

**St. Bartholomew Churchyard,
Ingham, Suffolk,
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3012 PRIVATE

R. D. BUSSELL

56TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

25TH JULY, 1916 Age 23

He Answered Duty's Call

Rupert Duffham BUSSELL

Rupert Duffham Bussell was born on 27th February, 1893 at Quirindi, New South Wales to parents George Robert & Lydia Margaret Bussell (nee Brothers).

Rupert Duffham Bussell attended Gunnedah Superior Public School.

Rupert Duffham Bussell was a 22 year old, single, Clerk from Henry Street, Gunnedah, NSW when he enlisted at Newcastle, NSW on 1st August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3012 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr G. R. Bussell of Henry Street, Gunnedah, NSW. Rupert Bussell's application to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force has his postal address listed as "Aberdeen, NSW".

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Warilda* (A69) on 8th October, 1915 with the 4th Infantry Battalion, 10th Reinforcements.

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell joined his Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt on 21st January, 1916.

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell was transferred from 4th Battalion to 56th Battalion on 16th February, 1916.

Private Bussell was sent sick to Hospital at Ferry Post on 28th March, 1916. He was admitted to 1st Australian Stationary Hospital at Ismalia on 28th March, 1916 with blistered feet & was discharged to duty on 7th April, 1916. Private Bussell rejoined his Battalion at Ferry Post on 8th April, 1916.

Private Bussell embarked from Alexandria on 19th June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked from H.M.A.T. *Huntsend* at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell was wounded in action in France on 20th July, 1916. He was taken to 14th Field Ambulance with wounds to his scalp on 20th July, 1916 then transferred to 13th General Hospital, Boulogne the same day with gunshot wound to neck. Private Bussell embarked for England on Hospital Ship "*Jan Bryde*" on 21st July, 1916 with a gunshot wound to head (severe).

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell was admitted to Suffolk War Hospital, Bury St. Edmond, England on 22nd July, 1916.

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell died on 25th July, 1916 at Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmonds, Suffolk from Cerebral Haemorrhage following a gunshot wound to head.

A death for Rupert D. Bussell, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell was buried in St. Bartholomew Churchyard, Ingham, Surrey – south side of Ingram Church near path from Rectory and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Bussell's father – Mr G. R. Bussell (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Rupert Duffham Bussell – service number 3012, aged 23, of 56th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of George Robert & Lydia Margaret Bussell, of Henry St., Gunnedah, New South Wales, Australia. Born at Quirindi, New South Wales.

R. Bussell is remembered on the Gunnedah Public School Honour Roll, mounted on an external wall of what is now the Carinya Christian School, Elgin Street, Gunnedah, NSW.



Gunnedah Public School Honour Roll (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



R. D. Bussell is remembered on the Gunnedah Cenotaph located at the corner of Conadilly St. and Elgin St., Gunnedah, NSW.



Gunnedah Cenotaph

(Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



R. D. Bussell is also remembered on the Gunnedah Honour Roll located in Gunnedah Town Hall, Conadilly Street, Gunnedah, NSW.



