.18.

*Letter recd 26.2.19*

A.I.F. 27th Battn.

STOCKHAM

Lieut. Sydney C.

"Died of Wounds 18.8.18."

re the death of Lieut. S.C. Stockham.

The above named Officer rejoined this Unit on the 1st August 1918 and on or about the 10th August he was detailed as a liaison Officer with an American Regiment. He evidently went into an attack with the Americans. Where he was wounded and where he was at the time, up to the present, we have no knowledge. He died of wounds at the 55th Casualty Clearing Station, Daxours, (Somme District) France. He was buried in the Communal Extension Cemetery, Daxours, Plot 4, row C. Grave No34. A cross was made by the Pioneers of this Unit and was erected over his grave. Map reference of Cemetery. Sheet 62D. N.6.a.2.5.

Letter from:- Ronald M. Herwood, Captain  
Adjutant, 27th Battn. A.I.F.  
France.

London  
5.12.18.  
J.E.A.

P.I.

A.I.F. 27th Batta.

STOCKHAM

Lieut. S.C.

"Died of Wounds 16.8.16."

He was attached to the U.S.A. troops near Mericourt, when he was wounded and died of wounds. He is buried in the Military Cemetery at Bucury. I have seen the cross for his grave. Lieut. I.M. Davies who was then Adjutant of 27th Batta., A.I.F., has all the particulars.

Informant:- Lt. F.V. Farnell,  
27th Battalion A.I.F.  
3rd Indian General Hq.  
Wandsworth.

A.G. Campbell.

London

30.12.18.

J.E.A. Note:- Written Lt. Davies 20.12.18.

P.I.

27th Battn.  
A.I.F.

STOCKHAM  
Lieut. S.C.

"DIED OF WOUNDS 18-8-18"

Lieut. Stockham was admitted on the 17th Aug. and he passed away on the 18th suffering from a wound in the abdomen. He was buried on the 19th at Daours - Plot 4 Row C. No. 34.

Letter from - D.P. Foster. Sister-in-Charge.  
55th C.C.S.  
France.  
12-12-18.

London  
30-12-18

P.I.



27th Batn.  
A.I.F.

STOCKHAM,  
Lieut. S.C.

"Died of wounds - 18-8-18."

"This Officer was wounded on 17-8-18 while detached from the Batn. and died of wounds on 18-8-18 at the 56th C.C.S. He was buried in the Dacours Communal Extension Cemetery (Map Ref. N.6.a.2.5.) Plot 4, Row C., No. 54, and before leaving the Somme, the Batn. erected a suitable cross over his grave. Although many enquiries have been made here in the field, we have been unable to discover further details.

During the stern fighting on the N. bank of the Somme (August 8th-18th) a number of Australians were sent to assist the Americans, in fact a "liaison force" of Americans and Australians were formed. It was to this force that Lieut. Stockham was attached and it would appear that it was while in action with the Americans that he was wounded.

Letter from:- W.L. Wavers, Lieut.  
27th Batn.  
A.I.F.

London,  
15-1-19.

P. I.

December 9th, 1918.

Miss K.H.Old.  
19 Frederick Road.  
Edgbaston. B'ham.

Dear Madam.

In further reply to your enquiry regarding Lieut.  
S.C. STOCKHAM. 27th Battalion. A.I.F. who died of wounds on 18.8.18  
We beg to inform you that we have received the following report  
from SA Pte. Holland who states:-"I saw his grave in the cemetery  
near Dacours and there was a cross erected over the grave with full  
particulars on it. I knew him well."

We are pursuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon  
as any further particulars come to hand. Once more assuring you  
of our very sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

*E. J. Melle*

Dec. 12th.1918 .

Miss K.M.Old.  
19 Frederick Road.  
Edgbaston, B'ham.

Dear Madam.

In further reply to your enquiry regarding Lieut. S.C. STOCKHAM. ~~27th Battalion~~ A.I.F. who died of wounds on 18.8.18. We beg to inform you of the following report received from Captain Horwood - Adjutant - of the 27th Battn, who states:- "Lieut. Stockham rejoined this unit on the 1st August 1918 and on or about the 10th August he was detailed as a Liaison Officer with an American Regiment. He evidently went into an attack with the Americans. Where he was wounded and where he was at the time, up to the present, we have knowledge. He died of wounds at the 55th Casualty Clearing Station Daours (Somme District) France. He was buried in the Communal Extension Cemetery, Daours, Plot 4 row C. Grave 34. A cross was made by the Pioneers of this unit and was erected over his grave. Map reference of Cemetery . Sheet 62a N..6.a.2.5."

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you as soon as any further particulars come to hand. Once more assuring you of our very sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

*[Handwritten signature]*

S. C. Stockham

27/3m

D. & W. 15. 8. 18 55 CCS.

P/2 (col)

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J. Wilson

30th Bn

Died 28. 8. 18

(cd)

Dec 12.

