Hall, Arthur Charles
ASC 1908-12

PARTICULARS OF SERVICE IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE OF

ex No. 2651 Corporal Arthur Charles HALL, V.C., 56th Battalion.

3. 4.16 Enlisted in the A.I.F. at Dubbo, N.S.W.
7.10.16 Embarked for active service abroad.
24.12.16 To be Acting Corporal
8. 3.17 Reverts to rank of Private
30. 5.17 WOUNDED IN ACTION
12. 6.17 Appointed Lance Corporal
4. 10.17 Promoted Corporal
14.12.18 AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS
6. 5.19 To be T/Sergeant
28. 6.19 Returned to Australia
3. 8.19 Discharged from the A.I.F. at Sydney, N.S.W.
Termination of Period of enlistment.

21 OCT. 1919
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<td>1. What is your Name?</td>
<td>Arthur Charles Hall</td>
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<td>2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?</td>
<td>near the Town of Granville in the County of N.S.W.</td>
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<td>3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>4. What is your age?</td>
<td>19 years 7 months</td>
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<td>5. What is your trade or calling?</td>
<td>Station Hand</td>
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<td>6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>7. Are you married?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>8. Who is your next of kin?</td>
<td>Father Charles Hall, 8, Argyn</td>
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<td>9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>10. Have you ever been discharged from an act of His Majesty's Forces, with ignominy, or as Insolvent and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond this country, or together with Pay, would reach eight shillings per day?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Arthur Charles Hall do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth. *And I further agree to allot not less than two-sixths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service to the support of my wife and children*.
Embarked at Sydney per A40 "CERAMIC" on 7/10/1916.
8/2/17. T.O.S. OF 54th BN AIF FROM 6th REPS OF 54th BN
8/2/17. Reverted to Pte on joining 54th BN AIF
10/3/17. Wounded in action
21/4/17. Rejoined Unit from Wounds.
12/5/17. App. Lance Corporal
5/10/17. To Hosp sick.
4/10/17. From COFF.
18/1/18. To Hosp. Sick.
11/10/18. Trans to 56th Bn from 54th Bn 5371-5/19
22/5/18. O.S. to France.
26/6/19. Rtd "Dev/na" TPE. Disc. 7/6/19 2/MD. (for Am.)

Awarded V.C. at Peronne, 1918

To be A/Lieut

Appointed Lieut (prob) 7 Cnrn Bn

Placed on Retired List

15.4.42 Apptd 0.
15.4.42 CAG 146/42
15.11.43 AMF 7/43(484)
MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when Called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. N 3579 01
Surname HALL (VC) Christian Names Arthur Charles
Unit 7th Garrison RL

Enlisted for war service at Lyne

(State) 6th January 1917

Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for enlistment

1. What is your name? ...

2. Where were you born?

3. Are you a British Subject?

4. What is your age and date of birth?

5. (a) What is your normal trade or occupation? Grade if any?
    (b) Present occupation?

6. (a) Are you married, single or widower?
    (b) If married state date of marriage ...

7. (a) Have you had previous naval, military or Air Force service either in peace or war? If so, where and in what arm?
    (b) What was the reason for your discharge?

8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister)

9. What is your permanent address?

10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so)

11. Which, if any, of the following Educational Qualifications do you possess?

12. Have you ever been convicted by a Civil Court?
    (a) What Court?
    (b) for what offence?

I, Arthur Charles HALL, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.

Witnessed by W. R. W. Hall
**SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM**

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<td>13.4.42</td>
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**Pass.**

No. 2631 (Rank: Specialist. Name: Arthur Charles, Lt. No. 2C31). Has permission to be absent from his quarters, from 0800 - 24/3/19 to 2000 - 25/3/19, for the purpose of proceeding to Brussels, for Col. Commanding. W. W. 104 (D.P.) 92, 8,000,000. 9/18, F.Y.W.A.

**MEMBERSHIP CARD**

This is to certify that the individual is a member of the Australian Army Reserve. Date: 28/2/19. Organising Office: M.D.
In case of emergency, you are authorized immediately to the nearest Police Station for information as to the Military Centre in which you are to report. Your Leave Warrant authorizes you to travel by rail to the Military Centre.

Your return train leaves London (____) Station

[Signature]

CAPTAIN

[Signature]

[Signature]

CAPTAIN

Australian War Memorial

Member's Name

A.C. Hall, VC

VICTORIA CROSS

and

GEORGE CROSS

ASSOCIATION

Member's Signature

A.C. Hall
IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE FILE

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AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
N.S.W. DIVISION

DALTON HOUSE,
115 PITT STREET,
SYDNEY.

July 19th, 1917.

No. 2631, Private A. C. Hall, 54th Battalion.

