

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

HUSH, Percy Alfred

Service Number: 1924

Rank: Private

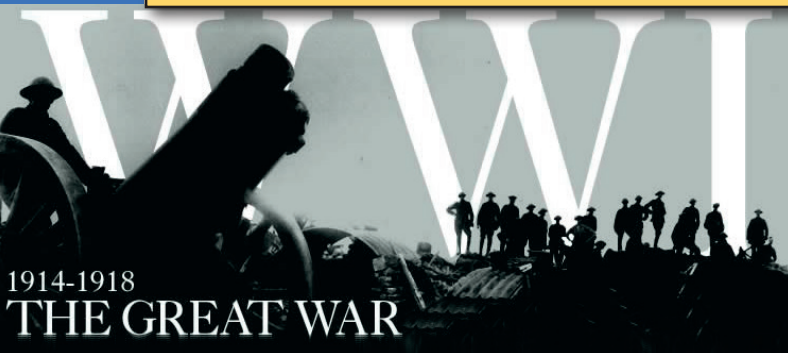
*"Coo-ee-
Won't YOU
come?"*

GULF OF SAROS

GALLIPOLI

SEA OF MARMORA

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 **Percy Alfred 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.

Percy Alfred 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

PERCY ALFRED HUSH

Service Number: 1924

Rank: Private

Unit: 35th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 29 May 1917

Place of death: Belgium

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 22

Place of association: Araluen, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Strand Military Cemetery,
Ploegsteert, Wallonie, Belgium

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: Percy Alfred Hush's name
is located at **panel 125** in the Commemorative Area at the
Australian War Memorial

35th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 35th Battalion was formed in December 1915 in Newcastle, New South Wales. The bulk of the battalion's recruits were drawn from the Newcastle region and thus it was dubbed "Newcastle's Own". Reflecting the demographics of the area, there were a high proportion of miners among the battalion's original members.

The 35th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom in May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months training. It crossed to France in late November, and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 26 November, just in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17.

The battalion had to wait until the emphasis of British and Dominion operations switched to the Ypres Sector of Belgium in mid-1917 to take part in its first major battle; this was the battle of Messines, launched on 7 June. The 35th's next major battle was around Passchendaele on 12 October. Heavy rain, though, had deluged the battlefield, and thick

mud tugged at the advancing troops and fouled their weapons. The battle was a disaster for the 35th; 508 men crossed the start line but only 90 remained unwounded at the end.

For the next five months the 35th alternated between periods of rest, training, labouring, and service in the line. When the German Army launched its last great offensive in the spring of 1918, the battalion was part of the force deployed to defend the approaches to Amiens around Villers-Bretonneux. It took part in a counter-attack at Hangard Wood on 30 March, and helped to defeat a major drive on Villers-Bretonneux on 4 April. The desperate nature of the fighting at this time is revealed by the fact that the 35th Battalion suffered nearly 70 per cent casualties during these operations.

Later in 1918, the 35th also played a role in the Allies' own offensive. It took part in the battle of Amiens on 8 August; fought several small battles during the rapid advance that followed; and at the end of September provided reserves for the joint Australian-American operation that breached the Hindenburg Line, thus sealing Germany's defeat. The 35th Battalion disbanded in March 1919.



*June 1916:
Troops on
board HMAT
Barambah
(A37)
(previously
Hobart).
Percy Alfred
Hush
embarked from
Sydney on 23
June 1916,
aboard the
Barambah
arriving at
Plymouth on
25 August
1916.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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C 1916: Outdoor portrait of unidentified members of C Company, 35th Battalion in training camp. An indigenous serviceman holding a bugle and standing to the right, is likely to be 6440 Private Thomas James Walker. The 35th Battalion was formed in December 1915 in Newcastle, New South Wales. The bulk of the battalion's recruits were drawn from the Newcastle region and thus it was dubbed "Newcastle's Own". The 35th Battalion was a part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom in May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months training. It crossed to France in late November, and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 26 November. The battalion had to wait until the emphasis of British and Dominion operations switched to the Ypres Sector of Belgium in mid-1917 to take part in its first major battle; this was the battle of Messines, launched on 7 June. The 35th's next major battle was around Passchendaele on 12 October. Heavy rain, though, had deluged the battlefield, and thick mud tugged at the advancing troops and fouled their weapons. The battle was a disaster for the 35th; 508 men crossed the start line but only 90 remained unwounded at the end.

35
35th Batn
A.I.F.

HUSH
Pte. P.A. 1924

"Killed in Action 29.5.17."

1924 Pte. Hush P.A. was a member of my platoon and was killed by concussion or an enemy shell on the night of 29.5.17. He was buried in the soldiers cemetery in rear of Ploegstreet Wood between Waverly Dump and Charing Cross advanced Dressing station. I can assure his relatives that he had a decent burial. As Pte. Hush P.A. was the only man of D. Company 35th Batn of that name he is undoubtedly the man that has been enquired for. He was very popular with the men of the platoon and we were all sorry to lose him and he was always very keen on his work, and at all times a man to be depended upon both in or out the firing line.

Letter from:-

Sgt Fred Bowers. 1068
D. Coy.,
35th Batn.
A.I.F.

London. 8.10.17.

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No.

1924

Name

HUSH Percy Alfred

Unit

3756 Battery

Joined on

19-2-16. 35th Bn.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *Percy Alfred Hush.*
2. In or near what Parish or Town are you born? *Young* in or near the Town of *Young* in the County of *New South Wales*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) *Natural Born.*
4. What is your age? *24 yrs 4 mos.*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Labourer.*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? *No.*
7. Are you married? *No. Single*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *MOTHER, MR SUSAN HUGHES, ARALUEN, N.S. WALES.*
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 Incurable 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.*
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.*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? *No.*
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 *No.*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? *Yes.*

I, *Percy Alfred 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 and children—three-fifths—

Date

19-2-16

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.

