

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

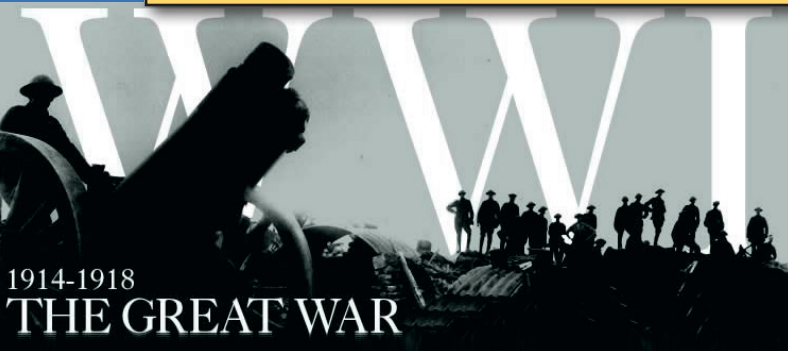
HUSH, Thomas

Service Number: 317

Rank: Private

*"Coo-ee-
Wont YOU
come?"*

From 1914 - 1918, 465 volunteers from Braidwood and the District
joined the Australian Imperial Force in World War I.
88 lost their lives, never to return home. This is their story.



1914-1918
THE GREAT WAR

100
YEARS OF
ANZAC

THE SPIRIT
LIVES
2014 - 2018

Introduction

This year, 2015, marks the centenary of the start of the Gallipoli campaign and Australia's involvement as a nation in the greatest and most terrible conflict ever seen to that time. Australians joined their Armed Forces in large numbers. Their motives were as varied as their upbringings, from a need to save the Empire, of which Australia was an integral part, to the desire to have a great adventure.

Braidwood and district were no exception. Over the four years from 1914 to 1918, from a population of about 5000, 465 men and women from what is now the 2622 postcode area – including Braidwood, Majors Creek, Araluen, Mongarlowe, Nerriga, Ballalaba and Jembaicumbene joined the Navy or Army. Of these 377 returned to Australia. Sadly, 88 lost their lives.

A varying amount of their history is recorded in the Australian War Memorial. Some of their names, but not all, are recorded on local memorials. More is recorded in limited local histories and newspapers, not readily available to the general public; and the people who lived with and knew these distant relatives are also passing on.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch has collected all the information available from the Australian War Memorial and local sources, including the Braidwood Museum. Families, still resident in the district, have added their family knowledge and their precious memorabilia.

This booklet is the available story of **Thomas Hush**, one of the 88 Braidwood volunteers who did not return from World War I. It contains his details as recorded in the World War I Roll of Honour, his Enlistment Papers, Field Service records, any Casualty notification, correspondence relating to his death, details of decorations won, any available photos, and, in some instances, family correspondence or recollections.

Thomas Hush died for his country, for you and for me. Please pause a moment to remember him.

Lest We Forget.

WORLD WAR I

World War I lasted four years, from 4 August 1914 until 11 November 1918. It began after the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne. The axis powers were Germany and Austria. Russia and France were the initial allies. When Germany invaded Belgium, Britain entered the war on the side of Russia and France.

The war was in Europe, the Western Front was in France and Belgium. The Eastern Front was Russia and Austria-Hungary. Africa was another front because of colonial possessions on that continent, and after Turkey entered the war on 1 November 1914, the Middle East became another theatre of war.

Australians generally thought of themselves as an integral part of the British Empire and the Australian Army and Navy were part of the Imperial Forces. In 1914, Australia's Prime Minister, Andrew Fisher, immediately promised Australian support for Britain 'to the last man and the last shilling.' The Australian population was less than five million. 324,000 Australians served overseas. 61,720 lost their lives. 155,000 were wounded. 4,044 became prisoners of war (397 died while captive).

The first Australian troops were sent to Egypt in 1915. The ANZACS – Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – were engaged in battle on the Gallipoli Peninsula against the Turks to control the Dardanelles' and open the way to Eastern Europe with their fateful landing on 25 April 1915.

The ANZACS were evacuated on 19-20 December 1915. The Gallipoli campaign resulted in the deaths of 7,600 Australians and the wounding of 19,000. Despite the defeat, the legend attached to the heroism, comradeship and valour of the soldiers remain a source of Australian pride and national identity.



ROLL OF HONOUR

THOMAS HUSH

Service Number: 317

Rank: Private

Unit: 9th Australian Machine Gun Company

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 18 November 1917

Place of death: Belgium

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 32

Place of association: Young, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Menin Gate Memorial,
Ypres, Flanders, Belgium

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War,
Army

Location on the Roll of Honour: Thomas Hush's name
is located at **panel 178** in the Commemorative Area
at the Australian War Memorial



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E02144B

France: Transport and personnel of the 9th Australian Machine Gun Company

9th. M. G. C. A. I. F.

Hush, T. Pts. No. 317.

Killed. Nov. 18th. 1917. Det. D/B.

