

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

602 Lance Corporal  
Hugh Albert Graham  
Kent

14th Battalion



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14th Battn.  
A.I.F.

KENT.

H.A.

602.

"Killed 31-5-16"

He was H.O. Signaller. End of May, we were cut for a rest, in village on Allcville. Early in morning about 3 a.m. shell fell on building we were in. Was killed outright while asleep, more by roof falling on him than anything else. I was in same billet. Was buried in Allcville Civil Cemetery same day. I was in burial party, padre held service - cross erected. Christian name Hughie has relatives in England. Think wife is cut in Australia - a fine man.

Informant:- Pte. T. Scrboy. 2711.  
14th Battn. H.C.  
HAREFIELD.

A.D.G.  
London.  
30-8-16.  
H.G.

M.

14th. Battn.

Kent, H.A. 602.

K. 31/5/18.

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I saw him immediately after he had been killed outright at Alonville.  
A shell struck a barn in which the company had been billeted, it  
killed 13 and wounded about 50. Downey was buried in the Australian  
Cemetery at Alonville near Amiens by the Battn Padre, Major Rolland.

14th. Battn.

Clark, H. Pte. 4648.

A. 13. Dartford. 31/8/18.

R.D.B.

J.F.A.

M

14th Battn. A.I.F.

KENT.  
H.A. 1602.

"Killed 31-8-18."

H/Q Signaller - about this date at Allonville in billets in the night - men were asleep in a big barn. Shell burst causing roof to fall in on them. Kent was killed outright. I was not there when it happened but heard all about it from the men. He was buried in Allonville Civil Conestery, and a cross erected. I have seen his grave. His Christian name was Eugie.

Informant - Sgt. B.V. <sup>M</sup>Wilkins. 3413.  
14th Battn. H/Q.  
Anzac Buffet.

A.D.C.  
London.  
21-9-18.  
O.A.

M.

REGIMENTAL REPORT

1st Batta.  
A.I.F.

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DOWNEY L.A. 5764  
DUNN L/Cpl.L.H. 1872  
GREEN A. 231  
KENT H.A. 602  
LEIGH C.F. 7522  
MADIGAN R. 6126  
MILLS J.C. 2491  
POWELL G.W. 7533  
REDDISH G.V. 4877  
SMITH A.E. 7080  
WITCOMBE J.C. 6612

On this day we were out of the line and in rest at Allonville, near Amiens 8 miles behind the line. A.Coy. was in a barn (Hennessey's Barns) and I was in it, being a S/B attached to the Coy. About 1-30 a.m. a shell hit the barn roof, bringing in the roof and the heavy timber supports, and killed 30 and wounded 90 of our boys. All those killed outright or who died there were buried in Allonville Cemetery, where a Cross was put up with all the names on it. This report covers all men killed on May 31st including in your book, Powell, (whose body I saw), Downey, (whose body I saw), and Green, Leigh, Whitcombe, Reddish, (S/B), Smith and Madigan, whose names I recognise.

London One report sent to Melbourne Informant. Cooper. F.C. 7458 A.Coy.  
11-10-18 for group. No.2 Con.Camp, ROSEN. 2-9-18

M.

14th Btn.

KENT, H. A. G.  
Sglr. 602.

K. in act. 31/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. medium build, fair complexion, about 23 years of age, known as "Hughie". Casualty was in billets at Allonville. An H.E. shell exploded on top of the billets killing Casualty instantly and 14 other men. I did not see Casualty killed but I saw his body one hour later. He had severe chest wounds. He was buried in the French Cemetery at Allonville and Padre Rollins conducted the service. A cross was erected with his name and number on it."

Informant:- Sgt. E. D. Dalrymple,  
14th Btn.

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Prahran.

T.C.F.  
17/1/19

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

14th Btn.

KENT, H.A.G.  
Sglr. 602.

X. in act. 31/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a man about 5 ft. 8 ins. well built, fair complexion, about 21 years of age, known as "Hughie". Casualty was in billets at Allonville. I was in the same billet. An H.E. shell exploded on top of the billets burying Casualty and killing him instantly. I saw Casualty's body immediately afterwards and his neck was broken. He was buried near by but I did not see the grave."

Informant:- Pte. W. Watts,  
No. 1647, 14th Btn.

Private address:-  
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Brunswick.

T.C.F.  
31/1/19.

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU-MELBOURNE.

14th Btn.

KENT, H.A.G.  
Sgtr. No. 602

Eld. in aq. <sup>31</sup> 23.5.18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, well built, fair complexion about 21 years of age, known as Hughie. Casualty was resting behind the lines at Allonville. An H.F. shell exploded near billets burying Casualty and killing him instantly. I helped to dig him out but he was dead on recovering the body. Cause of death was concussion. He was buried at Allonville, and a cross was erected over the grave with his number, name and unit on it."

Informant:- R.B. Ballatt  
No. 2444

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Malvern.

T.C.F.  
23.5.19.

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*M. C. Smith*