

## Richard Mason Hill

(1 Aug 1838 – 25 Mar 1876)

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*Heitman:* Born D.C. At large cadet, Military Academy, July 1, 1857; Bvt. 2d Lt. and 2d Lt. Ord., June 24, 1861; 1st Lt. Nov. 1, 1861; Capt. March 3, 1863; Maj. June 23, 74; Bvt. Maj. March 13, 1865 for faithful and meritorious service in the ordnance department; died March 25, 1876.

*Cullum. Biographical Register of U.S. Military Academy*

Class of 1861: Richard M. Hill (Ranked 7th of 34)

Born D.C., Appointed at Large

Cadet at the Military Academy, July 1, 1857 to June 24, 1861 when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to Bvt. 2d Lieut. of Ordnance and 2d Lieut., Ordnance, June 24, 1861.

Served during the Rebellion of the Seceding States 1861-65; in drilling Volunteers, and on Staff duty at Washington, D.C., June 25 to Aug. 11, 1861; as Asst. Ordnance Officer at Watervliet Arsenal, N.Y., Aug. 12, 1861 to Mar. 26, 1862, and Ft. Monroe Arsenal, Va., Mar. 27 to Nov. 26, 1862; as Chief of Ordnance, Dec. 17, 1862 to Mar., 1863, and Asst. Ordnance Officer, Mar. 1863 to Mar. 1864, Department of the Gulf, being engaged in the Teche Campaign, April to July 1863, including the Siege of Port Hudson, May 27 to July 8, 1863, -- and Expedition to Texas, Nov. 1863; and as Inspector of Ordnance at Boston, Mass., March to May, 1864, and at West Point Foundry, N.Y., May to Dec. 24, 1864.

Served: as Asst. Constructor of Ordnance, at West Point Foundry, N.Y., Jan. 1, 1865 to Feb. 18, 1867, and at South Boston Foundry, Mass., Feb. 18 to June 4, 1867; as Asst. Ordnance Officer at Washington Arsenal, D.C., to June 25, 1869 in command of Indianapolis Arsenal, Ind., to Oct. 15, 1873 and of Augusta Arsenal, Ga., to Oct. 7, 1875, (temporarily on duty at Watervliet Arsenal, Aug. 8 to Sept. 26, 1874); as Member of Board on the manufacture of 15-inch Rodman Guns, Nov. 26, 1872, and to examine Officers for transfer to the Ordnance Department, Sept. 17-22, 1874; and as Asst. Ordnance Officer at Springfield Armory, Mass., Oct. 14, 1875 to March 25, 1876.

Died March 25, 1876, at Springfield, Mass.; Aged 37.

Ranks:

Bvt. 2d Lieut. of Ordnance, June 24, 1861

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1st Lieut., Ordnance, Nov. 1, 1861

Captain, Ordnance, March 3, 1863

Bvt. Major, March 13, 1856 for Faithful and Meritorious Services in the Ordnance Department

Major, Ordnance, June 23, 1874