

Stanley Owen Stafford



Private Stanley Stafford
2nd Battalion, AIF
Service Number: 789

Born: 11 February 1894, Lithgow, NSW

Died: 6 August 1915, Lone Pine Gallipoli, Turkey

Stanley Owen Stafford was born on 11 February 1894 at Lithgow, the son of Thomas G and Alice (nee Owen) Stafford. He attended Penrith Public School and was employed as a machinist and car driver after leaving school. Between 1911 and 1913, Stafford served with the 19th Infantry Battalion, a local militia unit, before enlisting in the AIF.

Stafford enlisted on 22 August 1914 at Randwick and was allocated to the 2nd Battalion. He embarked on A23 HMAT Suffolk which left Sydney on 18 October 1914 and arrived in Egypt on 8 December 1914. Stafford underwent training in Egypt before embarking as part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on the Derflinger in April 1915. He landed with the 2nd Battalion on 25 April 1915 and suffered gunshot wounds in the first few days of the Gallipoli campaign. His wound was serious enough to warrant evacuation to the Dongala on 8 May 1915 before re-joining his unit on 21 May 1915. Stafford was reported missing during the battle for Lone Pine and on 24 August 1915, he was confirmed as being killed in action between 6 and 9 August 1915.

Memorial Details:

- Lone Pine Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey
- Roll of Honour, Presbyterian Church, Penrith
- Roll of Honour, Penrith Superior Public School

Sources:

- [National Archives of Australia](#): B2455 STAFFORD S O
- [Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour](#)
- Penrith City Library Biography files