Dear Madam,

We enclose you copy of a Certificate which is being received by our Agents and which we thought you might like to see:

"Admitted 9th Casualty Clearing Station 30-3-17 - Gun shot wound buttock

Transferred - 18th General Hospital 2-4-17
Certified by Hospital Index

Transferred - 2nd Convalescent Depot Rouen 9-4-17 - Gun shot wound buttock - severe
Certified by Australian Imperial Force Headquarters 7-5-17.

London
9.5.17

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Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Charles Hall,
Glenelg,
GUNGOLGON.
At PERONNE on the 1st Sept Corporal March came under my notice many times. Before entering the town it was necessary to obtain accurate information as to enemy location in thick timber, which held a number of machine-gun nests. Continuously under heavy fire this N. & G. made very close reconnaissances. The information, which he brought back was in all cases reliable, and contributed very largely to the success in this sector.

At the first enemy position he dealt with an enemy post shooting four of the defenders, and taking nine prisoners. Many of the N. & Gs. and men were eye-witnesses of this gallant act.

On the morning of the 2nd I personally saw him carry a severely wounded man to a place of safety through an exceptionally heavy barrage, and immediately return to his post.

There were many great things done this day, but Corporal March’s fine leadership, initiative and contempt of danger, earned universal praise, and were a source of great inspiration to the men of his company.

R. G. Downing Capt.
O.C. "B" Coy.
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Dated 21/10/1938

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For most conspicuous gallantry, brilliant leadership and devotion to duty during the operations at PERONNE on 1st and 2nd September, 1918. A machine gun post in the enemy front line was holding up the advance, and this N.C.O. rushed the position, shot 4 of the occupants as he advanced and captured 9 others and 2 machine guns. He then crossed the objective with a small party he reconnoitred then approached to the town covering the infiltration of the remainder of the Company. During the hopping up he continuously, in advance of the main party, located enemy posts of resistance and then personally led parties to the assault. In this way he captured many small parties of prisoners and machine guns.

On the morning of the 2nd September, during a heavy barrage on the newly consolidated position a man of his platoon was severely wounded. Seeing that only immediate medical attention could save him, Corporal Hall volunteered and carried the man out of the barrage, handed him to a stretcher bearer and immediately returned to his post. This Company was heavily engaged throughout the day, only one man remaining unwounded. The energy and personal courage of this N.C.O. undoubtedly contributed largely to the success of the operations. Throughout the operations he showed utter disregard for danger and under trying conditions behaved in a most gallant and skilful manner. His daring, coolness and self-sacrificing devotion to duty compelled the admiration and confidence of all associated with him.

(Signed) K. TIVY. Brig.-Gen. Commg. 5th Aust. Division.
Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder a copy of extract from Second Supplement No. 51067 to the London Gazette, dated 14th December, 1916, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, No. 2631 Corporal A. C. Hall, 50th Battalion.

AWARDED THE VICTORIA CROSS

"HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Victoria Cross to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer:"

No. 2631 Corporal ARTHUR CHARLES HALL.

For most conspicuous bravery, brilliant leadership and devotion to duty during the operations at Peronne on 1st and 2nd September, 1916. During the attack on the 1st September a machine-gun post was checking the advance. Single handed he rushed the position, shot four of the occupants, and captured nine others and two machine guns. Then crossing the objective with a small party, he afforded excellent covering support to the remainder of the company. Continuously in advance of the main party, he located enemy posts of resistance and personally led parties to the assault. In this way he captured many small parties of prisoners and machine guns. On the morning of the 2nd September, during a heavy barrage, he carried to safety a comrade who had been dangerously wounded and was urgently in need of medical attention, and immediately returned to his post. The energy and personal courage of this gallant non-commissioned officer contributed largely to the success of the operations, throughout which he showed utter disregard of danger and inspired confidence in all.

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 61, dated 23rd May, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

SOUTH WALES.

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.
Battalion in France in February 1917 and was wounded shortly afterwards.

During his battalion's attack on Péronne, 12 September 1918, Hall rushed a machine-gun post holding up the advance, shot four of the occupants, and captured nine others, along with two machine-guns. He provided excellent covering support to his company, and while in advance of the main attack located enemy posts and led parties to deal with them. Next day he rescued a wounded comrade. Throughout all this, he "showed utter disregard [for the enemy] and inspired confidence in all".

During the Second World War he served as a lieutenant in a garrison battalion before returning to his sheep and cattle property, near Coolabah, New South Wales. He died at Nyngan in 1978.

Hall received the Victoria Cross, service medals for the First and Second World Wars, coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II, and the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal.
V.C. WINNER'S EXPLOIT.

"I simply did my duty, and really don't know why I should have been picked out for the honor." Corporal Arthur Charles Hall, winner of the Victoria Cross replied thus to a questioner upon his return to the State by the Devenish yesterday. He was disinclined to discuss the deeds for which he was awarded the greatest honor of all.

