

**Earlham Road Cemetery,
Norwich, Norfolk
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



55159 PRIVATE

P. A. HILL

60TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

17TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 25

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Philip Albert HILL

Philip Albert Hill was born at Norwich, Norfolk, England to parents Solomon James & Emma Hill (nee Metcalf). His birth was registered in the March quarter, 1893 in Norwich, Norfolk, England.

The 1901 England Census recorded Philip Hill as an 8 year old, living with his family at 23 Adelaide Street, West Wymer, Norwich, Norfolk, England. His parents were listed as Solomon Hill (House Painter, aged 44, born Norwich, Norfolk) & Emma Hill (aged 37, born Norwich, Norfolk). Philip was one of nine children listed on this Census (all born at Norwich, Norfolk) – Emma Hill (Housemaid, aged 14), Lily Hill (aged 13), Emeny Hill (aged 11), Solomon Hill (aged 10) then Philip, Ethel Hill (aged 6), May Hill (aged 4), Albert Hill (aged 2) & Matilda Hill (aged 10 months). Also listed on the Census were Solomon Hill's parents - Solomon Hill (woollen Warehouseman, aged 69) & Sarah Hill (aged 71).

The 1911 England Census recorded Philip Hill as an 18 year old Clerk at a Boot Manufacturer, living with his family at 10 Langley Street, West Wymer, Norwich, Norfolk, England – a 6 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Solomon Hill (House Painter, aged 54) & Emma Hill (aged 47). Solomon & Emma had been married for 24 years, having had ten children in total, one having since died. Philip was one of seven children listed on this Census – Lily Florena Hill (Boot Machinist, aged 23), Emeny Sarah Hill (Chocolate Manufacturing, aged 21), then Philip, Ethel Elizabeth Hill (Assistant in Boot Shop), aged 16), Albert Peckover Hill (at School, aged 12), Matilda Hill (At School, aged 10) & Elsie May Hill (At School, aged 8, born Norwich, Norfolk). Emma Edith Hill & Solomon Thomas Hill were originally listed on the Census but crossed out & marked “away”.

Philip Albert Hill was a 24 year old, single, Surgical Dresser, from 74 Carlton Street, Carlton, Victoria when he enlisted on 3rd July, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 55159 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Hill, of 10 Langley Street, Norwich, England. Philip Hill stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's service due to a Hernia.

Philip Albert Hill was posted to Broadmeadows Camp from 30th July, 1917 as the rank of Private for recruit training. He was admitted to Hospital at Broadmeadows from 18th August, 1917 until 22nd August, 1917 with post vaccination. Pte Hill was transferred to No. 11 Australian Hospital on 8th September, 1917. He was Acting Corporal from 21st November, 1917 at Broadmeadows until 13th May, 1918. Pte Hill was posted to NO. 1 Depot Battalion Camp from 13th May, 1918 then transferred to 5th Reinforcements of Victorian General Service on 22nd May, 1918.

Private Philip Albert Hill embarked from Sydney, NSW on RMS *Orontes* on 5th June, 1918 with the 5th Victorian General Service Reinforcements & disembarked at Liverpool, England on 11th August, 1918.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Philip Albert Hill was marched in to 14th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 12th August, 1918. He was allotted to Reinforcements of 60th Battalion whilst at 14th Training Battalion.

Private Philip Albert Hill was sent sick to Clearing Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 23rd August, 1918 with synovitis of knee & was discharged & marched in to 14th Training Battalion on 2nd September, 1918 from Hospital.

Private Philip Albert Hill was transferred to Reinforcements of 8th Battalion & marched out to 1st Training Battalion on 2nd October, 1918.

Private Philip Albert Hill was admitted to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 10th October, 1918 suffering from Influenza & Bronchitis. He was transferred to Sutton Veny Military Hospital in 14th October, 1918.

