

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2nd Lieutenant
William Kelvey Stewart**

2nd Battalion



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~~No Enquiry.~~

A.I.F. 2nd Bttn.

STEWART.
2/Lieut. W.K.

Buried Heath Cemetery. 62D- SE- Q29- d.5.4. Plct B3 Row K.H Grave 14.

Cert by Captain Spedding. 7.7.19. Sheet No. 122.

London
.23.7.19.

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A.I.P. 2.

STEWART Lt. W.K.

K. Aug. 23rd 1918

I saw Lt. Stewart killed by shell fire, I think instantly near Proyart, about 6 to 7 a.m. We were advancing from the reserve trenches which we had left about 15-20 minutes before he was hit.

Lt Stewart belonged to D. XIII.

Inf. Cpl. A.J. Marshall 3865. 2. D. XIV.
No 3 Aus Gen Hosp.
ABBEVILLE 18.10.18.

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2nd Battn.
A.I.F.

STEWART
Lieut. W.K.

"KILLED 23-8-18"

He was in D.Ccy. and I saw him killed at Proyant, when death was instantaneus - he being hit by a piece of shell in the back. His batman whose name was Chesterton was killed with him. He had been wounded and was walking out to aid-post, when he was hit in the wrist by a piece of shell. He was a popular Officer and came from New South Wales. I saw his grave just outside Proyant on the field in a small Cemetery, his batman being buried beside him. Both graves were marked by a Cross having full details marked thereon. I was but 30 yards away from them at time of casualty and both deaths were instantaneus.

Informant - Watts.Pte.R. 7636
2nd Battn. D.Ccy.
3rd A.A.H.
DARTFORD.

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London
25-10-18
H.G.

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Havre.

10th. November. 1918.

2nd. Australians.

Stewart, Lieut. W. K.

K. August. 23/1918. Dets. D/B.

In D. 13. P. in Command. I saw him in the Bray Sector on August 23rd. 1918; he had been killed by a shell. I was told that he was hit in the wrist the same morning and was making his way back to the D/Station when he was killed. We held the ground. His body was lying about two kilometres to the rear of a 15" german gun which we had captured and near a large German Cemetery. I do not remember the name of the place. I think he would be buried somewhere in the vicinity.

Inf:- Private. H. W. S. Breeze. 7689/
2nd. Australians. C. 10. (Fr. D. 16.)
Australian Conv. Camp.
Rouelles.

RDM.

CP.

A.I.F. 2nd Battn.

STEWART

W.K. Lieut.

"Killed 23/8/18."

I was going through a German Cemetery at Bellecourt and near the entrance I noticed the grave of a namesake of mine, Lieut. W.K. Stewart. The date corresponds, August 23rd 1918. The grave was in good order; a new large wooden Cross with bold lettering. Four Australians were buried at right angles to his grave. This Cemetery is on the border of Bellecourt, not far from ruined church. I could not give further particulars if wanted.

Informant:- Sgt. R.A. Stewart, 19379

Aust. A.V.C.

Section 3,

Exeter War Hospitals.

C.M. Bird.

London

23.11.18.

J.E.A.

Home Address.

Canterbury.

Sydney

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A.I.F.
2nd. Battn

STEWART,
W.K. 6338

" Wounded ".

Admitted Dartford 4.5.17. Gun-shot wound right arm.
Cert. by Hospital Index.

No trace of having been admitted 4.5.17.
Cert. by phone message 18.5.17.

Admitted 3rd. Australian Auxiliary Hospital Dartford 4.5.17.
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 19.5.17.

Doing well.
Cert. by phone message 22.5.17.

London.
23.5.17.

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W. 247-6153.

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"KILLED 23/8/18."

He was a 2nd Lieutenant and had been recently promoted. He was rather small, fair, medium build, and rather a large mouth and very fond of his pipe and very quiet spoken.

He was killed outright by shell fire on 23/8/18 near Probert as they moved up from the assembly as the Hun put down a very heavy barrage. It was reported to me at the time, and I am sure he was killed outright and I went afterwards and saw his grave that was practically on the battlefield with others and not in a formed cemetery. I wrote to Stewart's father giving him details.

INFORMANT - Lieut. Colonel A.B. Stevens, C.B.G., D.S.O.
2nd Battalion.

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H.S.O.

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29/11/18.

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