His companions, however, were more communicative. "He was a regular fire-eater," said one man, "and the 51st Battalion is mighty proud of him. He appeared to be absolutely without fear, and well deserved the Victoria Cross, which he won half a dozen times over. It was at the storming of Peronne he won the decoration, and it was mainly through his efforts that the lower part of the town was cleared up."

The official despatch which records Corporal Hall's exploit is as follows:

"For most conspicuous bravery, brilliant leadership, and devotion to duty during the operations at Peronne on September 1 and 2, 1918. During the attack on September 1 a machine-gun post was checking the advance. Single-handed he rushed the position, shot four of the occupants, and captured nine others, and two machine-guns. Then crossing the objective with a small
MIGHTY PROUD OF HIM

SERGEANT A. C. HALL, V.C. HEROISM AT PERONNE.

Decorated by his Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace in April last, and wearing the ribbon of the Victoria Cross, Sergt. Arthur Charles Hall, of the 54th Battalion, landed from the troopship Devanha yesterday morning with over 400 other NSW soldiers. Now 22 years of age, he began his career as a grazier in the Nyngan district, when he enlisted as a private in April, 1916. Educated at All Saints' College, Bathurst, the winner of the V.C. has returned to find his only brother, a boy of 12, a pupil at Walaroi Grammar School, Orange. During the attack at Peronne, on September 1, a machine-gun post was checking the advance. Single-handed Corporal Hall rushed the position, shot four of the occupants, and captured nine others, and two machine guns. Then, crossing the objective with a small party, he afforded excellent covering support to the remainder of the company. Continuously in advance of the main party, he located enemy posts of resistance, and personally led parties to the assault in this
way he captured many small parties of prisoners and machine guns. On the morning of September 2, during a heavy barrage, he carried to safety a comrade who had been dangerously wounded.

Sergt. Hall, who received the hearty congratulations of the Governor-General and Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, was met at the Anzac Buffet by his father, Mr. Charles Hall, of Glenelg station, in the Nyngan district, his mother, and his two sisters, one of whom, Miss Mary Hall, wore her uniform as a nursing Sister of the Military Hospital, Randwick. (Ed, hence cartoon below.)

"I don't want to get well----"

From: Remnants from Randwick 1919
One of the furthest points established by the 54th Australian Battalion in its advance through the streets of Peronne on the night of 1 September 1918. In front of the shop on the right are the bodies of two of an enemy patrol killed whilst approaching an Australian post the same night. On 2 September 1918 the whole of the town was in the hands of the Australians. Note the sentry (far left) and the Lewis gun in position behind him.
8th January, 1919.

Dear Corporal Hall,

I write to send you my heartiest congratulations on the award to you of the Victoria Cross, which you have so thoroughly deserved for your most conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations at Peronne on 1st and 2nd September. Single-handed, you rushed a machine gun post in the enemy front line which was holding up the advance, shot four of the garrison, and then pushed on with the result that you captured nine other Germans and two machine guns. You displayed excellent initiative and leadership in crossing the objective with a small party, and reconnoitring the approach to the town, in the mopping up of which you led different assault parties with great success.

On the morning of the 2nd September, one of your men was badly wounded during a heavy enemy barrage, and realizing that his life could be saved only by immediate medical attention, you unhesitatingly carried
him through the heavy barrage, and handed him over to a stretcher-bearer. You then returned to your post, where your company was heavily engaged throughout the day, and I know that you continued to display the highest soldierly qualities with a total disregard for your personal safety.

Thank you very much for your splendid work by which you set such a fine example to all your comrades. With good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Signed by General Birdwood
Dear Hall,

I want to most heartily congratulate you on your V.C. - the well-deserved reward of your magnificent gallantry and devotion to duty, and the highest and greatest honour a soldier can win.

May you long be spared in health and prosperity to enjoy the honour conferred upon you.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Lieut.-General,
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Cpl. A.C. HALL, V.C.,
54th Battalion, A.I.F.
Commonwealth of Australia.

HISTORIAN.
VICTORIA BARRACKS.
PADDINGTON, N.S.WALES.
15 January 1941.

A.C. Hall, Esq., V.C.,
"Gundoomoee"
Sydeman, N.S.W.

My dear Hall,

Many thanks for your letter, which contains almost all the information I wanted. There is one point, however, still not clear.

Peronne town consists of two parts - the main town with central square, and the Bretagne suburb, separated from it by 200 yards of ramparts and moat crossed by a bridge. The Bretagne suburb is also surrounded by moats and ramparts. I am not quite clear whether the last house that you speak of is the last house on the left, in the main town, or the last house in the Bretagne suburb. Beyond them both are the ramparts where German posts had been stationed, but beyond the ramparts of the Bretagne suburb there is open country, with the Sugar Factory, Brickworks, and Mt St. Quentin road closer than they are to the main town. I think you must have gone through to the Bretagne suburb all right. Do you think that you cleared all the Germans there at the time? They certainly returned to it later. And, can you remember if there was any question of holding on to it then, and why this was not done?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

C.E.W. Bean.
Commonwealth of Australia.

