

Body of Bushfire Victim Found

CANBERRA, February 10.—A 16-day-old mystery of the disappearance of a farm hand in the bushfires which swept around Canberra on January 25, was solved to-day when the charred body was found within a few miles of the city boundary.

The finding of the body, however, has given rise to a new mystery.

Searchers are baffled by the fact that the victim was found lying back with hands clasped behind his head, and within 40 yards of a large deep dam.

The missing man was Randolph Keith Pettit, 35, farm hand employed by G. J. Klimartin of Canberra.

The body was found to-day by a private search party which included his father, Keith Pettit, of Gerangle, N.S.W.

Pettit, on January 23, rode into the paddock in the face of a fire and brought several hundred sheep to the safety of a road.

He was told by a firefighter to remain there while the firefighter went to another point.

Pettit was not seen again. His horse was found unharmed, tied to a fence, and his dog was found burnt to death about 20 yards away in a paddock.