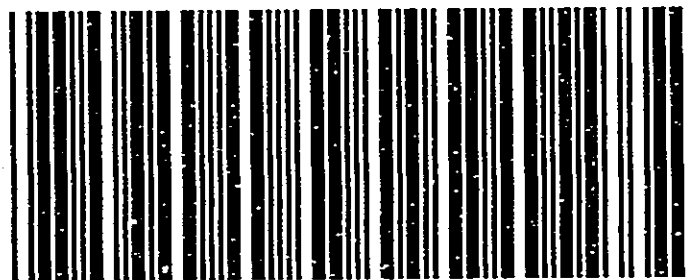


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**2912 Private
William Sturgeon**

56th Battalion



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A.I.F. 56th Battn
D.Coy.
late 4th Battn.

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STARGESON
Wm. 2912

Off. Killed in Action 20-7-16

In the field 20-7-16. Buried at Sailly Sur-la-Lys
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 26-10-16

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A.I.P. 56.

STURGEON, W. 2912.

K. July 20. 1916.

He was killed at Fleurbaix on July 19th. I saw his dead body in a bay of the front line trench. He had only just come into the trench when he was killed outright by a shell, which smashed him up very badly. He was a married man, and lived at Balmain, Sydney.

Reference.: Pte. J. Rogers, 2997. H'Q. Pioneer. 56th. Batt.
No 5.A.D.B.D. Staples. 16.11.1916.

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56th Australians.

Sturgeon, Pte. W. 2912,
B Coy.

K July 20th. 1916. Det. D & R.

Informant states that on July 20th. 1916 Pte. W. Sturgeon was killed by a shell and is buried in a Military Cemetery about half way between Bac St. Mass and Sailly.

References:-- Pte. James Walsh, 3907,
56 Australians.
No. 5 Hospital, Exeter.

Home address:-- The Rock, New South Wales.

Nov. 24th. 1916.
W.H. Carter.

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A.I.F. 56.

STURGEON. 2912.

X. July 20. 1916.

He was killed at Fromelles on July 19th., by a shell.
I saw parts of his body. This occurred while we were
in the firing line, acting as supports to the 53rd.
Batt: Pte. J. Rogers, D.Co, was with him when he
was killed. Sturgeon belonged to D.Co.

Reference: Cpl. W.A. McIntyre, 2871, L.M.G.S.
No 5 A.D.B.D. Staples.
30.11.1916.

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France.

A. I. F. 56.

STURGEON, W. 2912.

K/ July 20th. 1916.

I helped to bury him about July 22nd. on the Estaires Rd. He had been killed in a bay by shell. A number of our men were killed at same time and buried together. I have not seen grave since.

Reference: Pte. R. H. Darter, 5080, D.XVI.
No.4 General.

Staples.
4.12.16.
PMS.

France.

A.I.F. 56.

STURGEON W. 2912.

K. 20.7.16.

I knew Bill Sturgeon. We made the attack at Fromelles and he had half his head blown away by a shell in the trenches. I and others helped to carry him down on a stretcher and he was buried with all the others in the Military Cemetery behind the line.

ROP.

Reference: Pte. J. Rogers, 979.
5 A.D.B.D.

Staples.
11.12.16.

56th Australian Imperial Force.

Sturgeon, W., 2912,

K. July 20th./16. Det. D & B.

Informant states that on July 20th. 1916 at Fromelles W. Sturgeon was killed together with about 4 others. They were in a dug out and a high explosive shell fell in it killing them all. I saw W. Sturgeon's body afterwards. He would be buried either in the rear of the support lines used on this occasion between Brompton Avenue and Pinney's Avenue or still further in the rear.

As to the burial Sgt. A. Barclay of D. Coy., 16 Pl., would very probably give more definite information.

Informant:-- Henry Chaperlin, 5347,
56th Australian Imperial Force,
Colmore Road Hospital,
King's heath,
Birmingham.

Home address:-- 30, Landseer Road,
Upper Holloway, London.

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W.F. Andry.

56th Battn.
D.Co.

STURGEON
2912. Pte. W.

Killed in Action. 20/7/16.

Sturgeon was killed on 20th July, in the trenches at Fleurbaix. I was only a couple of traverses away. I did not see any marks on Sturgeon when he went down, and thought he was killed by shell concussion. He was killed only a little while after Corporal Rourke was hit."

Reference - Private T. Jack, 2916, 56th Battn, "D" Co.,
No. 4 Australian General Hospital,
Randwick.

H.M. 18/1/17.

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