Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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872 Private
Andrew Gillespie Hill

21st Battalion



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21st Battalion,
A.I.F. D Coy.

Hill,
Pte.A.G. No. 872

M. July 19-20/16:

From this Coy.(D) after Pozieres three of our men are still missing - Sergt.Waugh. 2651 Pte.D.Fifield, and 872, Pte.A.G.Hill.
After our advance we were detailed to carry consolidating material to the newly taken trenches and Fifield and Hill were amongst the men. The shelling wasvery hot, but all returned except Fifield and Hill and many wounded. These two were either buried or killed outright by a shell. The dead were everywhere round Pozieres and hundreds (who are probably posted as missing) were simply placed in a shell hole and covered up.
I hope this information may assist you if enquiries are made of these men.

Letter from Lieut.M.C.Landford,D Coy.21st Battn.A.I.F.
recd. by Enquiry Bureau,London,16/8/16.

London,
17/8/16.

No enquiry.

A.I.F. 21st Battn

HILL
A.G. 872

Missing 6-8-16

Missing 6-8-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 23-9-16

Believed Killed
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters List 18-10-16.

London
31-10-16

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A.I.F. 21st Btn

HILL
A.G. 872

"M. 6-8-16"

Killed in Action 6-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 31-7-17.

OFF.M.

London
8-8-17

21st Battn.
A.I.F.,

A.G. 872, Hill
D. 2651, Fifield

"Missing ~~Bel. killed~~ Aug.6/1916"

Witness states that Sergt.Edwards, 14th Platoon 21st Battalion told him in Dartford Hospital that these two men were carrying sandbags to front line, when both were killed by a shell. It blew them down a gully, where they remained, Sergt. Edwards is now on furlough.

Reference;- Sergt. J.E.Simmie, 9728
21st Battn, A.I.F.,
3rd Aux. Aust. Hospt.
Dartford.
14-12-16.

Note. Written Sergt. Edwards 19-12-16.

London
21-12-16.
J.W C.

Off. M.

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21. A.I.F.

Hill A.G. 872.

(Missing 6th Aug. 1916)

Informant states that on 26th August at Bouquet Farm Hill was killed by a shell which also killed Pte. McCormack (separately reported) He was almost entirely buried. It will be noticed that the list says 6th August, but informant says accident to both happened same day.

Informant: Chapman A.R. 2342,
21 A.I.F.,
Boscombe Hospital, Hants.

1.2.17.
Jas. Burns.