

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**3411 Private
William John Hill**

59th Battalion



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59th Btn.

HILL, W. J.
pte. 3411.

E. in action 31/6/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a short man, well built, thick-set, dark complexion, about 27 years of age. Casualty was on outpost duty at the rear of Mont St. Quentin. He called out to me to relieve him and had no sooner called out when a shell exploded near Casualty killing him instantly and wounding myself. He was most severely wounded about the abdomen but I do not know where he was buried."

Informant:-

Pte. N. C. Malcolm,
No. 1771, 59th Btn.

Private address:-

29 Motherwell Street,
Hawthorn.

T.C.P.
7/2/19.

Not sent P.I.

C. S. H.
P.I.
M.

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A.I.P. 59th Battn.

HILL
W.J. 3411

Killed in Action 31/8/18

59 - 0 - 9 - 5/4 - thick set, fair, between 30 and 40. slightly bald
Came from Victoria. In front of Peronne on 31/8/18 7 a.m. whilst getting
breakfast before the attack. Hill was killed immediately by a
shell. He was buried at P/O on the Battlefield and a cross was
erected.

Informant: J.A. Nicholson, 1974,
59th Battn.

JOMK

London
9/4/19
JEA

NOTE:- Buried 62.C.I.32d. Central
Cert. by Red X Searcher,
Battn. Orderly Room.
B.E.F.

P.I.
M.

Note. W Forge 1191 gave similar evidence

59th Batta.
A.I.F.

HELL.
W.T. 3411.

"Killed in Action 31-8-18"

At Mont St Quentin. and Peronne just between the two,
killed at once by shell which landed just in front of him.
Stretcher Bearers brought him to the dug out where I was but he
was dead then. I was in same section and knew him well, but did
not see his grave.

Informant:- *p.p.p/* Fowler. 1701.
ANZAC BUFFET.

D.P. Dickson.
London.
4-2-49.
H.G.

M & P I.

A.I.F.
59th Bttn.
C.Co.

HILL Pte.
W.J. 3411.

"K/A 31.8.18."

5'8", dark, age 30.

During the morn of 31.8.18. Hill with 3 others, were hit by shell in stomach at Peronne and called "I'm hit" and died a few minutes afterwards. I then assisted to put Hill on stretcher and carried him about 20 yards along the trench. he was left on the stretcher covered over night. We carried him back and buried him in the trench near where he was killed on the field. A temporary X may have been put up.

Home address:-
Carrum. Vict.

O.S.W.
London.
4.6.19.
HG.

Informant:- Pte. P.G. Tregent. 3481.
59th Bttn. D.Coy.
13th Pltn.

Ward 29. 3rd A.A.Hpl.
24.5.19.

M & P.I.

A.I.F.
59th Bttn.
C.O. Pltn 9.

HILL.Pte.

W.J. 3411.

K. 31.8.18.

5'10", fair, age 23.

About 3 a.m. on 31.8.18. he was hit in right side by shell and died a few minutes afterwards at Peronne. He was buried by me where he fell on the field. A temporary cross I put up. 3 others were killed by same shell and are buried alongside one another.

Informant:- Pte.F. Kleina. 2545

59th Bttn. H.Q. Ward 3.

3rd. A.A.Hpl. 26.5.19.

Home address:-

Herwell.

Gippsland. Vict.

O.S.W.

London.

4.6.19.

HG.

M & P.I.

A.I.F.
59th Bttn. C.Co.

HILL
W.J. 3411.

K. Aug. 31st, 1918.

During the morn of 31.8.18. I was within 20 yards of Hill, when he was hit by a shell all over the body, and killed instantly, at Peronna. I saw the body, and saw it being taken to burial on the field the same evening. Did not see any cross.

Description:- 5ft. 9ins. Fair. Age 29-30. Victoria.

Informant:-. Pte J. Judd 3421.
59th Bttn. D. Co. 16th Pltn.
A.I.F. Ward 12. 3rd A.A.H.
16.6.19.

Address.
149 Canning Street
Lansdown.

M. P.I.

O.S.W.
London.
20.6.19.
H.G.