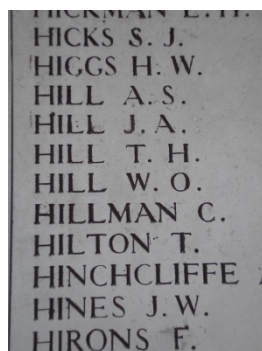


HILL, William Osborne



William Osborne Hill recorded at the Menin Gate Memorial Ieper (Ypres) Belgium.
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Back Row (left to right) —Students R.E. Buckingham, O. Ussher, A.J. Atkinson, A.K. Maney-Lake, W.O. Hill, Mr. R.H. Inder. Mr J.H. Bull. *Middle Row.*--Student B.G. Rigby, Mr. M. Horan, Mr. H. Reay (Captain), Mr. H.D. Barlow (Hon. Sec.). Student D.S. Maxwell. *Sitting.*—Students B. Thorpe, J. McCullagh, S.E. Stephens.
University Archives Ref. P972 Rifle team, 1913 [Hawkesbury Agricultural College (HAC)].

William left Frankston in Victoria to travel to HAC as a 17 year old to commence his Diploma in 1910. He completed it in 1913, then worked with sheep and wheat in the Riverina. Later that year, whilst recuperating from a cane knife wound in his hospital bed in Fiji, he wrote to the College asking if they were sending a company to the war. He enlisted with a Fiji Contingent in December 1914 and travelled to England in early February 1915 where he was attached as Rifleman R/10203, to the Kings Royal Rifle Corps as part of the 4th Battalion. He went to the Front in France in April and was killed on 8 May 1915.

His mother wrote to the College;

"Will was very happy with you all at the College and I know he used to think of the time he spent there as amongst the happiest years of his life" .

He is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 53, Ieper, Belgium.