

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
1DRL/0428

1135 Lance Corporal  
Augustus Brockwell  
Hall

33rd Battalion



1240510D

Private 3rd Bn. "D" Coy.

HALL, A. E.  
Corporal, No. 11354

"Died of Wounds. 1.4.18"

Informant described Hall as about 5'8" high, stout build, fair complexion, aged about 24. Came from Cardiff, N.S. Wales.  
Informant states that they both belonged to "D" Company. On or about the 29th or 30th March 1918 the Battalion was in Hangard Wood to which place they had gone from Cambrai. They were in action, the Germans pushing them back. It was the first day that they had been in action since coming from Belgium. About 5 p.m. Hall was hit by a bullet while he was in charge of a Machine Gun (Lewis) Section. Informant did not see him hit but saw him being taken out on a stretcher about 8 p.m. He was conscious and informant spoke to him. Hall recognised informant, who asked him how he felt. Informant did not know where Hall was taken to but believed that he died in England.

According to informant Hall was a very well liked chap.

Informant:- Private A.H. Mulholland, No. 1200,  
"D" Company, 33rd Battalion.

Home Address:- Society Street,  
Toowoomba, Queensland.

F.E.G.  
Sq. 4, Australian General Hospital,  
HARDVICK.

SYDNEY BUREAU

21.11.18.

33rd Battn. D.Coy.  
A.I.F.

HALL  
Cpl.A.E. 1135

"Died of Wounds 1-4-18"

I saw him wounded at Hangard Wood. He was sniped through the stomach whilst out delivering a message. We were attacking at the time, when the casualty happened, which was about dark. I knew him well, he came from N.S.W. He was taken away to the dressing station, and was fully conscious when leaving, but I do not know what became of him after that, and I cannot refer to anyone for details.

Informant. Allen Pte.J.S. 3592A  
33rd Battn. D.Coy. 16th Pltn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W.Oman  
London  
23-5-18

P.I.

Havre.

22nd. May. 1918.

33rd. Australians.

Hall, Corporal. A. B. 1135.

D/W. March. 1/1918. Dots. D/B.

He was in D. Coy, 16th. ln. I have seen a letter sent to Hall's brother, Private. W. Hall, 33rd. Battalion, D. 16, from a Hospital ( I don't know which) stating that Corporal Hall had died there of wounds. I knew him well; he was an old mate of mine; he was fair, about 5 feet 10, about 12 stone; we always called him "Gus".

Inf:- Private. W. H. L. Burt. 2522.  
33rd. Australians. D. 16.  
H. S. "St. ~~xxxxxx~~" David"

GHS.

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33rd Battn. D.Coy.  
A.I.F.

HALL  
Cpl.A.B. 1135

"Died of Wounds 1-4-18"

I saw him wounded at Villers-Brettonne<sup>ux</sup>. He was shot through the stomach with a bullet, and was taken away to the dressing station, where I heard he died, but cannot give any details, and cannot refer to anyone. We were in action at the time. Casualty happened on the 30-7-18. I knew him well, he came from Manila, U.S.F., where he was engaged in farming prior to enlistment.

Informant. Gculton Pte.B. 254<sup>f</sup>  
33rd Battn. D.Coy.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
DARTFORD.

W.Oman  
London  
9-5-18

P.I.

the corporation  
of the State of New York

Hall

1135.

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wd 30 3 18.

1824 Hall A.I.F.

Alexander 2 Ward

Cleveland Hoop.

Laplow.

19.4.18.

ACCOUNT

# HOSPITAL King Edward Hall. Finch

INFORMANT			
Fill in exactly as List.	SURNAME. <i>Ford</i>	Christian Name. <i>J. P.</i>	Regtl. No. 1
	SURNAME <i>Morrison</i>	Christian Name. <i>Gordon</i>	Regtl. No. 1 <i>35 A.</i>

**NOTE.** *1/3*

*Was at Railway dug. A shell came into the almost instantaneously. So did not suffer. I he greatest in the cemetery. with name & date on it.*

**STATEMENT**  
(to be taken)

**NOTE.** In all cases state fully what informant says he saw or heard and give DATE AND PLACE of occurrence.

**PLEASE ALSO ANSWER**

1. Was Informant Eye-Witness? *Yes*

2. If no of

3. Was the ground held or lost? *Held*

4. If I- w- th

5. Did Informant know Christian Name, Initials or No. of man enquired about? *Only initials*

6. Wa- na

7. Give Informant's description of man enquired about—any nickname, marks, scars, etc. *Medium height.*

8. Searcher's opinion of Informant's accuracy and intelligence *Quite accurate & intell.*

23rd April, 1918.

1824 Pte. Hall,  
A.I.F., Alexandra 2 Ward,  
Clivedon Hospital,  
Tapton, Bucks.

Dear Pte. Hall,

In answer to your enquiry for -

1135 Cpl. A.B. HALL, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

We very much regret to inform you that he is officially reported as having died of wounds on 14-18. We have received no further particulars at present but as soon as we do so we shall advise you if you will send us your regimental particulars.

We regret that we have such sad news to give you and assure you of our deepest sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss)

SECRETARY.

L.B.



May 23rd, 1918.

1824 Pte. Hall,  
A.I.F., Alexander 2 Ward,  
Clivedon Hospital,  
Taplow, Bucks.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to your enquiry for your brother -

1155 Cpl. A.B. HALL, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.

We regret to inform you of two unofficial reports of his death, which we have received from men in the same unit but unfortunately they could not give us many details and no information as to his burial.

2876 Pte. J. McKenzie when interviewed at 3rd Southern General Hospital, Radcliffe Buildings, Oxford, stated that he saw your brother wounded in the side by a bullet out in the open at Hanford Wood near Villers Bretonneux. He ~~thinks~~ thought the casualty occurred on ~~Monday~~ <sup>Sunday</sup> and he saw the stretcher bearers carry away your brother who was still alive then but unfortunately he heard nothing more about him - the Battalion advanced about 200 yards and the ground was held.

3254 Sgt. A.C. Johnston when interviewed at the Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, confirmed the above report and further

stated that the casualty which he described as a wound in the stomach - occurred whilst your brother was conveying a message from Capt. Shrogers the O.C. B.Coy, to Lt. Moore of the same Company.

We are continuing our enquiries and will advise you at once if any further reports reach us as we realise how anxious you must be.

With best wishes for yourself.

Yours faithfully,

(Miss) J. J.

SECRETARY.

1824 Pte. Hall,  
A.I.F., Alexander 2 Ward,  
Clivedon Hospital,  
CARLTON.

May 18th, 1918.

Dear Pte. Hall,

We write to advise you of a further unofficial report concerning your brother -

1135 Cpl. A.B. Hall, 33rd Battalion, A.I.F.,  
which we have received from a man in his unit. 2543 Pte. Coulton who is at present in 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, La Trobe, and who stated:- "I saw him very badly wounded at Villers,

Brettonneux. He was taken away to the dressing station where I heard he died but I cannot give any details and cannot refer to anyone. We were in action at the time. The casualty occurred on 30-3-18. I knew him well - he came from Dunilla, N.S.W. and was engaged in farming prior to Enlistment.

We regret very much this information is so slight but we are pursuing our enquiries and trust we may be able to secure proof of your brother's burial. Will you advise us of your regimental particulars so that we may the more easily trace you when you leave Hospital.

Assuring you of our sincere sympathy and hoping you are making a good recovery.

Yours faithfully, ~~AS~~  
(MISS)

SECRETARY.