

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**92 Company Sergeant  
Major  
William Wilfred Hillier**

**35th Battalion**



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A.I.F. 35.

HILLIER CEM. W.W. 92.

K. 24.12.16.

I was with him when he was killed at Square Farm, Fleurbaix, on 24th. Dec. A minenwerfer blew him up in the 1st. line trench. He was killed outright. I saw his body taken away for burial. He was C.C.K. of A.Co.

SA.

Reference: Sgt. W. Marshall. 2101. A.Co.

I have seen his grave in the Cemetery at Armentieres. There is a cross on it with his name.

SA.

Reference: Pte. P. Hansen. 809. C.Co.  
3 A.D.B.D.

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2.3.17.

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A.I.F. 35th Battn

HILLIER  
C/S/M W.W. 92

"Killed in Action"

Killed in Action 24-12-16

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 27-1-17.

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London  
31-1-17.

35th A. I. F.

Hillier, C.S.M. W.W. 92.

(K. Dec. 24th/16. Det: D & B)

Informant states that C.S.M. Hillier was killed in the trench and was buried at Armentieres 25-26th Dec/16. Further details should be obtainable from the Batt Hqrs.

Eye-witness:

Description:

Informant: Lieut J.R. Mann,  
35th A.I.F.,  
3rd London General Hospital,  
Wandsworth, S.W.

6th March 1916.  
A.P. Fleck.

S. S. H. C. J.

A.I.F. 35

HILLIER, C.S.M. W.W.  
92.

K. Dec. 24th 1916.  
Det. D. and B.

I knew him quite well. He was killed at Armentieres. A shell came over and killed him out right and the same shell also wounded Major Sneddon. I do not know whether C.S.M. Hillier has been buried.

Informant, Pte. Clark, D., 1707,  
No. 2 Can. Stationary Hospl.,  
Outreasey,  
BOULOGNE. 7.3.17.

RAOI.

35th Australian Imperial Force

Hillier, C.S.M. W.W.  
92.

( K. Dec. 24/16. Dets  
D & B ).

" I was at Brigade H. . about Dec. 24th, near Armentieres. I heard the others all talking about C.S.M. Hillier, ( 35. A ) They said that he was killed in the trenches during the day-time, and was buried in the cemetery at Armentieres. Capt. Dane, our Bgde Chaplain might be able to give more particulars. "

Eye Witness - No.

Description :- Informant did not know him personally.

Informant :- Pte. Aubrey Litchfield, 1172,  
35 Aus. Imperial Force D.16th P  
3rd Southern Gen. Hospt.  
Cowley Section, Oxford.

Home address :-  
7. 3. 1917. 9, Hubert St.  
H.M. Pickard-Cambridge. Leichardt, N.S.W.

A.I.F. 35

HILLIER, C-S-M- W.W. 92

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K. Sept. 24 th 1916 Det: D & B.

Before I joined the Machine Gun Corps I was in the 35th A.I.F.. I was in A.Coy with C-S-M-Hillier. I knew he had been killed on Xmas Eve at Armentieres. I was told by Pte R.G.Pain of A.Company, that he was present at Hillier's funeral at Armentieres Cemetery. I have seen the cross which was put over his grave. It has his name number and Regiment on it.

Informant: Pte P.Loder. 141. 9.Machine Gun C.  
No.3 Can.Gen.Hospital.  
BOULOGNE. 9.3.1917.

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35th Batt.  
A.I.F.,

HILLIER  
C.S.N. W.W. 92

"Killed Dec. 24/16"

Armentiers killed by shell in the communication trench. I saw him killed, but don't know where buried, the 9th Field Ambulance took him and some others back and buried them. I knew him well, came from Newcastle N.S.W. Tall thin, fair, young.

Reference:-

I.W. Dearman 1470  
Hospital 29  
Harefield.  
5.3.17.

London  
12.3.17.  
D.P. Dickson

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35th Australian Imperial Force

Hillier, Coy. Sgt. Major W.W. 92.

( K. Dec. 24/16. Dets D & B )

" I was at Hillier's funeral, he was killed by shell at Armentieres, when placed on the stretcher, he said, " Turn me on my side, " I believe he died on the way to dressing station. He was buried in the Cemetery, near the Y.M.C.A, at Armentieres, and his grave marked with a white cross. I am not sure if the Chaplain was there to read the service. He was a very popular man, and in the evening the C.O. addressed us and spoke of him as being " a fine soldier. "

Eye Witness - Yes.

Description -

Informant :- Pte. A. E. Mills, 2187,  
35th Aus. Imp Force, A Coy.  
King George Hospt.

Home address :- Stamford Street, London.

42, Brookland Street,  
21.3.17. Off George St,  
P.C Parry. Sydney, N.S.W.  
Australia.

35th A. I. F.

Hillier, C.S.M. W. W. 92.  
D. Coy.

(K. 24/12/16. Det. D/B.)

"C.S.M. W. W. Hillier was killed by a shell, which also wounded Major Snelling, at Square Farm, Armentieres on the 24th Dec. 16."

Eye-Witness: Yes; saw his body.

Description: Tall (about 5 ft. 10) dark, well built.

Reference: Whittaker, Pte. Jack. 924  
35th A.I.F. C. Coy. X Pl.  
Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich.

Home address:

23.3.17.  
Edgar Rice.

c/o J. Whittaker,  
7, Single Road, Usworth, Co. Durham.

Self  
B.  
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K. Dec. 24th 1916 Det:

I knew him. It was at Square Farm at Armentieres. He was killed by a shell and he was buried in the Cemetery at Armentieres, close by the Y.M.C.A. hut. I have seen his grave and there is a cross put up with his name on.

Informant : Cpl. J.E. Thompson. 918.

I can also verify this.

Informant: Pte R. Loder. 141.

No. 7 Conv. Camp.

BOULOGNE. 26.3.1917.

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*Self to S. L. 6-*

K. Dec. 24th 1916 Det: D & B

I knew him. We were at Square Farm, Armentieres. He was standing in our support line near a dugout, when a shell came over and killed him and wounded Major Shedd. I was standing close by. He was buried in Armentieres Cemetery near the Erquinghem Road. I have seen his grave.

Informant: Pte J. Ferguson. 10537  
No. 2 Can. Stat. Outpost  
BOULOGNE. 28.3.1917.

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A.I.F. 35th Bttn.

C/S/M. W.W. 92.

Killed in Action. 24.12.16.

Buried in the Honour Cemetery Armentieres in Grave 93, Section 3,  
Block 3, Row 6.

Cert by German List of graves in Cemetery. See letter  
From Capt. Mills. 28.7.19.

London.  
8.10.19.

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