

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2868A Private  
Cyril Claude Hill**

**1st Pioneer Battalion**



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A.I.F. PIONEER 1.

HILL, 2868 <sup>A</sup> <sup>C.C</sup>

K.Sept.1st.1917.

He was killed by a shell and died instantly in the early morning whilst in reserve behind our line near the Menin road. I do not know where he was buried.

Informant: A.J.Lutherborrom~~y~~. 5701. C.Coy.  
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BOULOGNE. 30.11.17.

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Re:

8th Dec. 1917.

AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS,  
1st Batt.

HILL, C.O. 28689

X.71.9.17. Det. D/B.

I knew Pte. Glen Hill of A Co., 3rd Pltn. I was within 15 yards of him between Olapham Junction and our 1st objective on Sept. 1, 1917, about noon, when he was killed instantly by a shell which exploded close to him. His body was quite recognizable. His face was not injured. He had been sitting talking to me a few minutes before he was killed. The body was left lying there when we finished our job and went back to our Camp. I think he was buried where he fell. I saw the cross which was prepared for his grave.

Informant: Pte. H. Rushton, 3411  
1st Aust. Pioneers, A Co., 3rd Pltn.,  
Australian Camp, Rouelles.

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Pioneer Batt: I,  
1st Australian ~~Medical~~ Force

Hill Pte. C.C. 28680

(K. Sept. 1/17 Det D/B)

"I saw Hill killed near Ypres about Sept. 28th. I think Sept. 1st is wrong. I saw a shell burst and it blew him to pieces and they buried what remains they could find in a shell hole. I saw the men bury him, but did not actually take part. I knew him well and was in the same Plt. and Coy."

Eye-witness: Yes

Description: Dark, thin, short, abt. 5ft 4. abt. 37 yrs. of age. A married man with several children. Came from New South Wales where he worked in the Bush.

Informant: Pte. John Borland 2574,  
/4 Pioneer Batt: Aust. Imperial Force,  
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Dec. 14/17,  
M.E. Nickels.

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1st Pioneers,  
A.I.F.

Hill.  
C.C. 2868a

"Killed 1.9.17"

I think the correct No. is 2868 I saw his grave with cross etc in the Little Cemetery at Belgium Battery Corner. I think it was known he was killed outright near Westhoek Ridge.

Witness:- E.C. Pettit 2399  
1st Pioneers  
Dartford.

L.P.J.

London.

28.1.18. Note Owing to a printer's error this man's S.  
number was given as 28680

1st Pioneer Battn. A. Coy.  
A.I.F.

HILL  
C.C. 2868A

"Killed 1-9-17"

Refer to Pte. Holly, 1st Pioneer Battn., A. Coy., who is now in France, he saw him killed at Clapham Junction, and can give full particulars.

Informant. Scullin Pte. J. 5445  
1st Pioneer Battn.,  
3rd A.A.H.,  
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1st Pioneer Battalion A.I.F.

HILL G. C. Pte.

late I.B. 6.R.

No. 2868.4

"Killed 1/9/17"

I knew Hill well, he and I left Australia as the 6th Reinforce ment to the 1st Pioneer Battalion, his number was 2868, he was short, dark, and came from Sydney, and had worked at Hotels, we joined A. Coy together. On the Menin Road near Hell fire Corner he was one of a party with us returning from work. We were followed by 5-9 shells and he was the only one of the party to be hit. He was killed outright without suffering. I was there at the time and saw it happen. He was taken back and buried the same evening. I think near the Swan Chateau about one kilometre south of Ypres. This happened I feel sure on the 19th Sept 1917, but I am certain it was later by 2 weeks than 1/9/17. *He was killed about 10 am*

Informant: Pte J. W. Gribbles, No 2856, 1st Pioneers  
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18/6/18.

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