

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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985 Private
James Bell

9th Battalion



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BELL, J. Pte. 985

(U. June 16th.)

9th. Batt. A.I.F.

Witness says, "There was a Pte Bell who was wounded on the 1st or 2nd day after landing (April 25-26) and was sent to Mena Hospital. I believe this is the ~~same~~ same Pte. Bell that is being enquired for because of his number, mine being 899. This was the only man in my company of that name at the time. Later another Pte. Bell was transferred from another company to ours but his number was four hundred and something. I saw the former at Mena about May 3rd. He was still there in the middle of May. He had a bad wound in the arm. He has probably gone home, for he has

not rejoined his battalion. Ref:- Pte. J. Sheehan. 899

A.I.F. 9th. Batt.

3rd. Aux. Hospital.

HELIOPOLIS.

N.B. This confirms information given in previous report by Sgt. Donald.
22.9.15

E.R. Matthesi.



BELL, J. Pte. 985

9th. A.I.F.

Witness states that Pte. Bell was invalided from Gallipoli about three months ago and had not returned up to 13th. September 1915.

Ref:- J.W. Ferrier. Lieut.

9th. A.I.F.

1st. Aust. Gen. Hospital.

HELIOPOLIS.

6.10.15

J.S. St. Clair.

9 A.I.F.

BELL
Pte. J. 985

(E.)

Witness knew for certain that Bell went to Malta wounded about 3 weeks after the April landing.

Ref:-

Pte. A.O. Ward, 69
9 A.I.F.
Luna Park Hospital,
Heliopolis,
Cairo.

W.E.V. Meade,
Cairo,
28/10/15.

9th Batt. A.I.F.

BELL
Pte. J. 985

We saw his body on the 19th of May. He was laid with some more men for burial and was buried on the Australians' place extreme right flank opposite Gaba-Tepe. As this ~~xxx~~ has a lot of men buried, I expect there is a cross to mark the place, with his name on it. S.D.

Ref:-

1042 Pte. Haining
204 Pte. Clarke
9 A.I.F.
Luna Park Hospital,
Heliopolis.

N.D.
Cairo,
29/10/15.

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BELL, J. Pte. 985.

(W. June 16th.)

9th. A.I.F.

Witness states that Pte. Bell was at Helman at the end of June or beginning of July. He was taken before a medical board and invalided to Australia with phlebotomy. Witness was in the same Company as Pte. Bell.

Ref:- Wills. Pte. 890

9th. A.I.F. (D. Coy).

Luna Park Hospital.

HELIOPOLIS.

15.9.15

C.E. 1st P. Trench.