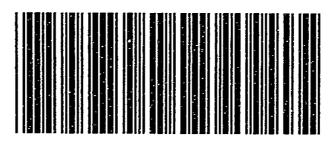
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416 Corporal George Arthur Mills

8th Battalion



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K. October 4th, 1917.

On October 4th we had just got over the top when a shell landed right near Mills and I saw him go up with a cloud of earth. Nothing more was heard of him. He was a wealthy man with a big farm, and not married, do was a 1914 man, tall, about 6 ftl and strongly built.

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Reference:- F.Stanley. 4772. No. 7 Can. Gen. Hp.

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MILLES, Cpl.G. 416.

K. Oct 4th 1917.

Cpl.G.Mills was in C.Co and I think XII pltn. His number was about 416. He was fairly tall, clean shaven, fair, and about 50. I saw his dead body after he had been killed on the 4th Oct. near Hooge Craters. We held our position and his body would probably have been recovered and buried after.

Inf: Opl.P.Thompson. 5781. C.X.
No. 1 C.C.
BOULOGHE. 15.7.1918. AGL

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"Killed 4110.17."

MILLS. Gr G.A. 416.

Informant thinks this must be the same man, but is not certain of his number, though he knows to was a low one. Cpl. A Mills of 8th Bettn. A.I.F. Company was killed in Oct. 1917, at Bulleccurt (?) instentaneously by a shell. Informant did not witness his death himself, but it was known to be true in the regiment, and moreover he he was has section corporal. He was buried somewhere near (name of place not known) and had a good grave, with a cross out over him. Further particulars as to identity could be obtained, if thought necessary, at Head Querters. Horseferry Road. The ground was hald. Tye-Witness. Ho.

Description: Tall and dark.

Home address. Australian.

Mabel Turner. London. 27.9.18. S.A.

M P.I.

8th Battn.

MILLS. G.1. 416 Cpl.

"Killed 4-10-19"

I saw Mills killed on the 4th October by machine gun fire on Broodseinde Riige during our attack. We attained our objective. He died instantaneously. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness: - Yos.

Description: -

Headquarters.A.I.F.
Headquarters.A.I.F.

Informant: - Lowday.R.Lieut.

8th Battm.A.I.F.

3rd.London General Hpl.

WANDSWORTH.

John.R.Clark Hall. London. 14-9-18.

M. & P I.

Sth Btn

Killed in Action 4.10.17

Mins Opl. Coorge Arthur. 416.

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Certaby Capt, Mills. 10,10,19,

London. 14,10,19.

H. E. P. I.

A.Coy.

Killed. Oct,4th 1917.

We would be pleased if you would place this name on your enquiry list for Det.D.B. A Brother has just been into this office and would-like particulars sent to his Mother, also if possible he would like to hear of any news.available.

Mothers Address

Mrs. Mills.

St Armud.

Victoria.

Australia.

Brothers Address.

NO.695. Pte. Mills. S.G.

A. P. C. Tisbury.

Wilts.

17th April, 1912.

695 Pte.S.G.Hills.
Army Postel Corps,
Tisbury.
Filts.

Dear Sir.

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We regret to inform you what we have received an unofficial seport respecting your brother:

416 Cpl.G.A.Mills, Sth Battm. A.I.P. which confirms the official statement that he was "Killed in Action". 4772 Pto.F.Stanley, now in hospital abroad, states that he saw him killed instantly by a shell, Oct. 4th 1917, but can give no report He describes him as tall, about 6'la, and strongly as to burial. built, and adds that he joined in 1912.

We are continuing enquiries, and will at once advise you of any information we may obtain.

Regretting it must be of such sad nature, and with renewed sympathy.

Yours faithfully.

(HISS) 7. St. George SECRETARY.

July 29th, 1918.

695 Pte. S.G. Hills, A.P.C. Tisbury, Wilts.

Dear Sir.

In further answer to your enquiry for your brother -

416 Cpl. G.A. HILLS, 8th Battalion, A.I.F.

We beg to inform you of another unofficial report given by a man of his unit when in No 1 Convalescent Camp, B.F.F.

Informant -5781 Cpl. P. Thompson stated that he saw your brother's dead body after he had been killed on October 4th near Hodge Craters and he believes that as thy held their position his body would probably have been recovered and buried. He describes him as fairly tall, fair and clean shaven and about 30 years of age.

We are continuing our enquiries and as soon as we receive further information we shall advise you as we realise how anxious you must be.

With good wishes.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary.

695 Pte S.G. Mills, A.P.C., Tisbury. Wilts.

30th September 1918

Dear Sir,

In regard to the death of your brother 416 Cpl. G.A. Hills 8th Battalion, A.I.F., we have a further unofficial report of his death from Lieut. R. Lowday of the same Unit who was in the 3rd. London General Hospital, Mandsworth. He stated that he saw Cpl. Mills killed instantaneously on October 4th by machine gun fire on Broodseinde Ridge during our attack, and that the ground was held.

We regret that as nearly a year has elapsed since his casualty occurred we are unable to keep his name on our enquiry lists but should any further report be received we will at once advise you ofit.

With our sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(miss)

Secretary.