

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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416 Corporal
George Arthur Mills

8th Battalion



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A. I. F. 8.

MILLS, Cpl.G. 416.

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. He was a 1914 man, tall, about 6 ft, and strongly built.

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

Staples
19.3.18.

A.I.F. 8.

MILLS, Cpl.G. 416.

K. Oct 4th 1917.

Cpl.G.Mills was in G.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 Hooze Craters. We held our position and his body would probably have been recovered and buried after.

Inf: Cpl.P.Thompson. 5781. C.X.
No. 1 C.G.

BOULOGNE. 15.7.1918. AGL

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8th Battn.
A.I.F. C

MILLS.
Cpl G.A. 416.

"Killed 4/10.17."

Informant thinks this must be the same man, but is not certain of his number, though he knows it was a low c/o. Cpl. A Mills of 8th Battn. A.I.F. C Company was killed in Oct. 1917, at Bullecourt (?) instantaneously by a shell. Informant did not witness his death himself, but it was known to be true in the regiment, and moreover he was his section corporal. He was buried somewhere near (name of place not known) and had a good grave, with a cross put over him. Further particulars as to identity could be obtained, if thought necessary, at Head Quarters, Horseferry Road. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness. No.

Description:- Tall and dark.

Home address.

Australian.

Informant:- Pte. David Freeman, 4209 (42014)
8th Battn. C Company. A.I.F.
No. 1 Exeter War
Hospital.

Mabel Turner.

London.

27.9.18.

S.A.

M P.I.

8th Battn.
A.I.F.

MILLS.
G.A. 416 Cpl.

"Killed 4-10-17"

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

Eye-Witness:- Yes.

Description:-

Home address:-

Headquarters A.I.F.

Horseferry Rd.

Informant:- Lowday R. Lieut.

8th Battn. A.I.F.

3rd. London General Hpl.
HANDSWORTH.

John R. Clark Hall.

London.

14-9-18.

M. & P I.

8th Bn
A. I. P.

Killed in Action 4.10.17.

MILLS
Cpl. George Arthur. 416.

No trace Germany

Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.

London.
14.10.19.

H. & P. I.

8th. Batt. A.I.F.

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Mills.G., Sol. NO.418.
A.Coy.

23.10.17.

Killed. Oct. 4th 1917.

We would be pleased if you would place this name on your enquiry list for Det. D.E. 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.

Mother's Address

Mrs. Mills.

St Armad.

Victoria.

Australia.

Brother's Address.

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

A. P. C. Tisbury.

Wilts.

17th April, 1918.

695 Pte. S. G. Mills,
Army Postal Corps,
Tisbury,
Wilts.

Dear Sir, .

We regret to inform you that we have received an unofficial report respecting your brother:

416 Cpl. G. A. Mills, 5th Batta. A. I. F.

which confirms the official statement that he was "Killed in Action".

4772 Pte. E. Stanley, now in hospital abroad, states that he saw him killed instantly by a shell, Oct. 4th 1917, but can give no report as to burial. He describes him as tall, about 6'1", and strongly built, and adds that he joined in 1914.

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,

(Miss) *F. St. George*

SECRETARY.

July 28th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir,

In further answer to your enquiry for your brother -

416 Cpl. G.A. MILLS, 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.E.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 Graters and he believes that, as they 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,

(Miss) *LAW*

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. Mills
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, Wandsworth. 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 of it.

With our sincere sympathy,

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

Secretary.

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