Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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6913 Private
Archibald Jack Hill

48th Battalion



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48th Battn.
A.I.F.

HILL.
Archibald Jack. 6913.

"Missing 3-5-18"

Killed in Action 3-5-18. Previously reported Missing.
A.B. 533. Hqrs 29-7-18. and H.Q. 5-9-18.

London.
7-1-19.

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A.I.F. 48th Battn.

HILL
Archibald Jack 6913.

Killed in Action 3.5.18, previous reference "Missing". He was originally 20 reinforcements to 27th Battalion and was transferred to 48th Battalion.

Cert. A.M.W.B.
Searcher at H.Q.

London
7.1.19.

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48th Battn.
A.I.F.

HILL.
A.J. 6913.

"Killed in Action 3-5-18"

He the above named soldier. who was killed last May in No Man's Land half a mile North West of Villers Bretonneux together with 16 more men and an officer.- during the advance of the 8th August. - on the 12th of same month.

Buried same Comrades with my own hands taking such marks of identification as was possible to get. A comrade with me No 5832. Pte W.Griffiths of the 20th Battalion. 2nd Division took all particulars of same down and handed them over to the Officer in charge of our Section, No 2 Tunnelling Company. A.I.F. - then working on the Railway Line some quarter of a Mile distant in the Railway yard of Villers Bretonneux. His name is Captain Smith. No 2 Section Commander, No 2 Tunnellers A.I.F.France. who should in due course, have had handed particulars in of same

Letter from:- Sapper.J.Burgess.
No 2 Tunnelling Company. A.I.F.
H.B.Ward.
Napsbury War Hpl.
ST ALBANS.

London.
7-1-19.

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A.I.F. 48th Battn.

HILL
A.J. 6913.Pte.

"Killed 3.5.18"

I know that Jack Hill was killed on the 3rd May. He went out of the Trenches near Villers Bretonneux with a bombing raid under command of Lieut. Garland or Galand of the 48th Battn. A.I.F. They were all blown to pieces by a shell when they were about 50 yards from the trench. Although they were so near, we could not get to where they were killed until the 12th August when we began to advance. I was one of the party left behind to bury them. Some of the bodies were unrecognisable, but I collected several parts of Jack Hill's body. We had to do the job in a hurry to follow my Coy which was advancing, so we buried the bodies in a big shell hole and stuck up a rifle with an inscription attached with the names of all the men who we had recognised on it so that the next burial party which came along could arrange the grave properly and put up crosses. The place is about half a mile from Villers Bretonneux on the right of the Peronne Road.

Informant:- 9530 Spr.J.P. Burgess,
2nd Aust. Tunn.Co.R.E.
Napsbury Hospital,
St. Albans, H.B. Ward.

Home address:-
Wrightville,
Cobar, N.S.W.

Wm. B.L.Lowe.
London
22.1.19.
I.E.A.

(Very careful to be accurate and gave me the information from his diary. He could give the same information as to some of the others killed at

the same time, but it is not asked for in the enquiry list. I think he will write to Australian Red Cross, 36, Grosvenor Place.)

Note. A previous report by Spr. Burgess.

W. R. L'Lowe.
London
22-1-19.
J.E.A

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A.I.F. 46th Battn O.S.
late 20/27 Battn.

HILL
Archibald Jack
6913

Killed in action 3.5.18

Buried along hedge from U.5.b.75. to U.6.a.56.Sh.62d.S.W.
Lt Speddings List.