Private Philip Albert Hill was admitted to Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 14th October, 1918 – seriously ill with Influenza. The Hospital Admissions form states “*Admitted in very serious condition. Colour bad. Temp 105 Pulse 120 Resp. 20. Extensive areas Bronchopneumonia all over lungs particularly at both bases behind. 16/10/18 – Condition worse.....*”

Private Philip Albert Hill died on 17th October, 1918 at Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England from Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for Philip A. Hill, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Philip Albert Hill was buried on 23rd October, 1918 in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England – Plot number 54. 703 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Philip Albert Hill - *The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin draped with the Union Jack was conveyed to the Graveside on a Gun-carriage, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from relations and friends and Mr & Mrs Hill. The last post was sounded by the graveside, and the Rev. J. W. Langley conducted the service. A temporary oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters London were represented.*

Names of Relatives present at the Funeral – Mrs E. Hill. Mr S. J. Hill, C. S. M., S. T. Hill and the Misses Hill of 10 Langley Street, Norwich.

Private Philip Albert Hill was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Hill's father – Mr S. Hill, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Philip Albert Hill – service number 55159, aged 25, of 60th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Solomon James and Emma Hill, of 10 Langley Street, Norwich.

Private P. A. Hill is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 170.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Norwich War Memorial located outside City Hall, Norwich, Norfolk, England does not list individual names.

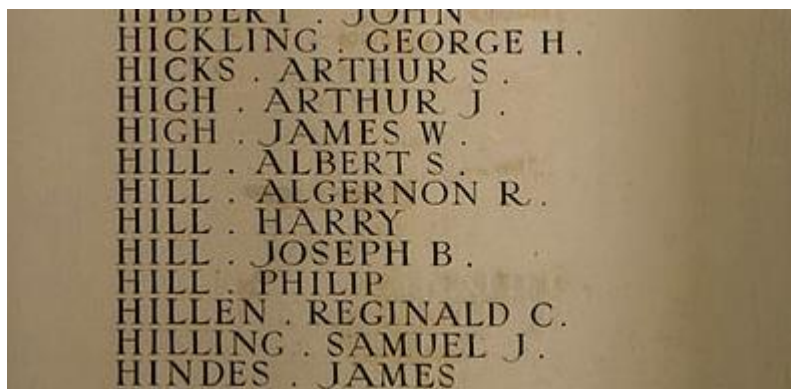


Norwich War Memorial (Photo by Robert Edwards)

Philip Hill is remembered on the Norwich Roll of Honour. The Norwich Roll of Honour lists the names of 3,544 men from Norwich who died in World War I. As the War Memorial was not large enough to contain so many names, it was decided that Lutyens, who had designed the Norwich War Memorial, should also design a Roll of Honour to be made of oak panels on which the names would be painted. The result was a unique memorial.

It was originally installed in the Norwich Castle Keep on 13 January 1931 with alterations made to improve the quality of the panels. The Roll of Honour, after suffering structural damaged, was fully restored and has moved from the Castle Keep to City Hall. It was unveiled in November which coincided with the time of remembrance and marking the centenary of 1916, a pivotal year in World War I. The Roll of Honour can be found in the main foyer (on the left side as you enter City Hall) and viewings are on a pre-booked basis.





Norwich Roll of Honour

(42 pages of Pte Philip Albert Hill's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

THE 447th CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIAN NAMES

DIED OF OTHER CAUSES

A-Cpl. P. A. Hill, England.

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 30 November, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private P. A. Hill does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich contains 533 Commonwealth War Graves.

The cemetery was laid out in 1856 and casualties of the South African War were buried in the oldest part. Nearly half of the 1914-1918 burials are to be found in two military plots; one in the North-Eastern part and the other in the Western part of the burial ground. Ground immediately adjoining the latter was reserved for service burials of the 1939-1945 War and is now combined with it to form the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 War Graves Plot. The Cross of Sacrifice, which honours the servicemen of both Wars who are buried in the cemetery, stands in the plot, and carved upon two of the panels of its base are the dates 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. There are now nearly 350, 1914-1918 and nearly 200, 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site. In addition, a special memorial is erected to one soldier buried among civilian air raid victims in a grave on which it was not possible to erect a headstone.