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X Slip

Dear Madam

In reply to your letter I wrote to the relatives of the two patients you mention in your letter the day after they died, & gave all the particulars, so many pass through our hands that it is I fear quite out of the question to remember the individual patients now. I can only repeat that Lt Stockham was admitted on the 17 Aug. & he passed away on the 18th. suffering from a wound in the abdomen. He was buried on the 19th at DAOURS. Plot 4 Row C. No 34. Pte Wilson died on the 28th Aug Buried at DAOURS Plot 7 Row A. No 27. He was also wounded in the Abdomen, a penetrating wound.

Yours sincerely,

Sister-in-Charge 55 CCS.

Q. E

To

Lt. L. M. Davies "M.C."  
Adj. 27 Btl  
a. I. F

about

Lt. S. C. Stockholm

27 Btl  
a. I. F

J/W 18. 8. 18

Written 20. 12. 18

MRS

Information obtained locally (if any) or from letters.

Enquiry included in W.S.M. Cable

No.

225

of

Sept 18. 1918.

Enquiry included in Deferred Cable

No.

of

Name and Address of Enquirer

Mr. S. Harrison

Holgate. via Pinjarra.

Relation of Enquirer to Enquiree.

Friend.

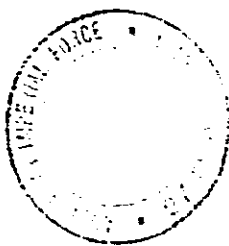
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Henry Greig  
S.W.

Secretary.

ack R.C. Hunt  
19.1.19  
R.N/S



Lieut S.C. Stockham

27 Bn

D of W. 18.8.18.

P.I. (cd)

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27<sup>th</sup> Bn as. 7

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Jan 5/19

The Secretary  
Australian Red Cross Socy  
London,

In reply to your inquiry  
concerning the death of Lieut S.C. Stockham  
of this Bn -

This officer was wounded on 17/8/18  
while detached from the Bn. and died of  
wounds on 18/8/18 at the 55<sup>th</sup> C.C.S. He was  
buried in the Baours Communal Extension  
Cemetery (N.B. 2.2.5) <sup>map refce</sup> Plot 4, Row C, No 34,  
and before leaving the Somme, the Bn.  
erected a suitable cross over his grave.

Although many enquiries have been made  
here in the field, we have been unable  
to discover further details.

During the stern fighting on the N bank of  
the Somme (Aug 8<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>) a number of  
Australians were sent to assist the Americans.  
In fact a "liaison force" of Americans -  
Australians was formed - It was to this  
force that Lieut Stockham was  
attached and it would appear that  
it was while in action with the  
Americans, that he was wounded.

Sincerely Yours  
Lieut J. Davies  
27<sup>th</sup> Bn

January 22nd, 1919.

Miss K.H. Old.  
19 Frederick Road.  
Edgbaston.  
Birmingham.

Dear Madam.

In further reference to your enquiry for Lieut.  
S.G. STOCKHAM. 27th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to forward  
the following unofficial report which we have received  
about him from Lieut. W.L. Wavers of the same unit and which  
we think may be of interest to you.

He stated:-"This Officer was wounded on 17.8.18.  
while detached from the Batn, and died of wounds  
on 18.8.18. at the 55th C.C.S. He was buried in  
the Douours Communal Extension Cemetery (map.ref  
H.6.a.2.5. Plot 4. Row C. No 34.)and before leaving  
the Somme, the Batn. erected a suitable cross over  
his grave. Although many enquiries have been made  
here in the field, we have been unable to discover  
further details.

During the stern fighting on the N.Bank of the Somme  
(August 8th-18th) a number of Australians were sent  
to assist the Americans, in fact a "liaison force" of  
Americans and Australians were formed. It was to this  
force that Lt. Stockham was attached and it would appear  
that it was while in action with the Americans that he  
was wounded."

Should we at any time receive any further particulars  
we would immediately advise you. Trusting we have been of  
some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully, SECRETARY.

D S.



Tel.: VICTORIA (8576  
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8578)



ALL COMMUNICATIONS  
TO BE ADDRESSED TO

"THE SECRETARY."

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

WOUNDED AND MISSING  
— ENQUIRY BUREAU —  
AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

36, GROSVENOR PLACE

LONDON S.W. 1.

2.12.18

*Serjt Peake*  
*A. Co. 27 Btt*  
*A.I.F.*

*Case Cancelled*

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by our *Private Enquiry Bureau* to  
make enquiries concerning an officer of your Unit

*Lt S.C. Stockham 27 Btt A.I.F. reported died of*  
*wounds 18.8.18*

and have been told that you will be able to give some  
definite information about him.

We should be most grateful for any details you could  
supply, as we are anxious to send all possible information  
to our enquirers.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) *Vera D. ...*

Secretary.

*per Mrs*



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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY  
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY  
HEADQUARTERS  
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GOVERNOR PLACE  
MELB, S.W. 1.