London
6.5.19

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G C Napsbury Hospital
22.12.1918

The Secretary
Red Cross
Information
Bureau

AUSTRALIAN
RED CROSS

6913 Hill
a. g. Bn
4 Bn
a 3.5.18
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Dear Sister

Your Searcher of Records paid us a visit 2 days ago looking for information Re Missing men of the A.I.F. I was able to give him Definate Report Re one of My paths No 6913 private Jack Hill 20th Reinforcements 27 Battallion who was Killed Last may in no mans Land Half 1 Mile North West of Villiers Bretneau together with 16 more men and an officer during the advance of the Eighth of August I on the twelveth of same Month Buried Same Comrades with my own Hands taking such marks of Identification Over

as was possible to get A Comrade with me No 5832
~~[illegible]~~ private W Griffiths of the 20th Battallion 2nd Division
took all particulars of same Down and Handed them over
to the Officer in Charge of our Section No 2 Tunnelling Comp A.I.F.
then working on the Railway Line some quarter of a Mile Distant in
the Railway yard of Pellrs Bretneau his Name is Captain Smith
No 2 Section Commander No 2 tunnellers A.I.F. France
who should in due Course of handed particulars in of same //
I would deem it a great Honor if you Could Let me Have the
Names & Home address of the spended Names of Dead Comrades
as I have some particulars I would Like to Communicate Verbly
to those at Home when I Reach there. there is a Man Named.
X private J. W Hunt Red Cross orderly on No 21 Red Cross Train D Ward
travelling to Rouen from Codroy Ch 12 C who Has a wallett and papers
belonging to a Dead Queenslander he promised me He would send it
on to you I gave him your address this man Has been Carring same
for Months would you please inquire I was too Bad at the time
he gave me his Name and address as X J W Hunt 23 Marshall X Rd
in my Book St Helens
Lancashire

X Slip

trusting dear Lister you will be able to give me address's of Next of kin of appended names and asking you to Excuse my writing you such a letter as this I have the Honor to be

yours for God King & Empire

Sapper J Burgess.

No 2 Tunnelling Comp. R.E.

N B Ward

Napsbury Hospital

Dead Comrades
Buried on 12th August 1918
Pilliers Bretneau
in No Mans Land

Lt Lieut Cameron 4 D 224 " 37th Batt
Lt Lieut Garland 48th Batt 5 " 4
private H Haddock 3162 48th Batt

Lt Pvt H Elmn D654 27th Batt
Lt Pvt Jack Hill 6913 27th Batt

also Buried
private Earnest Collette
79468 26th Batt
11th platoon C Comp
possibly and English Regiment
Comrade
Slip J Burgess

G.C.

January 8th, 1919.

Sapper J. Burgess,
No 2 Tunnelling Coy. A.I.F.
B. Ward. Mapsbury Hospital.
St. Albans.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your letter of 22.12.18 about 6913 Pte. A.J.HILL. ~~27th~~ Battalion. A.I.F. The information you have sent will be of much assistance to us.

With reference to your request that we should find out whether Pte. J.W. Hunt has forwarded to us the wallet belonging to a dead Queenslander, we regret that we cannot deal with this matter without further particulars. We cannot understand from your letter whether Pte. Hunt is in the Imperial Army or in the A.I.F. We think the best plan will be for you to get into touch with the Red Cross Searcher at the hospital and ask his advice on the matter. He will understand the particulars we require to continue the enquiry. Unfortunately we are unable to trace the men on the list you have sent us belonging to the Battalions given and cannot therefore ~~give~~ you their relatives addresses. If you would be kind enough to verify your list from your notes, we shall do our best to deal with the matter.

Thanking you again for all the information you have given us about Pte. Hill and trusting that you are making satisfactory progress.

With best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) J.E.D.

Secretary.

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F.M. 7.7.17

3827 A. J. HILL
30 Batt. A.I.F
K.A. 23.2.17

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France
12/7/17

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Dear Madam

Yours of the 6th July to hand inquiring for one No 3827 Pte A J Hill 30 th Bn A. I. F. killed in action on 23/2/17.

Re person mentioned I was with him at the time of his death. He was killed and buried on the Field. There is no doubt as to his identity as I left Australia with him, and knew him personally. With regard to grave registration, I am informed by his mate Pte L. O. Lees. 3835: that Padre Ward registered same. The grave was also marked with a Cross bearing his name and number and Battalion

Full particulars have been sent to his parents and also personal effects.

Hoping this information will prove useful to you.

I am,
Dear Madam,
Yours Truly,
Pte C. S. Wallbank.
30th Batt

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