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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6379 Private
William John Stinson

50th Battalion



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A.I.F. 50th Btn

STINSON
Wm. John 6379

"K/A. 28-9-17"

Killed in action 28-9-17 - Dtls: D/B N.Z.S.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 27-12-16.

P.I.

London
28-12-16

A.I.F. 50th Battn.

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STENSON
W.M.J. 6379

"KILLED 28/9/17"

50th Battn - C Company Runner. His name was "Stinson" not "Stenson" and the casualty occurred 28/9/17 not on 28/9/18. He was 5/8 dark and 26. At Anzac House near Ypres on 28/9/17 after being relieved we were in supports - he was wounded slightly by a shell and walked towards the R.A.P. when he was killed instantly by another shell. I saw him fall, after which he never moved again. I know nothing of his burial.

Informant:- A. G. Lehman 1703.
50th Batn. C.Coy.
A.I.F.

JOMK
22/1/19
London
4/2/19

P.I.

A.I.F. 50th Battn.

STINSON
W.J. 6379

"KILLED 28/9/18"

Burial Records.

Battn. Orderly Room gives date of casualty as 28/9/17 and the name as Stinson not Stenson as in the List. Grave Location Sheet 28 1/40,000 S.7.b.79.

NOTE:- Name and date of casualty now corrected

H.R.C. Searcher,
Battn., Orderly Room,
B.E.F.

London
1/2/19
JEA

P.I.

50th Btn.

STINSON, W. J.
Pte. 6379.

K. in act. 21/9/17.

"At Ypres, Stinson received a shrapnel wound in the arm, and accompanied with other wounded soldiers from the same Battalion he was going towards a Dressing Station along the railway line when a shell burst right under him blowing him to pieces. Deceased - who enlisted in Kalgoorlie - and Informant were heart to heart friends, and special inquiries were made by Informant.

Informant:- Pte. G. Morrison,
No. 5438, 5 0th Btn.

R.M.Mirtus.
H.M.A.T."Bremen"
5/6/19.

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50th Btn.
late 27th Btn.

STINSON, W.J.
Pte. 6379

Killed in action 25/9/17.

I was with casualty on the morning of the 28th at Ypres, when a shell burst wounding him in the arm. He left for the Dressing Station and hadn't been gone 5 minutes when he was killed outright by another shell. He was carried down to the Dressing Station but I don't know if he was buried there. He was a very fine chap, attached to a Lewis Gun team. I don't know when he left Australia.

Informant:- Pte. C. Lehmann, No. 1703,

Private address:-
Port Vincent, S.A.

A.W. Hulme,
H.M.A.T. Swakopmund,
30/6/19.

P.I.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU—MELBOURNE.

50th Battn.

STINSON,
W.J., 6379

K/A. 28/9/17

I was in a shell crater when he was slightly wounded in the hand and he left for dressing station about 200 yards away and another shell hit, killing him instantly. He was buried where he fell at Zonnebeeke Ridge, 28/9/17. I left Australia with him on 16th on H.M.T."Beerima. 5ft 6ins in height, nuggety build of English birth, and dark complexion.

Informant:- Ward, F.H.
6394, 50th Batn.
Private Address:- Rifle Range
W.A.

F.H.Richardson
H.M.A.T."Konigen Rouise"
27/8/19.

CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY,
12, BERNERS STREET,
LONDON, W. 1.
Telephone—
MUSEUM 4230

WOUNDED AND MISSING DEPT. 19.12.18

Please quote Name, Number and Battalion of all Soldiers referred to.

Australian enquiry.

Acknowledged 19.12.18.

Further information direct to the

Enquirer, please.

Drumbochney.
Serrygonnelly
Co Fermanagh
Ireland.
16th Decr.

Australian
P.C. 20.12.18

To. The Canadian Red X. Society
Sirs.

I have been directed to refer to you concerning the death in action of my Brother Pte Wm John Stinson. No 6379. 50th Battalion. Australian Imperial Forces, he was killed on 28th Septr

1914. but the news
of his death did not
reach me. until 4 weeks
later. (24 Oct.) Stating
they were unable to say.
how the unfortunate thing
had happened, + although
my Brother made a
Will" before leaving
Australia in Dec. 1916.
+ again before leaving
Salisbury Plain in June
1917. leaving his Military
Pay. to our Sister. + up
to the present she
have not heard any.
tidings of the "Will"
or his belongings.
left at his late
address Goldfields -
Hotel Kalgoorlie.
W. Australia

As I am not yet
fully satisfied about
his affairs, would feel
very grateful indeed
if you would be
able to give me any
information concerning
him.

Thanking You in
anticipation.
Yrs Respectfully
(Mrs) Dorothy Evens.

To. The Canadian Red + Cross
12. Berners St.
London. W. 1.

Final Draft. 29/9/19.

Mrs D. Owens.
Drumboe Rectory.
(Derrygonelly
Co. Fermanagh
Ireland.

Re 6379 Atkinson. W. J.
50th Bn.

3. Glenravel St.
Belfast.
Ireland.
15th Oct-19.

a 17.10.19
already cancelled

To. The Australian Red Cross.

Dear Madam.

Very many thanks for your letter addressed to me at Drumbochney, Derrygonnelly. Co Fermanagh. which has been forwarded to above address. I have not yet received

any satisfactory information regarding my Brother. Pte Wm J. Stinson 6379. 50th Battalion. A.I.F. I would be glad if you would forward my enquiry to your office in Australia.

None of his personal belongings have yet been forwarded from Australia to his next of kin. nor anything from the Battlefield except a pipe. I book to my Sister Dinah Stinson. Maxwell Court Comber Co. Down

Trusting this will reach you before closing down I please note my change of address. if replying

Yours. Faithfully

Dorothy M. Evens.

December 30th, 1918.

Mrs. D.Owens,
Drumbockney,
Derrygonnelly,
Co Fermanagh.
Ireland.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your enquiry for 6379 Pte. WILLIAM JOHN STINSON. 50th Battalion. A.I.F. We beg to inform you that he was killed on 24.9.17, and not on 28.9.18. In the meantime we are making enquiries for details of his death and burial, and will advise you as soon as we are successful.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

4.2.1919.

Mrs.D.Owens.
Drumhockney.
Derrygonnelly,
Co Fermaugh.
IRELAND.

Dear Madam.

With further reference to your enquiry for your brother 6379 Pte. WILLIAM JOHN STINSON.50th Battalion. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that the location of his grave is Sheet 28. 1/40.000.G.7.B.7.9.

We have received an unofficial report from 1703 A.G. Lehman, of the same Unit who writesthat Stinson a dark man aged 26, about 5'8" was killed on Sept,28th, 1917 They were at Anzac House near Ypres, after being relieved were in supports. Stinson was wounded slightly, and walked to the R.A.P. where he was killed immediately by a shell. Lehman saw him fall, and can certify his death, but knows nothing of his burial.

We are pursuing our enquiries and will advise you should we learn anything further.

With sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

17th October, 1919.

Mrs. D.M. Evans
3 Glenrault Street,
Belfast
Ireland.

Dear Madam.

In reply to your letter of 15th inst. concerning 6379 Pte. W. J. Stinson 50th Btn. A.I.F. we beg to inform you that information concerning his personal effects may be obtained by application to A.I.F. Kit, Stores, 110 Greyhound Rd. Fulham; assuring you of our sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

MR.

(Miss.) SECRETARY.