Gunnedah Honour Roll

(Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

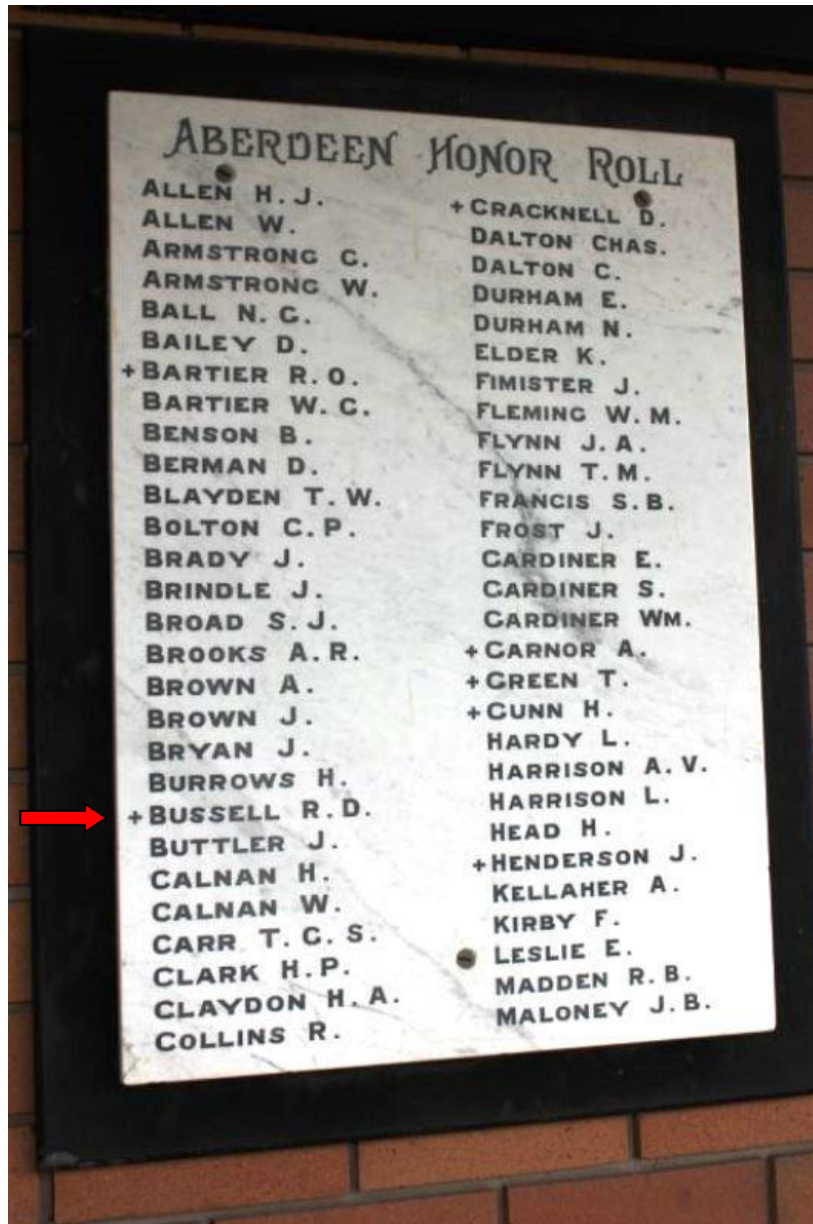


R. D. Bussell is also remembered on the Aberdeen Honour Roll was erected by the Aberdeen RSL Club in memory of those who answered their Country's call. It is located at Aberdeen RSL & Citizens Club, 23 Moray Street, Aberdeen, NSW.



Aberdeen Honour Roll

(Photos from Monument Australia)



Private R. D. Bussell is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 162.

