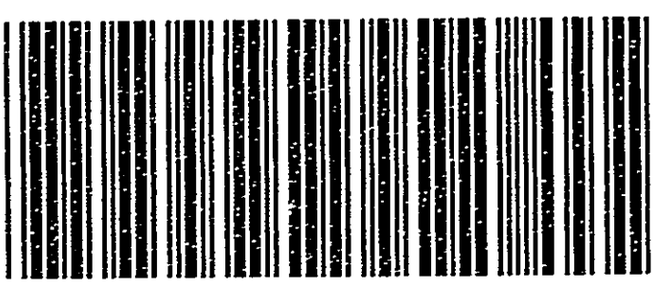
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306 Sergeant
Neil Gillies

4th Battalion



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Gillies N. (Neil) Sergt 395 4th Batn A.I.F. B Coy

(Last seen wounded and staggering towards Turkish trenches) (Hearsay)

Neil I knew Gillies very well but his initial was N not W, name Neil. And he was of B Coy (not A) I was not with the Battalion but Sergt Dorsen (now dead) told me here in Alexandria, towards the end of June, that just after landing they saw Gillies with his arm bandaged staggering along in a dazed fashion away from our lines. Dorsen was lying down with others: they dared not call to him for fear of attracting Turkish fire. He staggered towards the Turkish lines and they never saw him again.

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References Sergt W.H.Bennett 433 4th Bn A.I.F. C Coy
15 General Hospital, Alexandria.

E.E.Cator
Oct. 13 1915.

A.I.F.

GILLIES
Sgt. N. 306.

(M. 30-4-15)

Court of Inquiry held at Anzac advised :-"Reasonable to suppose dead."

Cert. by:-

Australian Interm. Base, Cairo.

Red Cross,
Cairo,
25:11:15.

(S. & P.I.)

Enlisted

No Enquiry

4th Australian Regiment,
Gillies Sgt., Neil. 306.
B. Co. 7th Platoon.

Informant states that on 26th April at Gallipoli in bayonet charge, he saw Sgt. Gillies wounded and thinks he was killed.

Reference: Goldies,
4th Australian Regiment,
King George Hospital, G. 2, 2nd Floor.

London,
March 2nd 1916,
F.G. Tarbult.

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4th A. I. F.

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Gillies, Sgt. Neil 306.

(M. Aug: 6-9/15.)

Informant states that at the beginning of August at Lone Pine, Anzac, Gillies was killed. Informant was told this after the action by Lieut. and Qr. Mr. (then Sgt. Major) Pearce who is now with the Battalion. He knew Gillies well, being a Sergt. himself, though he does not remember his initials or any details about him.

Reference:-- Staff Sgt. E. James, 1020,
4th A. I. F.
Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich.

C/O Aust: Military Office,
130, Horseferry Road,
S.W.

LONDON,
April 10th
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1st. Inf: Brigade, 4th A. I. F. B Coy.

Gillies, Sergt. N. 306.

(M. Aug: 6-9/15)

Informant states that Gillies was missing on the 26th April and was not seen after that date by any of his Company. It was taken for granted he had been killed. Sergt. Crawford D.C.M. 4th Batt: A Coy, 1st. Brigade now at Abbeywood Hospital could verify this information.

Reference:-- Cpl. Owen Kenneth Gillies, 1075,
M.G.S. 4th Batt: 1st. Brig:A.I.F.
Harefield Hospital,
Middlesex.

Home address:--
Hall St, Bondi,
Sydney, N.S.W.

LONDON,
April 13th
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AUSTRALIANS 4.

Gillies Sgt.H. 306. M. 6-9 Aug.1915.

He was in my Co. C. I saw him shot through the chest and he fell dead. This was in the evening on Walker's Ridge. I was near him and I was hit shortly after. JJF.

Reference: Pte.J.C. Watson. 185.
26 Gen.

Staples. 29th.April.1916.

Supp. Cd. 3

A.I.F.4th Bttn.			GILLIES. Sgt Reil.306.
	Killed in Action.6-9.8.15.		
Buried 24-8/12 yards N.E. Cert by A.I.F.Orders List.27.8.19.			

London.
30.9.19

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GILLIES, Sergt. Neil. 306. 4th. A.I.F.
(K. 30.4.15)

Said to be dead. Witness says that Gillies was severely wounded and was taken to the clearing hospital on the beach, where his wounds were dressed. He then, apparently, became delirious and was x last seen by some men of the regiment, staggering towards the enemy's position at Gaba Tepe forts.

Ref:— Parsons. Corpl.
4th. A.I.F.
Skating Rink Hospital.
HELIOPOLIS.

19.9.15

S.C. Hebard.

MEMORANDUM

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From
BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY
AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN
GRESHAM BUILDINGS
SHARIA SOLEIMAN PASHA, CAIRO.
TELEPHONE No.1463

To. Mr Hamlet 20/9/15

Cairo, Sept. 20th, 1915. 191

GILLIES, Sergt. Neil. 306. 4th L.I.F.

Dear de Cosson,

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Many thanks for last report Yours

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Yours

54, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.
20 June, 1916

Dear Sir,

We send you still another unofficial report, confirming us in our belief that Sergt. H. Gillies 304 of the 4th Battn., must have died during the fighting in the early part of August 1916. "He was," says Pte J. C. Watson 185, "shot through the chest in the evening, on Walker's Ridge, and fell dead." - He adds, without much suffering. A Court of Enquiry was held, and its verdict was that it is reasonable to suppose that Sgt. H. Gillies 304 is dead. - You must, from our other reports, have been expecting this sad news.

Yours faithfully,

Driver J. G. Sargent,
A.S.C.,
4th L.H. Regt.,
[redacted], A.I.F.

Ministère des Travaux Publics.

Adresse télégraphique : MABANI

Direction Générale des Bâtiments de l'Etat

Le Caire, le _____

N° _____

Annexes _____

Dear Elliot

G Illies Sergt 4th A I F

Gillies' friend Sergt Reid 4th AIF left Mena for Al Hayat on the 20th inst.

" —

Would you tell Coates that no officers (sick or wounded) are at Mena.

" —

No British admissions or discharges during the past week at Mena.

" —

None of the men I could obtain no information concerning any of the men mentioned in recent enquiry list.

Yours

F Idebossen

27/9/15