

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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2172 Corporal
Ernest Gladstone

58th Battalion



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A.I.P. 68th Batta.

CLAPTON
E. 2172

TERMINAL

Killed in action 9/9/18 - details not stated
Cert. by A.I.P. 68th Batta 9/11/18.

London
11/11/18.

P.I.

A.I.F. 66th Battn.

GLADSTONE
E. 2172.

"Killed 2.9.18."

Of A. Company. Was L/Gunner and Corporal in charge of L/Gunners. At Peronne on the 2nd September during our attack. Was killed outright by sniper's bullet, shot through forehead. (I, Pte. C.R. Coffey 3017, of A. Company, was alongside him at the time.) Was buried in Peronne Tc'n on right of square, cross erected. I have seen his grave. Christian name Ernie.

Informant:- Pte. W.J. Campbell,
A. Coy, (3262,) S/B. 56th Bn
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.G.
London
13.12.18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Coffey 11.12.18.

P.I.
H

58th Batn.,
A.I.F.

GLADSTONE,
E. 2178.

"Killed 2-9-18."

"Peronne killed by a sniper, shot right through the forehead, killed at once, was in the trenches at the time. I saw him killed, was in a Lewis Gun team, knew him real well.

W. Campbell told me he was buried, that he saw his grave with a cross up, near Peronne Square.

Informant:- Coffey, 3017,
W. 26 Herefield.

D.P. Dickson,
London,
16-12-18.
J.E.A.

Note:- Written Campbell, 12-12-18.

H.&P.I.

Letter recd 16.2.19

A.I.F. 58th Battn.

GLADSTONE
E. 2172.

"Killed 2.9.18."

At Peronne. Killed by sniper,. I saw him soon after he was killed. I saw his grave, off the main street of Peronne; White Cross up. He was a great pal of mine; a very fine fellow he was too.

Informant:- 7586, Reid,
Ward 19, Harefield.

D.P. Dickson.
London
18.12.18.
J.F.A.

M.
P.I.

58th Batn.,
A.I.F.

CALDSSTONE,
Coop. C. 2172.

"Killed 2nd Sept. 1918."

"I saw him dead, with bullet wound in crown of head. He was buried beside a moat by dug-outs near Peronne. Saw him buried and saw cross put up over his grave by a Serg.

Letter from:- Fitzgerald, T. 2896,
58th Batn., A.I.F.

London,
19-12-18.
J.E.A.

M. & P.I.

A.I.F. 56th Battrn.

GLADSTONE
E. 2172 Pte.

"Killed 2.9.18."

Pte. E. Gladstone was killed on September 2nd 1918 by machine gun fire, just outside Peronne. He was buried on the main road outside Peronne on the way to Meselle; his grave has a wooden cross erected over it. I was not an eye-witness.

Informant:- 3261, L/Cpl. F.H.P. Cleary
56th Battrn. A. Coy,
Western Hospital,
Torquay.

Home address:-
Herbeland House,
Kensal. England.

(Quite reliable)

J. Hughes.
London
30.12.18.
J.E.A.

H.
P.I.

58th Bn.

GLADSTONE, E.
Cpl. No. 2172

Kid. in act. 2.9.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, slightly built, fair complexion about 25 years of age, known as "Ernie". Casualty was advancing at Peronne. I was in the same advance. He was just in front of me. He was hit by a bullet in the main street of Peronne, and I saw him fall and being taken away. He was buried in the main street of Peronne near the railway bridge. A cross was erected with his name, number and unit on it."

Informant:- D. Martin
No. 2495.

Private address
1 Essex Street,
East Brunswick.

T.C.F.
16.5.19.

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58th Batta. A.I.F.

GLADSTONE

Cpl. E. 2172

K. 2/9/18

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension, 1.18M., 3SP. 4382/13

Extracted from Capt. Spedding's List of 16/10/19

Melbourne

16/12/19

November 12th, 1918.

Mrs. Kennedy,
Red Cross Stores,
3rd Australian Auxiliary Hpl.
Dartford.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your enquiry of 5th inst., for
2172 Pte. F. GLADSTONE. 58th Battalion. A.I.F. We deeply
regret to inform you that he is officially reported to
have been killed in action on 2-9-18.

Will you please advise us if you wish us to make
enquiries for particulars of his death and burial.

Concerning 5426 Pte. H.G. PAICE. 5th Machine Gun
Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that the latest
official record states him to be well and with his unit
in France.

3981 Pte. W.M. PAICE. 7th Bttn (Headquarters Signaller)
A.I.F. is also reported to be well and with his unit.

2212 Pte. W.A. SMITH. 19th Bttn. A.I.F. was discharged
to the Australian Infantry Base Depot, D.F.P. on 6-10-18, and
there is no subsequent report. Should you wish to write to
him we should advise you to write to C/o this Depot and also
to his unit in case he should have rejoined it by this time.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

MR.