

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**793 Private
Frank Hill**

53rd Battalion



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Havre.

1st January 1917.

53rd A.I.F.

Hill F. No. 793.

W/M. 26th September 1917.

I knew Hill for 10 months; he was medium height, fat, dark, about 25. He was a good footballer, Captain of D. Company Football team, and came from Goulburn N.S. Wales.

At Ypres on the 26th Sept he was reported wounded and missing. On the 2nd October he was again officially reported as wounded only. I was told by Corporal Porter, D. Company, M.C. orderly room clerk, that ~~Hill's~~ Hill's arm was fractured and that he was likely to go to England.

Inf:- Pte G.R.J. Hill No. 3234 B.
53rd Batta D. Co. XIV Pltn.
Australian Camp.
Bonelles.

PH.

Kathie Porter
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A. I. F. 53.

HILL, F. 793.

W/M. September 26th, 1917.

He went out of the action at Polygon Wood on September 26th with a wound in the leg. I saw him after his wound was bound up walking out with L/C. F. Baber, XIV pl. D. Coy. That is the last I know of him. Baber is away from the Battn now. Hill belonged to XIV pl. D. Coy.

Reference:- Sgt. J. Laing. 1697. D. Coy.
Menty.

SA.

Identity cert. from Battn records.

Staples
22.1.18.

Written L/C Baber 20.2.18.

A. I. F. 53.

HILL, F. 793.

W/M. September 20th, 1917.

I last saw him on morning of September 20th right in Polygon Wood at 9 or 10 o'clock. He had then been wounded in stomach by shell. He was lying down on a stretcher. I did not speak to him. I heard it stated that he afterwards got up and walked out but a lot of enquiries have been made for him but we cannot find what became of him afterwards. He was 5 ft 8, dark complexion, aged 26 rather thick set, about 11 stone, had been a Sgt when in the 35th Batta when he came over.

Reference:- Pte. F. Kafer. 134. D.XIV.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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Etaples
7.3.18.

53rd Battn.
late 1st
A.I.F.

HILL,
F. 793

"Wounded & Missing 26.9.17."

Re Pte. F. Hill of the 53rd Battn. I have made as many inquiries for ~~particulars~~ definite particulars and the following is what I can assure you is correct. Pte. F. Hill was hit in the right side just above the thigh and in the inside of right leg just above the knee on the morning of the 26th Sept at Polygon Wood. He did not seem to be too badly wounded for he was able to walk with a little assistance to the Battn Aid Post when last seen was being carried out on a stretcher. I am very sorry that I cannot furnish anything further but will try to ascertain fuller details but I don't think I will be successful. The late Pte. F. Hill was a medium height, thick set, dark complexion etc. He was nicknamed Bottle Oh and was known by the boys of the Battn by that name. He came from E. Maitland N.S.W.

Letter from:- F.A. Baber,

D. Coy, 53rd Battn.

France, 27.2.18.

London.
13.3.18.

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53rd Batt
late 1st Batt
A.I.F.

HILL,
Frank 793

"MISSING"

Killed in Action 26.9.17. Previously reported Missing.
Cert. by Hqs 10.4.18.

London.
11.4.18.

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A.I.P. 53.

HILL, F. 793.

K/R.
W/M Sept 26th 1917.

I knew Hill and we were in the front line together. On Feb last I sent a report on his case to the BRCS, London Hqrs. and received an acknowledgement from them. I am sure you will not be able to get any further than what I stated as I took a good deal of trouble in making enquiries amongst our boys respecting the case.

Inf: F.A.Baber. 3112. 53.D.
No. 53 Gen.Hosp.
BOULOGNE. 23.4.18.

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53rd A.I.F.

Frank?
Hill Pte Fred 793,

(K. Sept 26/17 Dets D/B)

"Pte Fred Hill was severely wounded at Polygon Wood near Ypres and he died of his wounds soon after reaching the Dressing Station. I saw him buried at St. Jean near Ypres".

Eye-witness: As reported

Description: Fair, and of medium height build, went by name of Fred in Regt.

Informant: Pte. A.J. Monaghan 126,
53rd A.I.F., B. Coy.,
No. 1 War Hospt.,
Exeter.

Home address;
2 Renwick St.,
Leichhardt,
Sydney, Australia.

May 21/18,
I. Turner.

53rd Battn.
late 1st Battn.

HILL, F.
Pte 793A.

Killed 26/9/17.

Informant states that Hill was a pal of his and Hill's people live close to informants at East Greta. Informant was told last January in England by some men of the 53rd Battn. that Hill was killed at Polygon Wood and that they had seen him killed on September 26th. Informant is going to East Greta today and will see Hill's people there.

Informant: Watts, O. Pte. 573
53rd Battn.

A.I.F.

No.4 Australian General Hospital,
RANDWICK.

Private address: East Greta, N.S.W.

C.E.W.
5.18.

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SYDNEY BUREAU.

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Feb 27th 1918
France

Wm F Hill
63 Batt late 1st

W + M 26.9.17

To the

The Secretary H. H. Enquiry Bureau

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 Hoping these little particulars will be of some little
assistance to you

I am

yours truly

Geo H Baker

D. Comp.

53rd Bn