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Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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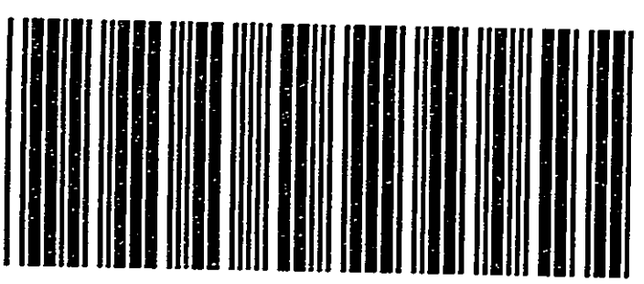
4718 Private
Jacob Benjamin Hill

25th Battalion



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25th Btn.

HILL, W.B.
Pte. No. 4718

Killed in action 14/11/16.

"I knew Casualty well. He was killed the same morning I was wounded, 14th November, 1916, according to Pte. J. Beale now with the unit in France. Apply to him for details."

Informant:- Sgt. A.G. Howard,
No. 4712, 25th Btn.

Private address
Jeannie Street,
Mt. Morgan,
Queensland.

H.A.B.
11/9/17.

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS INFORMATION BUREAU–MELBOURNE.

25th Australian Imperial Force. Hill, Pte. B.J., 4718,
B. Coy.,

M. Nov. 14th. 1916.

"I brought Hill over from Australia. I fear that there is no doubt what ever that he was killed in the attack on the first trench to the left of Flers on Nov. 14th. 1916. We were over at 7 a.m.; it was not sucessful and we with drew. We never got near enough to have any prisoners taken. I feel sure Hill must lie in No Mans Land, in fact some of the boys told me they saw him killed."

Eye Witness No, Informant was told by some of the boys, names unknown.

Informant:-- Lt. J. Everett,
25th Australian Imperial Force,
1, Moreton Gardens Hospital, S.W.

Home address:-- 97, Gordon Rd.,
Fauham, Hants.
England.

15th Jan.
N.Busford-Harcock.

25th A. I. F.

Hill, B.J. 4713,

(M. Nov 14th/16)

Informant states that on the date named Hill was blown up by a bomb. J. Wheeler and T. Bauer (with the Battalion still) saw it happen.

Eye-witness: No, see above

Description:

Informant: G.H. Fogarty, 4701,
25th A. I. F. A. Coy,
2nd Birmingham War Hospital,
Hollymoor.

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4th March 1917.
H. Norman.

Written Re Wheeler & Bauer } 15.3.17

25th Batt.
A.I.F.,

HILL
B.J. 4718

"Missing 14.11.16"

I am sorry to say that I cannot give you much information about him. He was with us up to the 14th of November 1916 but he has been missing ever since, whether he is killed ~~or~~ taken prisoner no one seems to know but he must be one or the other. As for his description:- he was a middle-sized man about 5ft 9 or 10 in height, dark complexion and fairly heavy dark moustache, age about between 47 and 50.

Cert. by letter from J Baker,
France.
4.4.17.

London
19.4.17.

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A.I.F. 25th Btn

HILL
B.J. 4718

M. 14-11-16

Killed in Action 14-11-16
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters list 19-4-17.

London
21-4-17

B.

25th A. I. F. B. J. HILL, 4718

Killed 14.11.16. Det.D/B.

On the 5th Nov./16 at Flers during the attack, I saw Hill hit and he dropped and I believe he was instantaneously killed. He was on a level with me about 3 or 4 men away. We went on advancing and then had to retire leaving our dead and wounded. I have never heard anything more of him since that. I believe a sniper got him. I knew him personally.

Reference: Pte.C.M.Prater, 4752, B.Coy.

No.9 General, Rouen, 4.6.17.

WTMR.

B

25th A.I.F.

B. J. HILL, 4718.
F. DAVIES, 4796.

K. 14.11.17. Det. D & B.
K. 4.11.17. " "

I have seen their graves on the left of Flers (when one is facing Bapaume. There is a cross over each with his name on it.

Reference: Pte. E. Dixon, 4789.

No.11 Con.Camp Buchy Nr.Rouen. 23.8.17.

FEP.

D.

25th Battn.
A. I. F.

Hill.
Pte. B. J. 4718

"Killed 14.11.16"

I saw missing man killed by shell in a dug-out. Body not recovered. Ground was held.

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- Dark man of medium height. A native of New Zealand.

Informant:- Pte. Robert Gloom 4739
25th Battn. C.Coy. XI Pl.
1st London General Hospital.

Home address:

31.8.17.
A. F. M. Baldwin

London.
6.9.17.

Off.M.

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FM.16.4.17

4718 B.J. HILL 25 Ballo AIF

M. 14.11.16

B2

France
April 4th 1917

To the secretary
Wounded and missing enquiry bureau

Dear Madam

I received your letter asking me about B.J. Hill 4718. 25th Btn. but I am sorry to say that I cannot give you much information about him. He was with us up to the 14th of November 1916 but he has been missing ever since, whether he is killed or taken prisoner no one seems to know but he must be one or the other. As fo his discription he was a middle sized man about 5 ft 9 or 10 in in height dark complexion with fairly heavy dark moustache age about between 47 and 50. I think this is about all I can tell you that would be of any use to you I am very sorry I cannot give you anything definite

Yours Faithfully
T. Bauer