

John Thomas Brammar HUGHES



Regimental No. 5374
Religion Presbyterian
Occupation Horse driver
Address 22 High Street, Prahran, Victoria
Marital status Single
Age at embarkation 36 years 2 months
Next of kin Father, John T B Hughes, Monbulk, Victoria.
Enlistment date 5th February 1916 and to camp Broadmeadows then Seymour. To 37th Infantry Battalion 22nd February 1916. To camp Royal Park 23rd June 1916.

Rank on enlistment Private
Unit name 23rd Battalion, 14th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll No. 23/40/4
Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A28 *Miltiades* on 1st August 1916 for the United Kingdom via South Africa with 14th Reinforcement Group for the 23rd Infantry Battalion, 6th Brigade, 2nd Division per Transport *Miltiades*

Rank from Nominal Roll Private
Unit from Nominal Roll 23rd Battalion
1916 22nd February To 37th Infantry Battalion.
1916 23rd June To camp Royal Park.
1916 25th September Disembarked Plymouth and to 6th Infantry Training Battalion Rollestone.
1916 9th - 11th October Absent Without Leave.
1916 19th November Embarked Folkestone for France per Transport Onward and to Etaples Depot.
1916 2nd December To 23rd Infantry Battalion near Dernancourt and operations France and Flanders against the Germans near Fricourt later in the month.
1916 8th December Wounded in Action and sick with influenza 7th Field Ambulance.
1916 17th December To Liverpool Merchants General Hospital Etaples.
1917 8th January To 23rd Infantry Battalion near Ribemont then Bapaume.
Fate Killed in Action 20th March 1917 during the Allied attack on Noreuil

Other details War service: Western Front
Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Served Part Time Militia for three years.
No known grave
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 9
Given name on Nominal Roll - John Thomas
Born 1880 in Lilydale to John Thomas Brammer and Louisa Hughes formally of Monbulk, Victoria.
Described as 68.25 inches tall, 10 stone and 4 pounds in weight, chest 34 to 35 inches, dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair.

Commemoration details

Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux

France Villers-Bretonneux is a village about 15 km east of Amiens. The Memorial stands on the high ground ('Hill 104') behind the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Fouilloy, which is about 2 km north of Villers-Bretonneux on the east side of the road to Fouilloy.

The Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux is approached through the Military Cemetery, at the end of which is an open grass lawn which leads into a three-sided court. The two pavilions on the left and right are linked by the north and south walls to the back (east) wall, from which rises the focal point of the Memorial, a 105 foot tall tower, of fine ashlar. A staircase leads to an observation platform, 64 feet above the ground, from which further staircases lead to an observation room. This room contains a circular stone tablet with bronze pointers indicating the Somme villages whose names have become synonymous with battles of the Great War; other battle fields in France and Belgium in which Australians fought; and far beyond, Gallipoli and Canberra.

On the three walls, which are faced with Portland stone, are the names of 10,885 Australians who were killed in France and who have no known grave. The 'blocking course' above them bears the names of the Australian Battle Honours.

After the war an appeal in Australia raised £22,700, of which £12,500 came from Victorian school children, with the request that the majority of the funds be used to build a new school in Villers-Bretonneux. The boys' school opened in May 1927, and contains an inscription stating that the school was the gift of Victorian schoolchildren, twelve hundred of whose fathers are buried in the Villers-Bretonneux cemetery, with the names of many more recorded on the Memorial. Villers-Bretonneux is now twinned with Robinvale, Victoria, which has in its main square a memorial to the links between the two towns.