I heard he was killed by a shell at entrance to Lehault, in a captured German pillbox. He was buried close to where he fell. We carried a cross for his grave about for two months before we erected same., bearing all particulars. I could not give any further information.

Witness. L/Cpl. Earl, E. J. No. 1543. 9th. M. G. C. 3rd. Battn.

Taken at.
No. 4. C. D. Hurdcott.
E. S. 18.
T. C. O.

T. C. Osborne,
No. 3. Command Depot,
Hurdcott.

S

9 Machine Gun Co.
89th Battn.
A. I. F.

HUSH
T. 317.

"Killed 18. 10. 17."

I did not see him but was not far away when he was killed in the front line at Ploegstert by a shell, and another man Mc. (something) a Highlander, were killed by same shell, and they are buried together where they fell. A cross was sent up from the Company to be put up over his grave. I saw the cross before it was sent up.

Informant:- Edgar. P. J. 1111
9th Machine Gun Company.
Bat 11.
WESTHAM.

W. A. Rand.
London.
25. 8. 19.
J. E. A.

S

3rd Battn. M.G.C.
A. I. F.

HUSH.
T. 317.

"Killed 18-11-17"

Hush was killed near Le Touquet (Armentieres) while the Battn was holding the line, by a shell. I did not see this, but was told by men who were present. The body was recovered and buried on the following day, probably behind the lines but I cannot say where. The ground was held.

Eye-Witness:- No.

Description:-

Home address:- Informant:- Lawrence. L. Jas. 6518. Pte. (Satisfactory)
12 Edward Street. 3rd A.M.G.C. 9th Co. 1 Pl.
Elstern Wick. Bath War Hospital.
Victoria.

F. J. Kingsley.
London.
23-9-18.
J. E. A.

S.

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MILITARY FORCES.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 23331
110 317

Name HUSH
Unit 35/9th M.L. Coy
Joined on ~~25/4/16~~ 23/5/16

Handwritten signature/initials

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? Thomas Hush
2. In the Parish of in or near the Town of Young NSW in the County of Barren
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Yes
4. What is your age? 28 yrs / month
5. What is your trade or calling? Police Constable
6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period, No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) (Mother) Mrs Susan Hughes, Redbank, Queensland
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible 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? No *warned to make good*
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 No *see also file 4, 1st Lt P. G. Hush, 35th Coy*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which, together with Pay, would reach eight shillings per day? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, Thomas Hush 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-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife three-fifths wife and children

Date May 22nd 1916

Thomas Hush
Signature of person enlisted.

*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

Transferred to

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

DEFENCE B.R.
46059

No. 3171

Rank Pte.

Name HUSH J.

Unit 9th M.G. Coy

LIST

Casualty Killed in Action

19/11/17

C. 102 42077 394^A dated London 26/11/17

Correct date of Death 18. 11. 17

CIBL 2102 475^B dated London 4. 12. 17



DATE

A. F. B. 103 Received PURPORT

A. F. B. 2080A Received

REF. NO.

NOV 20 1917

U.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 19/11/17

2/260

DEC 7 1917

re adv date of death 18/11/17

17. 11. 17

A.A.C. Pensions advised re casualty vide statement 119

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. C.I.B.L. 2077 vide 107340 D^{al} 3/12/17

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. C.I.B.L. 2102 vide 107 3rd 11/12/17

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. Tarome

22-9-19

DOPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

M. 40 1362 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12/12/17

Received & administered 3.9.17

2nd M.D.B.R.M. 53/34 155

BRITISH WAR MEDAL

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS BEST"

Pamphlet sent to Mr S Hughes on 12-6-21

HISTORY INDEX

39016
FIELD SERVICE

Army Form B. 2090A.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier 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 9th Machine Gun Company, I. Squadron, Troop,
Battery or Company

Regimental No. 317 Rank Private

Surname HUSH Christian Name Thomas

Date 18th November 1917 Place In the Field Belgium.

Cause of Death* KILLED IN ACTION.

Nature and Date of Report Army Form B. 213 dated 24.11.17.

By whom made O.C. 9th Machine Gun Company.

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

State whether he leaves a Will or not (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 54) NOT YET RECEIVED (b) in Small Book (if at Base) (c) as a separate document

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, 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 soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G. Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Station and Date ROUEN, FRANCE 23.1.18 Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature] 2/Lieut.
Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

W 2090 B. 213 (20.9.17) - (11. 2. 22) - (10489) - Form B. 2090a. 2.

Australian Section, 3rd Battalion, C.I.F. D. I. R. Officer i/c Records

JHE.

No. 317.

Private Thomas Hush.

9th. Machine Gun Company.

Australian Imperial Force,

XXXXX was Killed in Action.....

XX in Belgium

18th. November, 1917. XXX

Cables Nos. C.I.B.L. 2077 and 2102, from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 26.11.1917 and 4.12.1917 respectively; confirmed by mail from the Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, dated London, 3.12.1917 and 11.12.1917 respectively, and Army Forms B. 103 and 209aA.....

8 APR 1932

E.E.F.
Australian Imperial Force.