D 29688

No. 1424

Rank

Name _____

Unit

Casualty

MEMORIAL
PLAQUE
To
Mother and Sister
Mrs S. Hughes
325098
22/8/22
Hells

MEMORIAL
SCROLL

brother
L^{ds} S. Hughes

325098

16. 8. 21

DATE _____

A. F. B. 2090A Received.

PURPOSE

A. F. B. 103 Received

REF. NO.

11. 6. 17

20-6-17

M. D. 7 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 29/5/17

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

18.12.17
19.3.18

country to D. D. M. Zaid

PERSONAL EFFECTS BY Barambah

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN.

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE, TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN.

Received & acknowledged
in printed card



BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd M.D.B.R.M. 54 359

D.8476.15—C.12376.—50M.

125120 **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 35th Infantry Battalion. A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company -
 Regimental No. 1924 Rank Private
 Surname HUSH Christian Name Percy, Alfred.
 Died { Date 29th May. 1917. Place In the Field. France.
 Cause of Death* Killed in Action.
 Nature and Date of Report Army Form. B.213. 1st June. 1917.
 By whom made C.O. 35th Infantry Battalion. A.I.F.
 * Specially state if killed in action or died from wounds, disease, or from exposure to the elements, or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Not yet received. Date -
 By whom reported For Burial Report See B103
 State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) (b) in Small Book (if at Base)
 a Will or not { Not yet received
 (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.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section T. Holloway Lieut.
 Station and Date ANZAC SECTION, 3rd Echelon, B.E.F. 1st June 1917.
British Expeditionary Force.
 Officer i/c Records.

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 1924.

Casualty Form - Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 3rd Bn - 56th En - 35th Bn A.I.F.

Rank pte Surname HUSH Christian Name Percy, Alfred.
 Religion - Age on Enlistment - years - months -
 Enlisted (a) 19-12-16. Terms of Service (a) War 4 Yths. Service reckons from (a) Enlistment.
 Date of promotion to present rank - Date of appointment to lance rank -
 Extended - Re-engaged - Qualification (b) -
 or Corps Trade and Rate -
 Occupation - Signature of Officer.

Report { Date - From whom received - Place of Casualty - Date of Casualty - Remarks -
 Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.

O/C Troops		"Baramah"	Embarked	Sydney	23-3-16.
			Disembarked	Plymouth	25-3-16.
23-9-16.	C.O. 35th Bn	Trans to & T.O.S. 35th Bn	England	23-9-16.	BR5475, D023/189
21-11-16.	" " "	Proceeded O/Seas France	Southampton	21-11-16.	TR 1347, D022/1566E
2-2-17.	" " "	Sick to Hosp	Field	30-1-17.	CS/19, D019/1041
27-1-17.	O.C 16th A.F. emb	Adm Orchitis	"	21-1-17.)	AK 842/15.
	" " "	To No 7 Gen Hosp	"	22-1-17.)	AK 842/8.
22-1-17.	" " "	No 7 Gen Hosp Adm Mumps	St Omer	22-1-17.	AK 842/8.
11-2-17.	" " "	Disch to Base "stails	"	11-3-17.	AK 842/61.
16-3-17.	O.O. 35th Bn	Rejoined from Hosp	Field	14-3-17.	CS/16, D0, 21/135
3-5-17.	3rd Div H'qrs	Killed in action	"	29-5-17.	AT 12541, VL 367
1-6-17.	C.O. 35th Bn	Killed in action	"	29-5-17.	CS/27 D034/2471

Ansac Section 3rd Echelon B.E.F. 21st June 1917.
 (BGD) T.S.P. HOLLOWAY. Lieut.
 Officer in charge records.

D25/20

5417

WILL

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my Mother

Mrs O.K. Hughes
Red Bank
Araluen
N.S.W.

Signature Percy A. Hush
Rank and Unit Private No 1924 35 Batt A.I.F.
Date 24 May 1917

Certified to be a true copy of the Will extracted from Pay Book of No. 1924 Pte. HUSH, Percy Alfred, 35th Battalion.

Checked, *[Signature]*

[Signature]
Pay Branch,
Adm. Hqs.,
London.

A.I.F.
Australian Imperial Force.

KIT STORE.



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

TELEPHONES: HAMMERSMITH 1900, 1901.

Inventory of Effects of The late No 1924. Pte Hush. P.A. 35th Batt'n. A.I.F.

Forwarded to- MOTHER
Mrs Susan Hughes,
Araluen,
New South Wales.

BARAMBAH

Effects

Ex 3rd Echelon.)	Disc. Photos, Testament.
No 2576.)	Gospel of St Matthew, Letter.

No. of Package

D/S.

19813

Checked by

In Memory of

Private

Percy Alfred Hush

1924, 35th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 29 May 1917 Age 22

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

Strand Military Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



War Loan Tank, outside the Braidwood Literary Institute: c1914-1918, Wallace Street Braidwood. Mr Hawkesley, the Officer in Command of the tank, arrived in Braidwood from Bungendore, and opened for business in front of the council chambers at night. The school children arriving the following morning for photographs had never seen a giant tank before. Its role was to raise monies for the servicemen and women in the sale of War Bonds. Braidwood Letters from the Front, by Rosslyn Maddrell.

Acknowledgements

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

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