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**3754 Sergeant
Herbert Clarence Hills**

1st Battalion



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HILLS, Cpl.H.C. 3784.

K. November 7th, 1917.

He came from Paddington, N.S.W. and was in C. Coy
(not sure of pl.). A fair haired chap of about 5 ft
8, well built, aged 23 about. Sgt. Dimock of C.IX
now up line, told me he buried him.

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Reference:- Sgt. A.J.McNab. 3431. C.XII.
No. 1 Can. Gen. Hosp.

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14.2.18.

Written Sgt. Dimock 28.2.18.

1st Battn.
A.I.F.

HILLS,
Cpl. H.C. 3754

"Killed 7.11.17."

Was in C. Coy. was a Sgt. called "Snowy". I saw him killed by shell while going up to help wounded man with a pack horse. He was badly knocked about and killed instantly. It happened at Anzac Ridge. There were 3 knocked by the same shell; they were all buried together. I did not see the grave.

Informant:- W.H.Cameron, 241,
1st Battn.
Harefield.

W.G.J.

London.
27.2.18.

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Hills, Cpl. H.C. 3754.

1st A.I.F.

(K. Nov. 7th 1917 Dets. D/B)

"On Nov. 7th 1917 about Passchendaele, we were some distance away from the fighting line, but being shelled from a long range. Cpl. Hill and a man named Costello went out to help a wounded man when a shell caught them and both were killed instantly. I was some distance away but saw this happen."

Eye witness:

Description:

Informant: J. Hawley 3759,
1st Australians,
Clacton Military Middlesex Hospital.

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25th. March. 1918.

1st. Australians.

Hills, Corporal, H. C. No. 3754.

K. 7th. November 1917. Dets. D/B.

He was in C. Company. I knew Corporal Hills for three months; he was tall, well built, snowy hair, about 23, and from H. S. Wales. On the 7th. November the Battalion was at "Mans Ridge" about four miles from Ypres. Hills was doing Salvage Work. I was 100 yards off when I saw a shell fall. Hills and another man went to help a man who had been hit. Another shell fell, and Hills was killed instantly. Shelling just then was very heavy, and we all cleared out. I heard nothing of burial.

Inf:- Private. Milligan. W. No. 1389.
1st. Australians.
C. Company.
9th. Platoon.
Australian Camp.
Rouelles.

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1st Battalion.
A.I.F. Coy.

Hills. Cpl.
H.C. 3754.

"KILLED" 7.11.17.

Refer to Sgt. V. Dimack, C. Coy. 1st Battalion, who is now in
France he saw him killed, and buried and can give all details.

Informant; - Mc Nab Sgt. A.J. 3531.
1st Battn. C. Coy. lptn
3. A.A. H. Dartford

Notes written to Sgt. Dimack. 3.4.18

London.
3.4.18.

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A. I. F.

Hills. Cpl. H. O. 3754.

(K. Nov. 7/17. Det D/B).

"I heard that Cpl Hills was killed by a shell instantly,
and was buried in a small cemetery at Zommebeke. I saw his
grave afterwards with a cross over it.

Eye-Witness: No.

Description:

Informant:

Sergt. W. Casswell. 547.
1st A. I. F. B. Coy.
County of London War Hos.
Horton. Epsom.

Home Address: Depot.

April 11th 1918.
Arnould.

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Hills, Cpl. H C. 3754.
Crane, O R. 4454.

K Nov. 7/17. Det. D/B

A shell killed Crane and Hills instantly at Corduroy road, Anzac Ridge. - Serg. Dimmock and I buried both of them where they fell. - There is nothing to mark the grave but it could have been easily found for it was only about 40 yards from Anzac Redoubt, a big pill-box and D/S on Anzac Ridge. - Crane was a Cpl. and came from Sydney.

Inf:- Barwick, Serg. A A. 914. I C.
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1st Australian Imperial Force

Hills, Cpl. H.C. 3754

(2. Nov. 7. 17. Dets
D & B).

" I helped to bury a Sgt. Hills on Anzac Ridge. He was made a Sgt. in England and joined 6th Division. It was in the day-time and a transport on the road was hit. Hills and I and some others went to help the wounded when another shell came and killed Sgt. Hills. He was buried with 2 others, Castello and Brano. The Sgt in charge of the burying party took the discs, etc.

Informant had a pocket book with dates in which he found the entry about helping to bury Sgt. Hills and said " the date would be about right " and felt sure it must be the same man.

Eye witness - Yes.

Description - Very big. called " Hilly".

Informant :- Pte. A. Baxter, 10⁰⁵,
C Coy. 1st Aus I Force.

Home address :- Military Hospital, Eastbourne.
16 Prospect St.
Readington, Sydney.

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23.4.18.
M.M. Thornton.