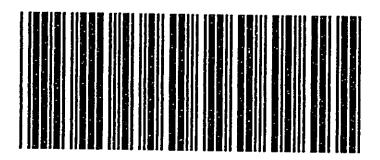
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4133 Private Raymond Robert Hemphill

21st Battalion



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D/W. December 30th, 1916.

We were back in supports at Blighty trench at Ginchy when Mamphill was killed by a biggish shell which also wounded door a more. He was very badly hit in the chest. He did not live very long. He died before they could take him away. He was a 10th rainf, man. He was tall and thin. He case over with me. This was about the end of December after Christmas any way. Opl. Semilion in A.Coy, also saw it.

Reference: - McKee, J. 4178. 21.A. Reinf. Camp.

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A. I. F. 21st Battn. Hemphill. R.R. 4133.

"Died of Wounds 30.12.16."

I helped to carry him to Dressing Station near Needle trench at back of Delville Wood. He died on the way, He had been badly wounded by shell in reserves. I was a S.B.

F. S. Porter 4505. 21st Battn. Dartford.

L. P. J.

London. 15.5.17. N.

21st A.I.F.

Remphill Pte. R.R. 4132.

(D/W Dec. 30/16 Det. D/B)

I Knew Hemphill he was blown to pieces at Needle trench and buried near.

Eye-witness: No. told by the R.A.M.C. who buried him.

Description:

Informant: Pte. James Wilson 5106,

21st A.I.F., 1st London General Hospt., Camberwell.

Home address: Donald, Victoria.

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June 1917. K. Everard.

R. R. HEMPHILL, 4132.

D/W. 30.12.16. Det. D & B.

Cpl. Stirling of C Co. No. 9 Plat. was with Pte. Hemphill when he died and I am sure that he could give all particulars as to his death and burial. They were great friends.

Reference: Sgt. F. Arblaster, 4658. C Co. 10 Pl.
No.5 General, Rouen. 14.6.17.

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Hemphill. 4133.

"Died of Wounds 30.12.16."

Your letter of enquiry re 4133 R. R. Hemphill of our Battn. which you sent to Cpl. Scullion. He has handed it to me to answer. The soldier (Hemphill) was killed on 30th or 31st December last. He was hit with a 77" shell and was buried by me just at the back of a trench which was called Blighty Trench a rough cross was put up to mark the spot. I campot describe him, but there can be no doubt that it was Hemphill who was killed instantly.

Letter from:Sgt. H.S.Clifford 12.
21st Battn.
A. I. F.

London. 2.7.17.

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Hemphill.Pte. R.R.433

(D/W Dec. 30, 1916 Dets D & B)

Coy. 10th Pltn. that he was along with Hemphill when a shell struck him (Remphill), and blew one of his arms off besides injuring other parts of his body. He died in a few minutes. This was at Ginchy, where he was probably buried.

Eye Witness -

Description

Informant :- E/Gpl. James wight, 4247,
U Coy. 10th Pltn. 21st Australians
Toting Hilit.Hospt.
Tondon, S. W.

Home address :- Greenwood, Yenam, Victoria.

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21st Batt. C. Coy., () · I · F., R. HENDHIIL 4/33 8.R. 4139

Died of Wounds Dec 30/16

Re the death of this man I have a letter (produced) from Cpl Frank Stirling C.Coy. 21st Batt. fated April 2nd 1917. He says that Hemphill was killed instantly by a shell in the trench on the Somme on Dec. 30/16. He was literally blown to pieces, and no burial was possible. Cpl Stirling was with him when he was killed. This ground was held, after many reverses.

Reference:- A.Quiggin 4201 C.Co. 21st Batt. A.I.F., Perham Downs Camp, 20 4.17.

London 26.4.17. R. McPhes

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