

Claude B. Hill

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LIEUT. CLAUDE B. HILL, the only son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hill, was born in Seattle, Wash., on August 13, 1894. He graduated from Hyde Park High School, Chicago, in February, 1913, entered Armour Institute the same year and in 1916 completed the course in Fire Protection. On May 9, he enlisted with the First Officers' Training Corps at Fort Sheridan and in June was stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Commissioned as Second Lieut. in the Engineers in August, he was assigned to Camp Custer, Michigan, Co. A, 310th Engineers. On July 20, 1918, he sailed from New York with the 85th Division, landing at Archangel, Russia, on September 1st.

It was in Russia that he met his terrible fate. He and his platoon had been sent to Seltsoe on the Dvina river. On October 8th he was ordered by the commander of forces at Seltsoe to bring in a tug deserted by its Russian captain and crew. He was under fire all the time and in order to get back before daylight was forced to abandon the tug. Attempting to swim across, they were carried down by the current before assistance could reach them.

While at "Armour" he had been active in athletics, and was three years catcher on the "Armour" baseball team. He was also a member of Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.