Hill, Leslie Roland

A West Australian railway employee
killed while on military service for their country



Leslie Hill from book (see below)

Rail employment information

Employer:	Western Australian Government Railways & Tramways
Branch:	Locomotive
Designation:	Cleaner

Rail employment notes: Born 30/11/1893. Joined WAGR 30/8/1910 aged 16 as Junior Porter, Burswood. Transferred to West Subiaco 16/3/1911 and Fremantle 29/5/1911. Appointed to Cleaner, Fremantle 14/10/1912 and transferred to Kalgoorlie 27/10/1914 and Fremantle 4/2/1915. Granted leave to join AIF 24/8/1915 (Service No.3821). Killed in action at Armentieres 30/5/1916.

Military service information:

Conflict:	First World War 1914-1918
Service:	Australian Imperial Force
Military unit:	11th Battalion.
Service number:	3821
Date of death:	30 May 1916
Place of death:	Fleurbaix, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France
Age:	22
Rank at time:	Private

Buried/commemorated: Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France

Leslie Hill enlisted on 25 August 1915 and after initial training was embarked on 22 November 1915; RMS *Mongolia* from Fremantle. He served in Egypt and then France before being killed in action at Fleurbaix (Northern France near Armentieres) 30 May 1916.

Information and/or photographs may also be found on the Australian War Memorial website: *https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people*

Additional/personal information:

Mr Hill was born in Sydney NSW in 1894 but was in WA by 1901. He is listed on an honour board in St Paul's Anglican Church, Beaconsfield (a southern suburb of Fremantle) and so may have lived in that area.

He was a cousin to Sergeant Arthur Coolahan, a fellow WAGR employee who also enlisted and was also killed in France.

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Abbreviations: WAGR= Western Australian Government Railways (& Tramways at some periods); MRWA= Midland Railway of Western Australia; BDM=Western Australian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages website; AWM=Australian War Memorial (Canberra and website); CWGC= Commonwealth War Graves Commission (including website).

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