

## **First World War Service Record of Beresford Winnington Hill**

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# COMMISSION OF A CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The information asked for below must be given in full.

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| 1. Name in full  | Surname. Hill.<br>Christian names. Beresford Warrington |
| 2. Date of birth (a birth certificate to be forwarded later).  | May 27 <sup>th</sup> 1892.                              |
| 3. Whether married.  | No  |
| 4. Whether of pure European descent.   | Yes   |
| 5. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject.  | British Born  |
| 6. Permanent address.  | East View Oxbridge Hill                                 |
| 7. Present address for correspondence.   | U.S. Brigade Post Office<br>Spa.                        |
| 8. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any other Government Department (Home, Indian, or Colonial). If so, give particulars. | Staff R. N. College Osborne.<br><del>Adm.</del>         |
| 9. Whether able to ride.   | No  |
| 10. Details of previous military training and military experience.   | 3 yrs O.T.C. Malvern<br>3 yrs O.T.C. Cambridge          |
| 11. Whether application for a commission has been previously made. If so, state date and branch of the Service.                        | No.   |

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be appointed to a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date 22.9.14.

Beresford W. Hill

Usual Signature of Candidate

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age )

This form is to be used for a cadet or ex-cadet of the Senior Division,  
Officers Training Corps, or a member of a University).

Form M.T.  
393 should be used for other candidates.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A TEMPORARY COMMISSION IN  
THE REGULAR ARMY FOR THE PERIOD OF THE WAR.

The Candidate will complete the following particulars and submit this form to the  
Officers Training Corps or University Authorities.

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|---|-----------------|---|
| 1. Name (in full)   | Surname         | Hill  |
|   | Christian Names | Beresford Winnington  |
| 2. Date of birth  |                 | May 27 <sup>th</sup> 1892   |
| 3. Whether married  |                 | No  |
| 4. Whether of pure European descent   |                 | Yes   |
| 5. Whether a British born or a naturalised<br>British subject   |                 | British born  |
| 6. Permanent address  |                 | East View<br>Uxbridge<br>Middlesex  |
| 7. Present address for correspondence   |                 | East View<br>Uxbridge<br>Middlesex  |
| 8. Whether now serving, or previously served,<br>in any other Government Department<br>(Home, Indian or Colonial). If so, give<br>particulars |                 | <del>at present serving in</del><br><del>University &amp; Public Schools</del><br><del>Battalions</del> |
| 9. Whether able to ride   |                 | No.   |

accepted candidates will be gazetted to a general list; they

10. The Branch of the service (cavalry, artillery, engineers, infantry or Army Service Corps) in which desirous of serving

Infantry

11. The unit (if any) to which desirous of being appointed

Rifle

but no guarantee can be given that they will be appointed to any post

I certify the above statement to be correct, and I request that I may be granted a temporary commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

Date Sep. 12<sup>th</sup> 1914

Beresford W.  
(Usual signature)

Signature of parent or guardian, if the candidate is under 21 years of age

Certificate to be signed by a Member of the Military Education Committee  
University.

I certify that Mr.

R. W. Hill

is recommended by the Military Education Committee as a suitable candidate for a commission in the Regular Army for the period of the war.

University of

Cambridge

W. D. Hill

Date

Sept 12. 1914

# SHORT SERVICE.

(Three years with the Colours.)

3655

## ATTESTATION OF ROYAL FUSILIER

Name Hill B.W.

Corps

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- What is your Name? Beverford Winnington Hill
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Ewell in or near the Town of Epsom in the County of Surrey
- Are you a British Subject? Yes
- What is your Age? 22 Years, 3 Months.
- What is your Trade or Calling? Schoolmaster
- Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years, continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? No
- You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period of your apprenticeship expire? No
- Are you Married? No
- Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
- Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what unit and Corps? No
- Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit and cause of discharge Schoolmaster O.T.C. resigned July 1914
- Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? No
- Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
- Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Yes
- Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? Yes Name Captain George Hellewell Corps Nation's Reserve
- Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? Yes

For a term of three years, unless War lasts longer than three years, in which case you will be retained until the War is over. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., you may be retained after the termination of hostilities until your services can be spared, but such retention shall in no case exceed six months. If however, the War is over in less than three years, you will be discharged with all convenient speed.