KIT STORE.



110 GREYHOUND ROAD,
HAMMERSMITH, LONDON,
W. 6.

TELEPHONES- HAMMERSMITH 1900, 1901.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS- "AIFKITS."

Inventory of Effects of- 317. Hush.T. 9th M.G.Coy. A.I.F.

Forwarded to- MOTHER.
Mrs Susan Hughes,
Redbank,
Arsluen,
NEW SOUTH WALES.

TOROMEOW

EFFECTS:-

Ex. 3rd Echelon. France. 1.3.18. (11353).

2 Wallets, Knife, Letters, Photos, Brush & Comb in Case,
Cards, French Book, Key Chain, Metal Wrist Watch & Strap.

No. of Package D/S.

30219

Checked by

4780

JHE.

S.C.I.

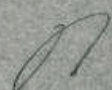
8 APR 1932

The Public Trustee,
Box 7A, G.P.O.,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication
NL.EF. of 6th. April, 1932, relative to the estate of Susan
Hughes, deceased, and in compliance with your request enclose
herewith certificate of report of death of No. 317 Private
Thomas HUSH, 9th. Machine Gun Company, A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,


Officer i/c Base Records.

Enc:

In Memory of
Private

Thomas Hush

317, 9th Coy., Australian Machine Gun Corps who died on 18 November 1917 Age 32

Son of Susan Hughes (formerly Hush), of Araluen, New South Wales, and the late Ralph Hush. Native of Young, New South Wales.

Remembered with Honour
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Acknowledgements

Everybody responded enthusiastically to the idea of capturing the information about Braidwood's 88 World War I veterans who lost their lives. The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch is most grateful for the support they received in carrying out this task and would like to acknowledge those of whom we are aware: Karen, Chris and Renee Nelson, Roslyn Maddrell, Karen Shea, Jill Clarke, Rod McClure, Ben and Meaghan Frohling, Diane McGrath, Us On Mondays Quilting Group, Len Mutton & Co and local shopkeepers for their World War I window displays.

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To all those who helped in any way, many thanks. Your efforts have ensured we remember these Braidwood and District Veterans well.

Back Cover: Peace Day, 11th November 1918, Wallace Street, Braidwood.

"Wild day in Braidwood: When Braidwood woke up on Tuesday morning to find the 'glad tidings of great joy' awaiting it that Germany had signed the armistice and the frightful carnage of the past four years or so had come to an end it simply went mad with delight. No other words could adequately describe the excitement that followed." "Braidwood Letters from the Front" by Roslyn Maddrell.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Alley, Clair Underwood
Archer, Fred
Backhouse, Victor John
Barnett, Frederick George
Barry, Charles Louis
Beatty, Walter Cusack
Bell, John Henry Edward
Black, George Scott
Bruce, Thomas Fraser
Byrne, Cecil John
Callan, William Henry
Catlin, Robert Henry
Clarke, Lester Thomas
Cook, Thomas John
Crandell, Christopher George
Cregan, Clarence Theodore Augustus
Cullen, Henry Thomas
Davis, John Henry
Davis, Oscar Raymond Stanley
Dawson, Edric Athol
Dayball, Arthur Joseph
Dempsey, Charles Frederick
Dempsey, Charles
Dowell, Frederick Robert
Feeney, William
Fisher, Osborne
Flack, John Foster
Garnett, Henry James
Geelan, Robert Michael
Gosling, Fred
Gough, James
Green, Francis Henry
Healy, Myrtle James
Howard, John Alexander
Huggett, William
Hunt, Frederick William
Hunt, John
Hush, Percy Alfred
Hush, Thomas
Hush, Austin Septimus
Innes, Henry George
Kelly, Herbert Albert
Kemp, Leslie Smith
Keyte, Robert
Knight, Charles Oliver
Lee, Thomas James
Lennon, James
Lupton, Spencer
Lynch, James Joseph
Matthews, Francis
McCool, Francis Leslie Neil
McDonald, Alexander Joseph
McLean, Donald
McRae, Finley Arnold
Meade, Arthur Stuart
Merton, Thomas David
Montgomery, Stanley
Moore, William
Newberry, Alwyn (Alwin) Horace James
O'Brien, Thomas Daniel
O'Reilly, John
Pooley, Edward
Rex, Horace Joseph
Riley, Frank
Roberts, Frederick Bede
Robinson, William James
Rodgers, Albert
Seidel, Alfred George
Seidel, Henry Edward
Sharpe, George Lyle
Sharpe, Reginald
Sherman, Edgar Robert
Sherman, Percy Frederick
Simmons, George
Smith (Greenwood), George
Spicer, William Henry
Steele, Alexander Norman
Stein, Daniel Godfrey
Stewart, David Walter
Styles, Reginald Lucian
Torpy, Patrick Edward
Torpy, Thomas Patrick
Walker, William Albert
Watt, James
Watt, Oscar Harold McClure
White, Alister
Whitelaw, Thomas Philip
Wilson, Samuel Charles

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