

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**2067 Lance Corporal
Sampson Mitchell De
Medici**

2nd Field Company Engineers



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A. I. F. 10/2nd Coy Engineers

DeMEDICI
S.M. 2067.

KILLED 14/3/18.

He was in a dug-out in the Spoil Bank section in front of Hill 60 with some others, on the night of the 13th during a gas attack - a shell fell just in front of the dug out through the night but the next morning early the S/Bs took him to No. 2 C/C/S at Strezeeal near Bailleul and the Company were notified later, that he died in the C/C/S that same morning I was in the next dug-out to him - I do not know where he was buried - He would be about 24.5' 10" and very fair complexion - He was a I/Cpl. and a very popular chap.

Witness:- 373 John Chamley, Driver,
2nd Coy., Engineers.
No. 1, Command Depot,
Sutton Veny.

B. F. German

London
13/5/18.

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2nd Engineers A.I.F.

De Medici S.E. 2037.

(E. Mar. 14/18.)

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Same. "Medici and 3 or 4 others amongst whom were Sprs. Fletcher and Davies were in charge of a R.E. dump at Spoilbank, Nr. Ypres about 14/3/18. They were heavily shelled with Gas shells. Davies and De Medici died from same. Medici passed through dressing station, he was a reinforcement and came from Richmond, Victoria. Spr. Fletcher of the same Coy. and who is now in hospital somewhere in England should be able to confirm this and give more information."

Eyewitness:

Description:

Informant: L/C. A.B. Dalgleish. 536.

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14/5/18.

A. Hill.

2nd Field Co. Engrs.

A.I.F.

DR MEDICI.

S.H.

2067.

"Killed in Action" 14-3-18.

L/6pl. Sam de Medici is buried at 2nd C.C.S. (British) at Ottersteene. I saw him carried out and a cross is erected by the 2nd Field Coy. He had been gassed on the 7th at Railway Dump out of Spoelbank. Spr. Humphries, 2nd Engrs and another of ours No 18XX but whose name I do not know are buried alongside de Medici. I have seen their graves. The burial ground was about 500 yards from the C.C.S. (no 2 British).

Informant. Dewsnap G. 4493.

2nd Field Co Engrs.

Hut 12. WESTHAM.

W.A. Rand

London.

14-5-18.

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