I, Beverford Winnington Hill do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

B.W. Hill

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

P. Brough

Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Beverford Winnington Hill swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly given as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me.

on this 18th day of Sept 1914  
W. C. Minister Signature of the Justice

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only.  
 Army Form B. 178<sup>A</sup> to be used for Special Reserve recruits  
 and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Hill Christian Name Beresford Cunningham

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace .. Parish St Leon Ewell County Surry.

Examined .. .. on 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1914.  
 at London

Declared Age .. .. 22 years 90 days.

Trade or Occupation .. Schoolmaster

Height .. .. 5 feet, 10 inches.

Weight .. .. 105 - 12 lbs.

Chest { Girth when fully Expanded 38 inches.  
 Measurement { Range of Expansion 2 inches.

Physical Development .. Good

Vaccination Marks { Arm .. Right Left  
 Number

When Vaccinated .. ..

Vision .. .. { R.E.—V=20  
 { L.E.—V=20

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease .. .. (a)

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection .. .. (b)

Approved by .. (Signature) SS Brook RDC  
 (Rank) .. .. Medical Officer.

Enlisted .. .. at Westminster.  
 on 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1914

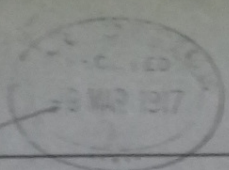
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|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Joined on Enlistment .. | Corps.<br><b>19TH (SER.) BATTN ROYAL FUSILIERS</b> | Regtl. No.<br><u>3655</u> |
| Transferred to ..       |  |                           |

Became non-effective by .. Discharge to Commence  
 on 26<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1914

(Signature) H. M. ... Capt. & Adj. ...  
 (Rank) 10th Linc. Battalion  
Royal Fusiliers. P.T.O.

Register No.

28216



Minute Sheet No.

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2nd Lieutenant B.W. Hill,

General List & Royal Flying Corps.

"Killed in Action - 4th March, 1917".

Next-of-Kin:-

Mrs. T. Hill (Mother)  
East View,  
Uxbridge.

*Madison*

M.S.3. (Cas.)

8.3.17.

<sup>2</sup>  
Send form 51 to agents

Circulate for claims

Send form 111 a to solrs

*Ken*  
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We have found a further claim - on

OK

*Enclosure*

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2673

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I certify that this Telegram is sent on the service of the

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Attention is called to the Regulations printed at the back hereof

TO Mrs Hill East View up bridge

Deeply regret inform you 2 Lt. B.W. Hill  
General dist att R F C killed in action  
March 1917 The Army Council express their  
sympathy

FROM

SECRETARY, WAR OFFICE

The Name and Address of the Sender, IF NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED, should be written in the space provided at the Back of the Form

Extract from ~~Letters of Administration.~~  
Probate of Will.

Dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 1917. Granted at The P. P. R.

1. Estate of Beresford Wymington Hill, of East View, Uxbridge in the Co. of Middlesex. 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut. R.F.C.

2. Date and Place of Death Died on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1917 in France on active service.

3. Grantees Florence Herbert Hill - (wife of Thomas Hill) Mother of dec<sup>d</sup>, sole Executrix named in the S<sup>d</sup> Will.

✓ Solair's Will dated July 14<sup>th</sup> 1915.

4. Gross value. £ 120. 15. 6.

✓ 5. Disposal of Medals - To M<sup>rs</sup> F. H. Hill mother of dec<sup>d</sup> Testator.

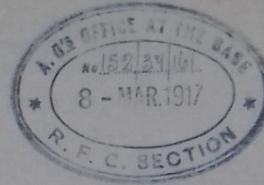
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Est<sup>d</sup> &

Gamlen, Bowerman & Co<sup>s</sup> Ltd  
3 & 4, Gray's Inn Square.

and to whom returned by Reg<sup>d</sup> P<sup>r</sup> 15/6/17.  
Reg<sup>d</sup> 15/6/17

15/9/17

# FIELD SERVICE.



REPORT of Death of an Officer to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT  
or  
CORPS

GENERAL LIST  
ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

Squadron,  
Troop, Battery  
or Company

No. 59 Squadron.

Rank SECOND LIEUTENANT,

Name B. W. HILL,

DIED

By whom reported G.O.C. R.F.C. in the Field. (Summary of Casualties d 5.3.17, List No. 915.

