

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

18468 Gunner  
Geoffrey Dennison  
Hall

3rd Field Artillery Brigade



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3rd Div. Ammunition Column.  
A.I.F.

HALL, G.D. No. 18468  
3rd D.A.C.

Killed Feb. 24/17. Dst. D./B.

" I was only a little distance away from Hall when he was killed. His death was due to shrapnel bursting on a trench mortar bomb just about to be fired. He was killed instantly. I saw his grave later in the Military cemetery at Erguenren behind Armentieres. A cross had been erected giving particulars of name unit and number. I knew Hall well. We went through the same trench ~~XXXXXX~~ mortar school together."

Description. Height 6ft. medium complexion, dark, slight.

Witness. Pte J.A. Morrison. No. 21686, Trench Mortar Batt.

28th June, 1917.

S.W.

No. 4 Command Depot.  
Codford.

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Havre

4th July 1917

AUSTRALIANS

Ammunition Col. 3rd Div.

HALL, G.D. 18468

A 24th Feb. 1917 Det. D/B

Hall was attached to 3rd Div. T.M.B. when he was killed, and was in either "X" or "Y" Battery. I think he came from H.S.W. I had known him about 3 months and had seen him regularly and knew him well. I saw his grave in the Military Cemetery at Armentieres. There is a cross with his name, number and battery on it. He was known as "Gooey" and there was no other man of this name in the section - this is about his number.

Informant: Driver H. L. Johnson, 65  
3rd Section, 3rd Div. Ammunition Col. A. . .  
Australian Camp. Rouelles

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Swift  
G. C.

A.F.A. 3rd D.A.C.

HALL, G.D. 18468.

K. Feb 24th 1917. Dets D/B.

He was killed by the premature bursting of a T.M. in our own trench and died instantly. He was buried in the Military Cemetery at Armentieres and his grave is marked. Two gunners Chippendale, who were related to Hall, and who were in the same trench when this occurred, have sent all details to his relatives. The Captain of the 3rd Section of the 3rd D.A.C. has also written.

Inf: Driver. J.W. Rose. 21932.

No. 2 Aust General

BOULOGNE 5.7.17.

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*S. J. P.  
Ed.*

A.I.P. Amm: Col: 3rd Div:

Hall, G.D. 18468.

(K. Feb. 24/17. Dets. D/B)

"I was told that Hall was killed by the premature burst of a shell on the Armentieres front."

Eye-witness:- Saw grave, told by Gnr. Chippendale Junr. 3rd D.A.C.

Description:- Very tall, slim, clean-shaven, very quiet, a very straight man, the best sort.

Informant:- Dvr. J.W. Rose, 21932,  
3rd D.A.C.,  
York House Hospital,  
Folkestone.

Home address:- 144, Nicholson St.,  
Fitzroy,  
Melbourne.

July 16/17  
Lucy E. Claghorn

Smith  
S. B

Ammunition Col.

3rd Div.

A. I. F.

Hall.

G. D. 13468.

"Killed 24.2.17"

Sgt. Saunders No.1 Sect of this Unit will be able to give or procure authentic information re death and burial. Hall was in No.1 Section. Please mention to Saunders that I referred you to him. Hall was killed by a premature burst while temporarily with heavy trench mortars on the Argentieres Front.

Witness:-

Gnr. C.W.Reilly 26488.

Amm. Col. 3rd Div.

Dartford.

L. E. J.

London.

26.7.17.

Note Written Sgt. Saunders 25.7.17.

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3rd D.A.C.  
I.A.I.F.

Hall.  
G.D 18468

"Killed in Action 24.2.17."

Re 18468 G.H. Hall I am able to supply you with the following particulars:-

Description:- Dark, Clean Shaven, Height about 5'9" or 10" Killed in Action 24.2.17. Buried in Soldiers cemetery at Armentieres. Burial registered at French Mission Armentieres. He was a member of our Unit but volunteered his services to a French Mortar Batty in which he was serving at the time of his death. As a mark of respect and esteem his M.S.W. comrades have erected a large cross at the head of his grave. I trust that this information will be of service to you and I shall be pleased to assist you on any further occasion of it be in my power

Letter from:-

Thos. Saunders - S.C.

No 1 Sec. 3rd D.A.C.

France. 6.8.17.

London.  
14.9.17.

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A.I.F. 3rd Div.Am.Col

HALL  
Gnr. Geo. Dennison 18468(HQ)  
not 1846

"K. in A. 24-2-17"

Killed in Action 24-2-17 at Armentieres - Buried at Cite Bonjean  
Military Cemetery Armentieres  
Cert. by A.I.F.Headquarters 14-4-17.

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London  
18-4-17



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27th June 1917

AUSTRALIANS

ALLEGATION COL: 3rd Div.

HALL, G.D. 18468

A. 24th Feb. 1917 Det. D/B

I saw the grave of Gunner Geof. Hall who was killed in action. There is a large cross on it painted black with gold letters; it is in the Armentieres Cemetery. I saw it in March 1917. Hall came from Newcastle, N.S.W. His christian name was Geoffrey.

Informant: Gunner L. Sherman 5108  
3rd T. M. Battery A.I.F.  
Australian Camp, Rouelles

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A.F.A. Ammn.Col. 3 Div.

HALL, G.D. 18468

K.Feb. 24 1917. Det: D & B

There was a Hall - called Geoff, who was killed with a T.M.B. medium I think, at Armentieres early in the year. He had been in my section, No.4, of the 3rd D.A.C. but went to a T.M. school in January, and then went up and was killed in the line. What I heard was that a shell came in as they were firing their gun, and Hall was hit in the side. It was read out to us officially. He was the first man of the 3rd S D.A.C. to be killed. I was present with two mates of mine when he was buried on Sunday afternoon, in the Ansac Cemetery - off the Erquinghem Road.

Informant: Driver F.R.Lewis. 19316.  
No.32 Stat.

BOULOGNE 26.5.17.

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Jack  
44 P.P.  
FM. 15.8.17

Walter Field

28.7.17

The Secretary

Aust Red Cross Socy.

London

Dear Madam

With Reference to your

communication of 28.7.17.

Re, 18468. Ed Hall, Dan:

able to supply you with  
the following particulars.  
Description.

Dark, Clean shaven  
height about 5 ft 8 in. 10 inches  
~~height~~ killed in action 24.2.17.

Buried in Soldiers' Cemetery  
at Ammentures ?

Burial registered at  
French Mission Ammentures.

He was a member of our  
unit but volunteered his  
services to a French Motor  
Battery in which he was

Serving at the time of  
his death.

As a mark of respect  
and esteem his  
W.S. Wales comrades  
have erected a large  
cross at the head of his  
grave.

I trust that this information  
will be of service to you  
and I shall be pleased  
to assist you on any  
further occasion if it  
be in my power.

Yours faithfully  
Thos. Saunders

18468/ G.D. HALL

D.A.C.

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H. H. Watson