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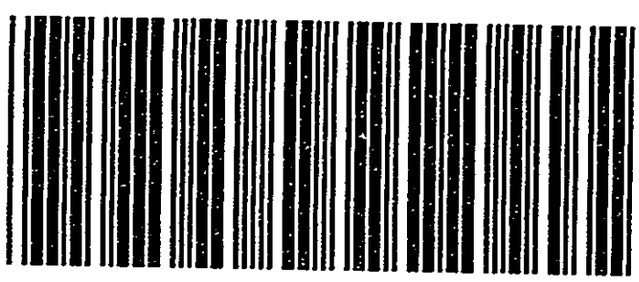
914 Lance Corporal Arthur Henry Hill

4th Battalion



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A.I.F. 4th Btn

HILL
A.H. 914

"H. 15-4-17"

Killed in Action 15-4-17 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.Headquarters 8-5-17.

OFF.H.

London
18-5-17

A. I. F. 4. HILL, A.H. 914.

M. April 15th, 1917.

I knew him very well and his number (approximately). Pte. J. Behan of B.Coy. now up line, told me he saw Hill killed alongside of him on his post on April 15th. He seemed to know all about him. This would be near a village on left of Hermies.

PHE.

Reference:- Pte. W.L.Riley. 6320. D.XIII.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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18.5.17.

See reply from
Pte L. Duschke 6255.
B. Coy 4th Batt.

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4th June. 1917.

4th AUSTRALIANS

HILL, A.H. 914

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~~M.~~ April 15th. 1917.

I knew Pt. Snowy Hill; he was a boxer and lived at Temora, N.S.W., and joined us in April 1917. Pt. J. Bennett of the 4th Battalion, D.Co., XIV. Pltn., told me that he saw Hill killed in April 1917. Bennett was wounded on May 3rd 1917, and is in Hospital.

Informant: Pt. A.E. Dunkinson 6253
4th Batt., D.Co., XIV.Pltn.
Australians.
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Written Pte Bennett 12.6.17

4th Battn.
A. I. F.

Hill.
A. H. 914.

"Killed in Action 15.4.17."

About No.914 Pte. A.H.Hill. I am sorry to say I cannot give you any information of any importance. He is in A.Coy. of the 4th Battn. and the boys told me that he was killed on the 15.4.17 and at the time of them coming out of the line. He had not been buried. I knew him personally, and his appearances are, age about 40, height 5'10", fair complexion and he used to live at Tomora, N.S.Wales.

Letter from:-
Pte. J. Bennett.
D.Coy. 4th Battn.
France. 22.6.17.

London.
19.7.17.

Off.M.

A.I.F. 4. HILL, A.H. 914.

K. April 15th 1917. Date D/B.

Was an original Battn man. Returned to Australia but joined up again, and was killed a few days after he got back to us. He was killed in the German counter attack at Hermie on the 15th April by a bullet through the head. A man called Gib Jones was killed alongside him, I saw their bodies. I did not see them buried, but I know that the bodies of all men killed on the 15th April were buried next day at Bouchavesnes in separate graves. Hill was in E.VI

Inf: Pte J.E.Barry. 1078. 4.B.VII.S/B.
No. 2 Army Rest Camp.
BOULOGNE. 8.9.17.

HMH

4th Battn

HILL
A.H.. 914

"Killed 15.4.17"

Front of Village of Doignes right Langcourt, Sunday morning. Killed by rifle bullett through head. Killed at once. We made an attack, were driven back, Between our post and sunken road was where he was killed. He was a mate of mine and I enquired about him being buried. I think the 1st Battn who relieved us, did it, but I dont know for certain.

Informant - Carrol 17413
39 W. Harefield..

D.P.Dickson
London 26.9.17

4th Batn
A.I.F.

HILL
A H. 914

"Killed 15.4.17."

I saw him dead at Daurnancourt. He was caught by a machine gun and riddled with bullets death being instanteneous. I assisted to bury him at place of casualty, and grave was marked with a cross beering his full particulars. I knew him well he lived at Lemora N.S. Wales.

Witness:-
Pte. A.G. Doyle. n6340
1st Battn B. Coy., 8th Pltn.
3rd A.A. Hospital,
Dartford.

W. Oman
London.
8.10.17.

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4th A.I.F. HILL A.H. No. 914.

K. 15th April 1917. Det D/B.

I was near Hill at Borsies (?) and saw him shot through the head and he died instantly. He was an original man and was on the Peninsular and came back with the 20th Reinforcements. He was a great boxer. The 1st Batta buried the men killed at that time.

Inf:- Pte C.Halford No.6024.
And.T. 'Ville de Liege',
Calais. 10.X.17. RMR.

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4th Batt.
A.I.F.

Hill,
L/C.A.H. 914.