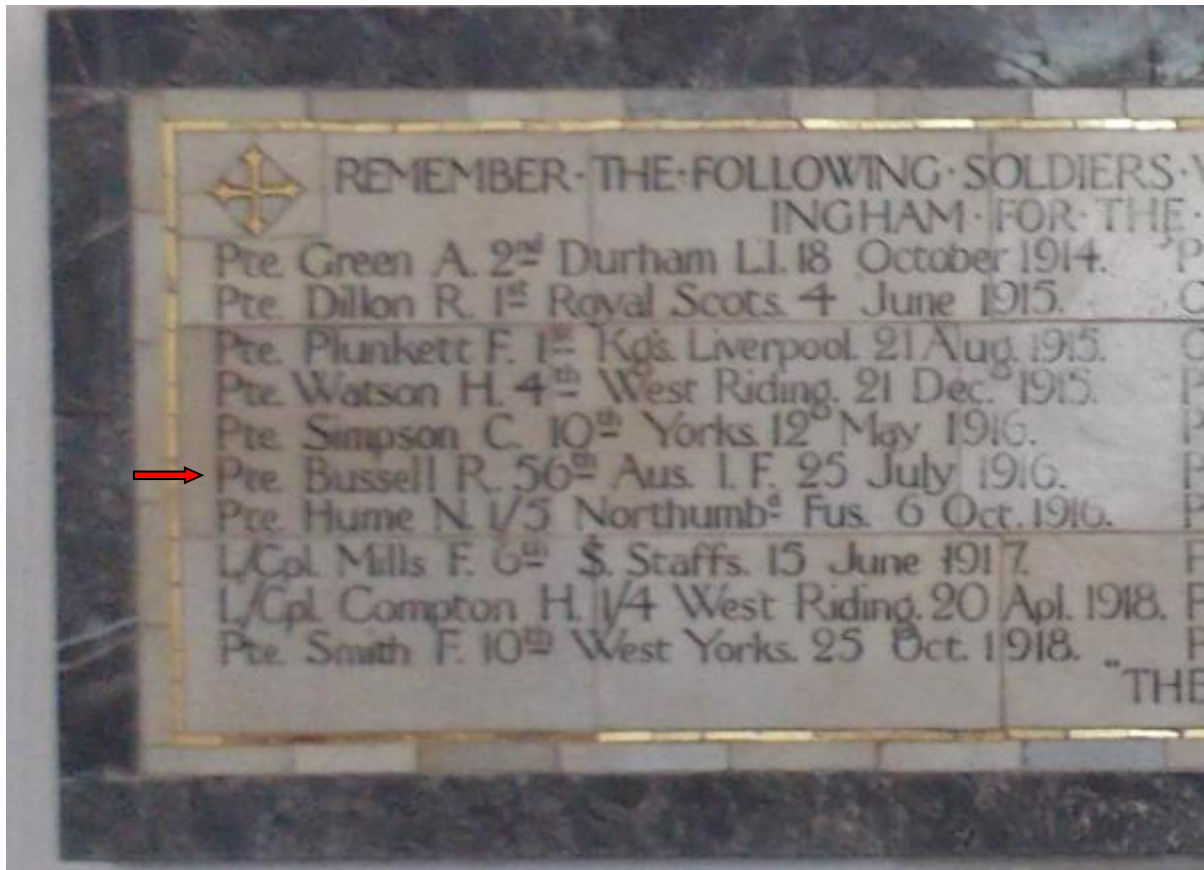


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Private R. Bussell is remembered on the Ampton Hospital Memorial, located inside Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, New Road, Ampton, Suffolk, England.

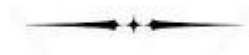


Ampton Hospital Memorial (Photos from War Memorials Online)



(43 pages of Private Rupert Duffham Bussell's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

H05950

Private Rupert Duffham Bussell



Newspaper Notices

DEATH OF GUNNEDAH SOLDIER

Gunnedah, Friday

The sad news of the death of Private Rupert Bussell was received by the Town Clerk yesterday morning, death resulting from wounds received whilst in action with the Australian troops in France. Prior to enlistment Private Bussell was an employee of the Aberdeen Freezing Works, although he was a Gunnedah lad and the son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Bussell of this town. Mr Bussell is an inspector of nuisance for the municipality, and an ex-Mayor of the town and widespread sympathy for Mr and Mrs Bussell for the loss of their son is everywhere expressed.

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW – 29 July, 1916)

LATEST CASUALTIES

191st LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of Wounds

R. D. Bussell, Gunnedah

(*The Land*, Sydney, NSW – 11 August, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter from Base Records, dated 27th June, 1921, to Mr G. R. Bussell of Henry Street, Gunnedah, NSW advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of the late Pte R. D. Bussell in Ingham Cemetery had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

According to details from Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Headstone Documents, Private Rupert Duffham Bussell should have a personal inscription on his headstone.

He Answered Duty's Call

St. Bartholomew Churchyard, Ingham, Surrey

St. Bartholomew Churchyard, Ingham contains 10 War Graves, all but one being World War 1 graves. There are 2 Australian Soldiers buried in this Churchyard.



St. Bartholomew Churchyard, Ingham, Surrey (Photo by Adrian S. Pye)

Private R. D. Bussell's grave is located next to the War Memorial in St. Bartholomew Churchyard, Ingham, Surrey. He is also named on the St. Bartholomew's Church, Ingham War Memorial for Ampton Hall Red Cross Hospital.



(Photos from War Memorials Online)



Photo of Private R. D. Bussell's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Bartholomew Churchyard, Ingham, Surrey, England.



(Photo from Peter Bennett Private Collection)



(Photo by Geoffrey Gillon)