

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
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**3089 Private
Wilfred Stone**

12th Battalion



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A.I.F.

STONE
Wilfred 3089.

"Killed in Action 10.4.17"

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
17.10.19

P. & P. I.

A.I.F. 12th Btn,
C.Co. 13th Pltn.

STONE.
W. 3089.

"M. 10.4.17".

I saw him dead at Borchis believed killed by a
Machine Gun bullet. I knew him very well, there
were others of the same name but different initials,
we lost the ground, I did not see him again, cannot
say if he was buried.

Witness:- Pte.L.Hassen, 2609,
12th Btn, C.Co, 13th Pltn,
3rd Aust.Aux.Hos,
Dartford.

W.Oman.
London.
7.8.17.

Off.M. & P.I.

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Statement made by No.2609 Pte Hassen R.T. 12th Btn

re No.3089 Pte Stone W. 12th Btn
Missing 10.4.17

On the night of the 11th April I was in company with Pte Stone W.. He was a friend of mine, a shell burst close to us and Pte Stone was killed instantly.

Dated at Weymouth this 1st day of September 1917.

(Sgd) L. Hassen

Statement made and signed before me (Sgd) W.F. Robinson.

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P.I.

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20th Sept: 1917:

12th AUSTRALIANS

STONE, W. 3089

n.6/10.4.17:

I knew Pte. William Stone of the 12th Battalion, D Co., 16th Pltn. He had been a Company S.D. He came from the Geraldton District, Western Australia, and was a farmer. The Stretcher Bearers whose names I do not remember, brought in his dress and papers at Bouries on Easter Monday, 1917. They had taken them from his body. He came in the 10th to the 12th Reinforcements from Fremantle in the "Themistocles" with me on October 13th, 1915. His number was 3089.

Informant: Pte. G.W. Deary, 3071
12th Australians, D Co., 14th Pltn.;
Australian Camp, Nouelles.

P. & P.I.

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RSH

A.I.F. 12th Btn D. Coy.

Wilfred

STONE
3089

"MISSING"

Killed in action 10-4-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 12-10-17.

P & P.I

London
18-10-17

12th Battn.
A. I. F.

Stone.
W. 3089

"Missing 10.4.17"

Boussier. Near Lagnicourt, I saw him out in No Man's Land. He was about 20 yards away from me he was wounded when I saw him, in fact both of us were wounded. He sang out a couple of times after he was hit, but that was the finish. I was out 23 hours before I was brought in. He was lying quite still when I left. I told the Padre and the doctor when I came in and told them to post a letter in his pack that he had forgotten. He was my pal, I have his photo. Thick set, dark complexion. Comes from W. Australia.

Witness:-
1047 Hoare
W.3. Harefield.

London.
6.11.17.

P.
P.I.

11. The Acres

Ans 18.6.17
P. L. Lay "W. Charlesfield
Derbyshire - England

June 14. 1917

Dear Sir

I should feel obliged
if you could please give
me any information respecting
my grandson "Private Wilfred
Stone - No 3089 - 8th Company -

12 Battalion - 3rd - Bugholes -

A. J. F. France M6.10.4.17

who Enlisted - 2 years since
in Australia - I feel
very anxious about him - he
having lost his Mother when
he was young - I received a
letter from him in March
and he had been in Hospital

Here "I received a Postal Card
dated May 22, received April 22
he said he was quite well
and expects to be discharged
soon - and was being sent
down to the Guard." —
I hope he is all right —
I have so much to do
with him when he
was young —

I remain Sir
Yours Respectfully
E. Mitchell

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CARLTON HOUSE TERRACE

October 12th, 1917.

Mrs. E. Mitchell,
11, The Acres,
Pitsley, Nr Chesterfield,
Derbyshire.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your inquiry for

No 3089 Pte. Wilfred Stone,
12th Battalion,
A.I.F.

we deeply regret to inform you of unofficial evidence which has been received about him from men of his unit who ~~had~~ lead us to fear that he was killed in Action.

No 3071 Pte. G.W. Deary, who was in an Australian Camp in France reported that at Boursies on Easter Monday, your nephew's papers and disc were brought in by stretcher bearers who had taken them from his dead body. He left Australia with your grandson on the Themistocles on Oct 15th, 1915, and adds that he came from the Geraldton district, Western Australia, where he had been a farmer.

No 2609 Pte. R.T. Hassen, when in No 2 Command Depot Weymouth stated that your grandson who was his friend, was killed instantly by a shell which burst close to them on the night of April 11th.

We must emphasise the purely unofficial character of this evidence which however, we fear must be only too true for six months have now elapsed since his casualty and no news has been received of him.

We are continuing our inquiries as we realise how very anxious you must be about him and as soon as we receive further news of him we shall let you know.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy in your great anxiety.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.
SECRETARY.

CAW

October 31st, 1917.

Mrs. E. Mitchell,
11 The Arce,
Pitsley, Nr Chesterfield,
Derbyshire.

Re No 3089 Wilfred STONE, 12th Battn, D.Coy, A.I.F.

Dear Madam,

We regret to inform you that the above soldier who was previously reported Missing is now reported Killed in Action on 10.4.17.

We are making further inquiries in the hope of learning details of his death and will send you any information that we receive.

Regretting the distressing character of this news.

Yours faithfully,

R. J.
SECRETARY.

LM

November 19th, 1917.

Mrs. B. Mitchell,
11, The Acres,
Pitsea,
Nr. Chesterfield,
Derbyshire.

Dear Madam,

3089 12
With reference to your enquiry for 3089 Pte. W. Stone 12th.
Battn. A.I.F. who is officially reported killed in action 2nd 10.4.17.
we are forwarding a further unofficial report we have just received
concerning
concerning him.

Informant 1027, Pte. Hoare states: "At Boussica near Legni-
court I saw him out in No Man's Land. He was about 20 yards from
me wounded when I saw him - in fact both of us were wounded. He call-
ed out a couple of times after he was hit but that was the finish.
I was out 23 ours before I was brought in and he was lying quite
still when I left. I told the Padre and doctor when I came in and
told them to post a letter in his pack that he had forgotten. He
was my pal - thick set with a dark complexion. He came from Western
Australia."

Should we receive any further particulars concerning Pte.
Stone we shall at once advise you.

Assuring you of your sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Ryan

Secretary.