HISTORIAN,
VICTORIA BARRACKS,
PADDINGTON, N.S.WALES.

21st January 1941

A.C. Hall Esq., V.C.,
"Gundaroo",
Nyngan,
N.S.W.

My dear Hall,

I enclose a map that may help your memory, and also an extract from my notes. The question is did your patrol get to A or B?

You will see that in my notes at the time I heard that you reached B - at least I take them to mean this.

Also I'd be grateful if you could tell me anything of the fighting at C and D where I think you got into one of the German posts.

Will you kindly return the map with your reply.

Yours sincerely

C. E. W. REAN
Official Historian

Readers,

The following is copy of the actual letter from Hall. Page #1 is a poor copy; the rest, reasonably clear. An interesting primary resource.

Editor.
Recollections of Penraru and sent to C.R.W. Becon.

With reference to your first question of "My recollection of the blug and bridge." I am sure to say that my memory of what part of the operation is altogether, though I should not call it a reconnaissance, as that word for nothing.

My principal memory is of arriving at that bridge close on the heels of a few Germans in all arms, a thing that all I almost under my nose. Fortunately there was not much worth in the town or canal or whatever it was, and the rest of the company or at any rate some of them had come up the river able to cross on the fallen planks as it was in the town.

I still can't make out how the Germans let us do it. They cannot have expected us as soon as we did or there would have been MG's could have written finish to any party that tried to cross as we had no artillery support.

I imagine the blug road is the one that comes in from about not east just a bit of a wood. I think it was Wood that we called it. I think that road from about half went almost at the bridge.
On the morning of 12th Sept 1918 after we had entered the town of Remagen while
morning the central square I was ordered by Captain Dunning to take some men
(since I believe was the number 1 took as they
included No 5331 Pte. Anderson T. K. & No. 3221
Pte. Madonna W. That I can to some of & I
believe No 4839 Pte. Mclvor J. armed with a studen
was one of the party, the others I cannot
remember) to try to get in touch with the
53rd Batt who were somewhere on our left
flank.

We proceeded down the street running roughly
in an easterly direction looking for
some opening to the left & taking odd
prisoners as we advanced. There we
chanced upon a sentry unescorted to the rear.

It seemed an opportunity presenting
itself to turn left & the going being
very easy I proceeded down this street until
I came to the back door of the
left which had portion of its back wall
and turned the first window of this home.
I noticed German troops lining an embankment perhaps one or in number facing roughly in the direction of Mt. St. Helens, waving behind their left shoulders, possibly about seventy five yards distant.

After stationing men at each door or window that afforded a good view of the embankment I went to the corner of the building and gave the word to fire.

The Germans immediately surrendered as did also a number of others who came up out of a dugout under a tree under the embankment.

After disarming the prisoners they were sent to the rear under the escort of two or three of the party leaving Mr. Madder, Petterson & myself to pick out of action a number of MGs & T. Mgs.

This we proceeded to do, but what had assisted us in making the capture of our prisoners prevented this merely the fact that there was no protection from fire from the ignition cable.

The fire became increasing heavy especially from a large isolated building, an
factory of some sort about half left
front our original line of attack)
decided to withdraw & called to the
other to beat it while the going was
good.
I doubled to the nearest cover on the
return journey & waited for the others
to reach me.
When Madden arrived he reported that
Arden had fallen shot through the head
after returning to see if anything could
be done for Arden we had gone way
back to the street which was becoming
decidedly unhealthy by this time, most
particularly in the early part of the
journey.
Upon arrival back at the town station
we found that this part of the town had
been evacuated
later I was one of a party holding
an outpost position faculty towards
the railway & Flanironck.
I was told later that there were 72
prisoners in the town we collected at
the back of the compounds but this I could
Patrols were sent along the N.E. end of the town and cleared the houses on the S. side of the Main Road there. But Capt. Downing and Capt. Mitchell decided not to occupy the N. part of the town as they only had 120 men altogether for over a mile of front and the whole town.

The Germans filtered into the N.E. end of the town during the night and were seen fixing up m.g.s. there during afternoon about 5 p.m. 

About 100 prisoners were taken out of the N.E. end of the town that morning with machine-guns and some minenwerfers. There was not heavy fighting this day.

The further island of town (generally known as the Ramparts) was cleared also by 54 Bn and a man was killed up there - Cpl Hall had this patrol; but the Germans got back into it again. That is the part they got back into (as mentioned above.)