*Capt Peaker*

*N. 27th Infantry*

*Australian Imperial Force*

*P.O. 4. In detail*

*Not with 27th Batta 10/12/18*

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20.9.18.

RECEIVED Birmingham.

To the British Red Cross Headquarters.

Dear Sir,

I should be very glad if you can send to the above address any particulars concerning ~~the~~ -

Lieut. Sydney C. Stockham.  
24<sup>th</sup> Battalion Australian Imperial Forces  
France.

Last communication from whom was received  
Aug: 12<sup>th</sup> 1918.

Yours faithfully  
(Miss) K. M. Old.

September 28th, 1918.

Dear Madam,

We deeply regret to inform you that Lieut. S. C. Stockham 5th Battalion, S.F.F., died of wounds at the 55th Casualty Clearing Station on 18.8.18. We are writing to the C.C. for further details of his death and burial, and as soon as these are received, we shall let you know.

With our sincere sympathy

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary,

Miss E. M. Old,  
19 Frensham Road,  
Edgbaston,  
Birmingham.

O.C. Draft. 30.9.18.

O.C.

55<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing  
Station. B.27.

Lieut Sydney C. Stockham  
27<sup>th</sup> Bate A.I.F.

died of wounds 18-8-18 -

appears on the German lists.

We shall be glad if you will at once advise us should you hear from \_\_\_\_\_ in Germany, as our Prisoners of War Department supplies all members of the A.I.F. captive in Germany with regular parcels of food.

As soon as we obtain any definite news as to his fate, we shall at once communicate with you.

With sincere sympathy in your anxiety,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

*Vera Seakine.*

SECRETARY.

Lt S.C. Stockham

27.13

DgW. 18.8.18

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

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ORDER OF ST. JOHN

RECEIVED
24/7/18
10/10/18

To The Secretary  
Australian Red Cross Lodge

Reference to Lt Sydney C STOCKHAM  
27 BATT A.S.F

Particulars (full) of this officers  
death were sent to his father on  
19.8.18

Capt W. Stampler  
for O.C.

WJ

20.10.18. P.C.  
22.10.18.

Birmingham.

To the Australian Red Cross Society.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of  
Sept: 28<sup>th</sup> last, informing me of the death  
by wounds on Aug: 18<sup>th</sup> last of

Lieut: Sydney C. Stockham.

24<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Australian Imperial Force.

France—

& promising further details of his death &  
burial, when received from the O.C.

I am anxiously waiting, & will be grateful  
if you will do your best to send particulars  
as soon as possible. Thanking you for your courtesy.

Yours truly

(Miss) Kathleen M. Old.

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To

Lt W. R. G. Colman  
C. Co. 27 Bde  
a. I. F.

about

Lt S. G. Stockham

27 Bde  
a. I. F.

S/W 18. 8. 18

Written 19. 11. 18

W.R.G.

Lieut Sydney C Stockholm France  
27 Batta Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1918  
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Miss Vera Neakin  
Secretary A.R.C. Society.

Dear Madam. With reference to your  
letter of 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. addressed to G. R. G.  
Colman 27<sup>th</sup> Bn. A.I.F. asking for  
"details" regarding the death of  
Lieut S.C. Stockholm

The above named officer rejoined this  
unit on the 1.8.18 for or about the  
10<sup>th</sup> Aug. he was detailed as a liaison  
Officer with an American Regiment.  
He evidently went into an attack with  
the Americans, where he was wounded  
& where he was, at the time, up to the  
present we have no knowledge.

He died of wounds at the 55<sup>th</sup>  
Casualty Clearing Station, DAOURS  
(Somme district) France.

He was buried in the Communal  
Extension Cemetery, DAOURS. C  
Plot 4, row C, Grave N°34.

A cross was made by the Pioneers  
of his unit & was erected over  
his grave.

Map. Ref. of Cemetery.

Sheet 62<sup>D</sup>: N6 a 2.5 "

I am afraid this is all the  
information I can give you  
concerning the deceased.

Yours faithfully  
" Ronald G. Herwood.  
Adj. 27<sup>th</sup> Bate. A.I.F. Capt.

S.C.

FROM

To

Serjt-Peake

A. Co. 27 Pttie

A. I. 7

About

Lt S. C. Stockham

27 Pttie. A. I. 7

D/W 18. 8. 18

Written 2. 12. 18

MRS

The Officer Commanding,  
55th Casualty Clearing Station,  
B.E.F. France.

7th December 1918.


Dear Sir,

We have received an urgent request from a friend in England of the late Lieutenant S.O. Stockhem, 27th Battalion, A.I.F., to obtain for her every possible detail of his wounds, death and burial. He died in your Hospital on the 18th August 1918, and we should be indeed grateful for any information you could send us, so that we may relieve our enquirer's distress.

With apologies for troubling you and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

  
Secretary.