

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

2nd Lieutenant  
Alfred Joseph Hart

22nd Battalion



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12th Battn.  
A.I.F.

HART.  
Lieut.

"Died of Wounds"

I was Mr Hart's batman and runner in the attack on Meteren on 20-4-18. Mr Hart had one half of the platoon and Sgt Jopling had the other. They were to connect up from different (titled) support trenches. We got as far as Fritz' barbed wire when they were held up with machine gun fire and while laying there, Mr Hart was wounded severely. He did not bother about himself and would not let himself be moved, and kept on saying "Dig in boys, dig in" and he made me come out with a message to the Captain. I was wounded in the trench just about day break. Mr Hart's casualty occurred before dawn early in the morning. Stretcher bearers removed him when morning came. The machine gun fire was intense during the attack. Mr Hart was "a game little lad" and very amusing. He used to entertain us with stories of his "jackarocing" days.

Letter from :- 608 3.A.G. Seymour.  
22nd Battalion.  
London Office.

L.A.W.  
London.  
30-9-18.

P I.

A.I.F. 21.

HART Lt.A.J.

K. 27.7.16.

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He was killed at Pozieres on 27th. July. I used to know him in Egypt and came over with him to France. I heard about his casualty soon after it occurred. Lt. McSweeney, D.Co. 23rd.Bn. could supply details of death and burial. They were close friends and were in action together.

SA.

Reference: Opl.V. Smith. 4190. B.Co. 23rd.Bn.  
2 A.D.B.D.

Staples.  
3.3.17.

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Written by W. McSweeney 15.3.17

A.I.F. 21st. Bn.

HART,  
Lieut. A.J.

"Alleged killed in Aug."

No report.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 21-9-16.

No trace.

Cert. by - Wire from O.C. 25-9-16.

Killed in Action 27-7-16.

Cert. by - A.I.F. Headquarters 27-9-16.

M.

London,  
28-9-16.

21st Battn.  
A.I.F.,

Hart.  
Lt. A.J.

"Killed in Action 27-7-16."

He belonged to 21st, but was lent to the 22nd  
battalion on 27th. in Kays Trench at Pozieres, he was killed  
instantaneously by shell, I was very close to him when the shell  
landed near him. I saw his body after.

Reference;- W.J. Pinkerton. 522

Ward 30

Harefield Hospt.

16-10-16.

London  
18-10-16.  
D.P. Dickson.

M.

21st Australian Imperial Force.

Hart, Lieut. A.J.

RA 2176

Informant states that on July 27th. 1916 at Pozieres Lt. A.J. Hart was killed.

Eye Witness Yes.

Reference:-- Alfred Porter, 3906,  
21st Australian Imperial Force,  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth. S.W.

Home address:-- 95, Laudridge Street, Collingwood.  
Melbourne.

Nov. 2nd.  
Peach.

21st Australian Imperial Force.

Hart, Lieut. A.J.,

K. July 27th. 1916.  
Det: D & B.

"I saw Lieut. A.J. Hart killed in the front line at Pozieres, by a high explosive shell. No trace was found afterwards. Lieut. Hart was in the same re-inforcements as meself. He belonged to A1 Coy."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Clean shaven, red faced, about 22,  
A school teacher.

Informant:-- Pte. Walter Blyth, 4372,  
21st Australian Imperial Force, B, Coy  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth, S.W.

Home address:-- 14, Somerville Rd.,  
Tayrville,  
Melbourne.

12th Feb:  
E.A. Woolmer.