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2210 Private George Sims

24th Battalion



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A.I.F. 24th Btn

SIMS

G. 2210

"MISSING"

KILLED in action 5-8-16 - previously reported Missing
Cert. by A.I.F.Hqrs 26-9 -17.

OFF.H

London
28-9-17.

A.I.F. 24th Bttn. SIMS.
George. 2210

Killed in Action. 5.8.16.

No trace in Germany.
Cert by Captain Mills. 14.10.19.

London.
16.10.19. Off M.

24th A. I. F. G. SIMS. 2210.

Missing 5.8.16.

At Mouquet Farm we were holding a position and together with another man he was sniped. I saw their bodies during the morning.

Reference: W. Barrup, 1884.

No.12 General, Rouen. 4.12.16.

FS.

Off M.

24th Battn.
C.Coy.
A.I.F.,

Pte. G. 2210 Sims
Pte. Percy.601 Briggs
Pte. J.C. 1700 Michael
Pte. J.E. 724. Tinkler

"Missing Aug.5th 1916"

C.Company, were moving up to the front trenches between Mouquet Farm, and Pozieres at night. The guide lost his way and was subsequently killed. Meanwhile the Germans put up a heavy barrage and out of 180 men only 50 got to the front trenches. The ground where this occurred was thoroughly searched afterwards and a number of bodies were buried. No trace was found of the above men though they were all known to have been hit, as the ground was behind our front line, they must have been blown to pieces, or buried by big shells.

Tinkler was an English and formerley kept a small refreshment room at Paddington.

Reference;- Sergt. C.Harcourt, 633
24th Battalion, C.Coy.
Southall Hospt.
4-12-16.

Off. M.

London
5-12-16.
P.C?

24th A.I.F. Sims G. No.2210.
M. 5th August 1916.

He was killed by a sniper instantly at Pozieres. I saw him dead. He was a tall thin man, a Corporal and played in the band.

Informant:- Pte D.C.Gregg No.2942.
H.S. "Cambria".
Calais. 14.12.16. EMR.

24th A. I. F., Sims, G., 2210,

M. 6.8.16.

"I knew Sims well. I did not see him killed but my pals Sid Benson and Higginbotham, both of the 24th who knew him equally well said that he had been killed either in Pozieres or Monquet Farm (I forget which) in August. Sims was a fair chap, about 5ft.8ins and came from Melbourne."

Eye Witness: Mo, Sid Benson and Higginbotham, 24th A.I.F.

Description:

Informant:-- Sgt. Percy Cull, 2125,
24th A.I.F., H.Q.Coy.,
2nd Southern Gen: Hosp:
Southmead, Bristol.

Home address:-- 105, Moray Street,
Melbourne.

22.4.17.
H.W.Ward.

Written Sid Benson + Higginbotham 3.5.17.

Offde

Sims

24th A. I. F. G. SIMMS. 2210.

Missing 5.8.16.

I saw Simms killed at Mouquet Farm on August 5th. He was killed while going up the communication trench in broad daylight.

Reference: Pte. R. S. Reynish, 1989.

No.5 General, Rouen. 5.5.17.

EMM.

off. Gm

24th Australians

Sims, Pte. G. 2210,

(Missing August 5th 1916)

Informant states "I was in the same Company with Sims, and in the same engagement with him at the start of the Somme Offensive at Pozieres. We were going to relieve another Battn. when he was blown up by a shell and killed. The body was not buried at the time on account of the heavy engagement we were taking part in."

Eye witness: Yes.

Description: Tall, dark complexion, big moustache, about 30 years old.

Informant: Pte. K.B. Keymish, 1889, C. Coy., 24th Pltn., 5th Southern General Hos: Fawcett Road, Portsmouth.

Home address: Pigeon Lane, Canterbury, New Zealand.

May 21st 1917.
E.D. Wilson C.M.H.,H.C.,

BLK

Pte Heggenbotham

24 Batln A.I.F

B.E.F.

To

2210 G. SIMMS

24 Batln A.I.F

M. 5:8:16

F

3:5:17.

Pte
Sid Benson
24 Batt A.I.F.
B.E.F.

for

2210 G. SIMMS
24 Batt A.I.F.

M. 5th : 8 : 16

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