

HILL, Stephen Meddings

Rank: Corporal

Service Number: 4709

Unit: 24th Battalion, 12th Reinforcement

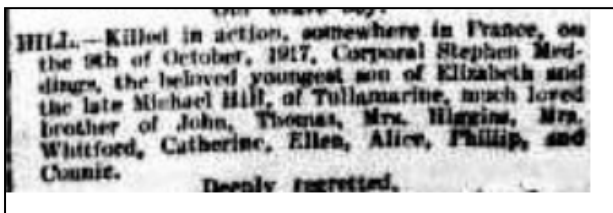
Place of Birth: Tullamarine, Melbourne, Vic

Date of Birth: 1893 (Reg. No. Vic BDM 1645/1893)

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld on 4 February 1916 aged 23 years 1 month

Next-of-kin was mother, Elizabeth Hill, Tullamarine, Victoria. Father Michael Hill.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 11 inches and weighed 182 lbs. His chest measurement was 38-40 inches. His occupation was selector at Bracewell, via Mount Larcom, near Gladstone, Qld. Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A14 *Euripides* on 4 April 1916. Proceeded France 5 September 1916. Taken on strength Belgium 19 September 1916. Promoted Corporal 23 September 1917. Killed in action by a sniper at Passchendaele, Ypres, Belgium on 9 October 1917. Buried Passchendaele New British Cemetery Plot XIV, Row A, Grave No. 18.



Argus, Melbourne. Saturday 17 November 1917. (TROVE: nla.gov.au)

24th Battn.
A.I.F.
HILL.
S.M. 4709.

"Killed in Action 9-10-17"

Re the death of No 4709, Pte. S.M. Hill, who was killed by a sniper on Oct 9th 1917. I could not say if he was buried in a Soldiers Cemetery, but I think it would be in the field, as we had to retire off the ground where he was killed. I was with him when he was hit, he only lived for a minute so he never spoke. He was tall, height about 6 ft. 1 ins, weight about 14 stone, well built, broad shoulders, big boned, dark hair, and dark complexion. He was a very quiet spoken fellow. He was a gazetted corporal when he was killed. He had only just got his stripes a few days before he met his death. That is about all I can tell.

Letter from:- L/Cpl. R. Zimmer. Q644.
C. Coy. 24th Battn.
A.I.F. FRANCE. 22-8-18.

London.
27-9-18.
J.R.A.

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From Red Cross Missing and Wounded File Stephen Meddings HILL at Australian War Memorial.
www.awm.gov.au

Medals: British War Medal; Victory Medal

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](http://naa.gov.au)

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Paulette Flint, 2024