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6767 Private George Hill

7th Battalion



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12th BATT. A.I.F. HILL. G. 6767.

K.Sept 20th.1917. Det.

He came from Balmain. He was a runner and attached to Headquarters at the time and he was killed in a dug-out close to Batt. Headquarters Pill-box, which was situated at out 1st objective. He was sitting opposite me when a shell came and blew us up. I saw him just roll over. I was very badly shaken. I shall never forget the sight of him as he rolled over. He would probably be left where he was. WSI

Ref ---Pte J.Ramsay. 6819.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

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Le Treport. Nov 24th.1917

7th Australians. A.I.F. Hill, G. 6767

(K. Sept. 20/17)

"I was acting as runner on Friday Sept. 21st 1917 and was carrying a message to Battalion Headquarters at Glencorse Wood Ypres,. When 50 yards from Battn.H.Q. I saw a shell fall close to H.Q. and on passing the spot I saw George Hill lying apparently dead. Jack Ramsey D. Coy. 7th Batt: suffered shell shock from the same shell and he informed me that Hill was killed instantaneous ly by a fragment of shell passed through his body. The shot was within 10 yds. of Battn. H.Q. Hill's number was 6767. He was a, Sydney man. I know nothing of his burial."

Eye-witness: Yes, at 50 yards distance, told by Jock Ramsay, D.Co. 7.Batt.A.I.F.

Description: ~~Nicknake~~ ~~Tank~~ Resident Yank on account of American accent, dark complexion, about 5ft.7", about 20 years of age.

Informant:- Pte.Reginald G.Hart, 6768
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Feb. 17/18
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In Ramsay's report

7th Battn.
A.I.F.

Hill.
G. 6767

"Killed 20.9.17"

Hill was killed outright by the same shell which wounded me outside Battn.H.Qrs. Polygon Wood. Can't give any later particulars.

Informant:- J.Ramsay 6819
7th Battn. H.Qrs.
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7th Battn.
A.I.F.

HILL.
G. 6767.
Donovan.M.2788.

"Killed in Action" 20-9-17.

Now that I am reminded the third man killed was Hill. They all knocked about and pieces of each were buried. Ireland was the one of which scarcely anything could be found. I did not intend to say Donovan was not knocked about much. I think you must have misunderstood what I did say. They were all blown about, their discs were got. Lt Harry Wraight or Cpl Hawkins with Battn now, could substantiate this.

Informant:-
Sullivan.W.D. 5796.
7th Hd A.Big. Hut 61.

Searchers Note.

Having seen one Mc Gregor who heard that Hill, Donovan and Ireland were killed ~~instanti~~- as described by Sullivan. But he heard nothing was left of Donovan to be buried. I again saw Sullivan. With this correction I think Sullivan's account most likely correct. Mc Gregor heard say only and confirmed killing but differed as to burial. Hill is probably G.Hill 6767 (Eng) mentioned in 6819 J.Ramsey's report 22-2-18.

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Note:- Written Wraight. 29-5-18.

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A.I.F. 7th Btn

HILL
Geo. 6767

"K/Action"

Buried, particulars not yet to hand.
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 5-6-18.

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A.I.F. 7th Batn.

George. XXII. 6767.

Killed In Action, 20.9.17.

Re Grave Germany.
Sent by Captain Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
14.10.19.

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