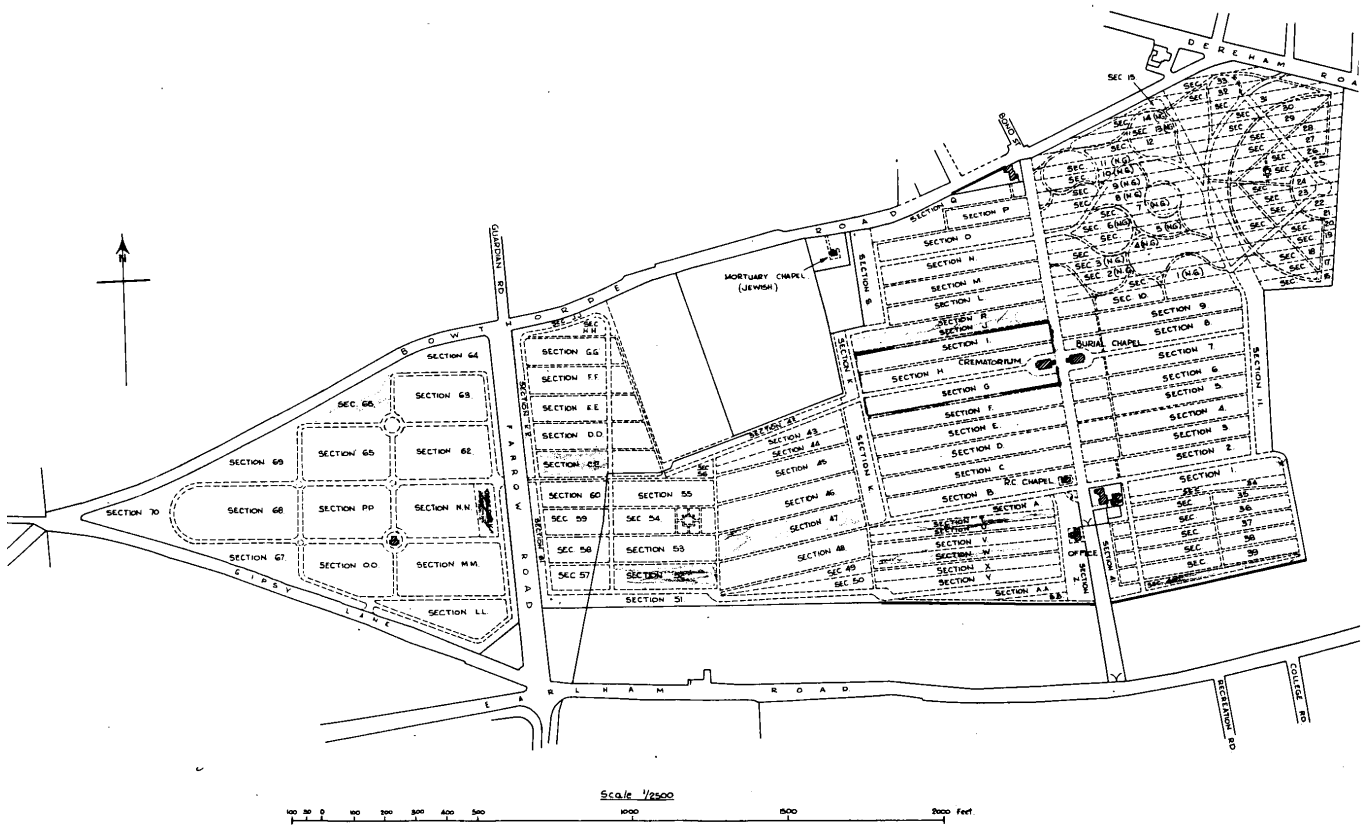
(Information & photo from CWGC)



Photo of Private P. A. Hill's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England.



(Photo by Jennifer Hart – Find a Grave)



Map of Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

