

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
1DRL/0428

2212 Private
Frederick Herbert
Atwell

12th Battalion



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12th. Lewis Machine Gun Secy
A.I.F.,

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AT ELL, Pte. Fred.
COPGUTT, Pte.
SHIELDS, Pte. (?)

No. not known.
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I saw the first two men and the third, whose name I am not sure of, but I think it was Shields buried by a shell. I was a little above them myself because I was buried before up to the waist and I had scrambled out to a higher level, then this shell came over and buried all three, and two Lewis Guns besides, and the ammunition. I scrambled out and was going to dig them out, but I do not think I was quite myself at the time, and then I heard someone calling for help, and in the next traverse I saw a Sgt. buried up to his waist and his legs caught in some way underneath, and his face all bleeding, so I dug him out and then I saw a hand underneath and this was the hand of an officer of the 3rd. brigade Machine Gun. He was got out as well and then I crawled back following the officer, and the Sergt. went another way, but the three men who were buried before we left behind, and I am afraid they will be reported missing. This happened on 26th July, Tuesday afternoon, about 2 o'clock at Cozieres I think.

E.F.N.,

Informant, Pte. A.E. Munro, 2650.

13th Stationary Hos-BOULOGNE.

28/7/16.



A.I.B. 12th Batt.

ATWELL, F.H. 2212

M. July 26, 1916.

At Pozieres in own trenches, the second line of trenches there were about 6 men sheltering when a shell came over and buried the lot. Atwell was standing near when the shell came. I had been talking to him shortly before. After I walked up ~~and~~⁷⁸ where he had been there was no sign of him. I knew him personally.

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Off. M.

D.P. Dickson,
20.9.16.

London
24.9.16

A.I.F. 12th Btn

ATWELL
Fredk. Herbert 2212

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 26-7-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqs 6-7-17.

London
18-7-17

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12th Btn,
A.I.F.

ATWELL
Frederick Herbert 2212.

"Killed in Action 26.7.16"

No trace Germany Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
17.10.19.

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