Date of Death 4th March 1917.

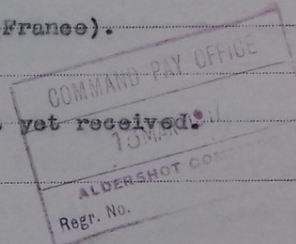
Place or Hospital In the Field. (France).

Cause of Death KILLED.

Place of Burial Particulars not yet received.

State whether he leaves  
a will or not.

Not known.



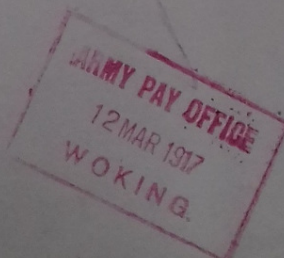
All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased Officer of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

Signature of Officer in charge  
of Section Adjutant-General's  
Office at the Base.

*B. W. Hill*  
Captain, for,  
Officer i/c Royal Flying Corps Section,  
G.H.Q., 3rd Echelon, B.E.F.

Station and Date BASE. 7th March 1917.



28216  
REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
OF ADJUSTMENT.

(AFFAIRS OF DECEASED OFFICERS.)

To

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

(through the Command Paymaster, Base).

Sir,

We have the honour to submit the following report with regard to the affairs of the late

2nd Lieut. B.W. HILL. Gen: List & 59 Squadron, R.F.C.

So far as can be ascertained the preferential charges or local debts were

(1) Mess Bill.....Fcs 8 .50

The amount of cash received was  $\begin{matrix} 27 & - & 15 & - & 2 \\ 1 & - & 0 & - & 4 \end{matrix}$  } *CM*

*Credit. CO. H. for CO. Base.*  
The preferential charges or local debts paid were (1) by O.C. Unit out of money belonging to deceased.

Those left unpaid were NIL

A balance of  $\begin{matrix} 27 & - & 15 & - & 2 \\ 1 & - & 0 & - & 4 \end{matrix}$  } *CM* is now in the hands of the Paymaster.

Small articles of specially sentimental or intrinsic value belonging to the deceased and received by us have been transmitted to Messrs. Cox's Shipping Agency, Ltd.

We have ascertained that articles of personal property (other than articles of specially sentimental or intrinsic value) have been sent to Messrs. Cox's Shipping Agency, also.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants,

*Ans Hadeler*

*Staff* Captain, Major, D.A.A.G.

For the Standing Committee of Adjustment.

No: 3:17.

2/18/17. Bressford W. Hill  
R. I. C.

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1. Book "Open Road"
1. Case contg. 2 packs Patience Cards
1. Folding Cup
1. Small Crucifix
1. " prayer book
1. New Testament.
1. Book "Prayers for use on Ad. Service"
1. Inlaid mirror in case.
1. Lewis Gun Back Sight

Sent by. G. H. M. G. Coy.

B. E. J.

O. V. 12897

9th M. G. Coy.  
17th March 1914 B. E. F.

Messrs Cox & Co.  
London.

Sir,

This letter will be  
enclosed in a parcel  
containing the private  
effects of the late 2nd Lieut  
Beresford W. Hill, R.F.C., who  
was killed in action on  
the 5th inst., and were taken  
from his machine after  
it fell to earth.  
You will be able

I desire that the late Officer's effects should

address:—

W. T. Hill

identifying him by another  
addressed to you,  
not posted, which will  
also be enclosed.

Please repack the  
parcel and post the  
contents to his relations  
as soon as possible, and  
acknowledge receipt of this  
by return.

I am, Sirs,

Yours faithfully

Edward J. P. Morrow

LIEUT.

Mackay San Carlo

I desire that the late Officer's effects should

address:—

*From*

THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT,  
General Headquarters,  
3rd Echelon,  
British Expeditionary Force.

*To*

Messrs. Cox & Co's. SHIPPING AGENCY, LTD.,  
16, Charing Cross,  
London, S.W.

The undermentioned effects of the late

2/Lieut. B.W. Hill, 59th. Squadron, R.F.C.

are forwarded herewith, by registered post.

INVENTORY.

*(no Hall mark)*  
1. Silver wrist Identity Disc.