"Killed in Action 15.4.17"

About Pte HillA.H. 814 "B" Coy, 4th Batt, and addressed to Pte Behan of the same Unit, I am able to give you the desired information. Hill was at the time of death at Boursies" on Bapaume Cambrai Road, on 15/4/17. a lance cpl his initials were A.H not A.J. Hill died from a bullet wound in the head, death was instantaneous . Hill was a fair man well built, and slightly bald, weight 11' 6". height about 5' 8½ or 9 " he was something of a pugilist and was on the Peninsula returning to Australia, about Nov 1915_he again went on active service, with this Batt on 9th Sept 1916 with the 20th Rft Hill waaaa native of Riverina and fought several times at Temora N.S.W. he was very liked in the Coy, and known to me in civil life I saw his body after death, but was not able to assist in burying, I believe he was buried by a man of the 1st batt, hoping this will be of some use to somebody

Witness:- Pte.Duschke6255
B.Coy, 4th Batt,
A.I.F.

London IO.IO.17

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4thA. I. F.

Hill, Pte A.H. 914,

(K. Apl 15/17. Det D & B)

"I knew that Hill was wounded at Hermies and refused to go back, he was killed shortly after in the German counter-attack by a bullet through the head, he was probably buried in a shell hole."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: He was one of the original men and was a boxer

Informant: Pte G.G. Bell, 33,
4th A. I. F.,
King George Hospital,
Stamford St, S.E.

Home address:
121, Macquarie St,
Sydney.

22rd Oct. 1917.
Parry.

4th Battalion.

HILL A.H. Lance/Corpl.
No. 914

"Killed 15/4/17"

I knew Hill quite well. He was killed near Hermes or Deignies when we were holding the line. Fritz attacked us in the day time and Hill was killed by a machine gun bullet. He died instantly, and was buried in a little plot near the village of Hermes. In civil life he was a boxer. He came from Temora. He was a very popular chap in the Battalion. On this occasion the 1st Battalion took over from the 4th which had lost heavily, and buried their dead.

Informant: P'te Doyle, 6240,
1st Battalion 4th Australian General Hospl
RANDWICK
Private address Temora.

H.S.H.
19/3/18

Confirmed by: - Halford, 2642, 4th Battalion,
4th Australian General Hospl. Randwick

Private address: 8 Darling Street, GLEBE.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. Carroll

4th BATTALION A.I.F.

No. 914. HILL, A.H. L/Cpl.
"K. 15.4.17"

I knew Hill very well; he was a L/Corporal in "B" Company, VI Platoon. He was called "Snowy" - 914 was his number. He was fair haired and came from near Dubbo or Forbes. He was killed outright at Doignies on Easter Sunday morning 15-4-17. He was about 2 yards away on my right. He was struck and killed outright. Private Jim Murray was with us at the time and Sergeant Drew was killed at the same time. We were relieved the same night and I do not know wher e he was buried.

Informant ;- Corporal P.J. Carr oll, 174, M.M.
4th Battalion "B" Co. XI Platoon.

Home address;-
63 Ferry Road, GLEBE POINT.

19-3-18.
H.S.O.
No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU.

S. Carroll

A.I.F.
4th Bttn.

HILL.
Pte.Arthur Henry 914

Killed in Action 15.4.17.

Buried Beurries Com. Sh.57c N.E.J.
Cert. by Capt. Mills Verification list.

London.
1.10.19.

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A.I.F.
4th Btn.

HILL
Arthur Henry 914

Killed in Action 15.4.17.

AUSTRALIAN

No France Germany.

Cert. by Capt. Mills 10.10.19.

Name.	Unit.	Casualty.	Cause of Casualty.
	S.		London. 18.10.19.

October 4th, 1917.

6255 Pte.L.Duschke,
B.Coy, 4th Battalion,
A.I.F., B.E.F.

Dear Pte. Duschke,

We have to thank you for your reply to our letter to Pte. Behan concerning 916 L/Cpl.A.E.Hill, 4th Battalion, A.I.F.

the information and details you have sent will be of much assistance to us ,and of value to our enquirers.

We shall now try to get information from the 12th Battalion about the location of his grave in order that we may apply for a photograph of his grave to be forwarded to the next of kin.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully,

SECRETARY,

ack'd letter 3.10.17 OS

2 Apl
914 Pte A. H. HILL
4th Batt
R/A 15-4-17

Coff Cd

France
27/9/17.

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I believe he was buried by men of the 1st Batt. hiding this will be of some service to some-body. I am yours truly Dr L. Duschke "B" Coy 4th Bn 6255 A.I.F.

ack'd letter 3.10.17 OS

L/Cpl
914 A. H. HILL
4th Batt
R/A 15-4-17

France
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Ack
F.M. 2.7.17

Y.M.C.A.

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Some were in France
June 22/—1917

To The Secretary W. M. Enquiry Bureau
Dear Madame

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Yours Faithfully
Pte J. Bennett
D. Coy
4 Batt

914. A. H. HILL
4 Batt AIF
K.A. 15.4.17
off M. 4
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