

**Ford Park Cemetery,
Plymouth, Devon
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LEADING SIGNALMAN

H. C. HIGGS

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL RESERVE

S.S. "ARAWA"

3RD APRIL, 1919 Age 21

Hugh Corderoy HIGGS

Hugh Corderoy Higgs was born on 6th September, 1897 at Launceston, Tasmania to parents Joseph Hubert and Emma Louise Higgs (nee Walklate).

Hugh Corderoy Higgs attended Launceston High School, Tasmania.

Hugh Corderoy Higgs joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve.

Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs was admitted to Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, England on 19th March, 1919.

Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs died at 9 pm on 3rd April, 1919 at Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, England from Influenza.

A death for Hugh Higgs, aged 21, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of East Stonehouse, Devon, England.

Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs was buried on 7th April, 1919 in Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England – Plot number General K. 26. 43 and has a private headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the fullest details possible into his illness and death. A reply was received from Surgeon Rear Admiral, Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth which reads: *"In reply to your question overleaf, I beg to inform you that Leading Signalman Higgs was admitted to hospital 19/3/19 after one day's illness suffering from Bronchial Catarrh and Headache. On the 21st pneumonia developed and the condition of the patient became gradually worse. There were signs of fluid in the chest and on the 29th and 30th a quantity was removed. On the 31st there were signs that the fluid was reaccumulating and an operation was decided on, which took place at 9-0 p.m. under a general anaesthetic. The patient did not progress well after the operation. On the morning of the 3rd April his general condition was very poor, and he had been delirious during the night. Throughout the day his condition did not improve, and despite every attention, he gradually sank and died at 9-0 p.m. The funeral took place at Plymouth Cemetery on the 7th April with full Naval honours."*

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs, aged 21, of S.S. "Arawa", Royal Australian Naval Reserve. He was the son of Joseph Hubert and Emma Louise Higgs, of Aroona Rd., Caulfield, Victoria, Australia. Native of Launceston, Tasmania.

Leading Signalman H. C. Higgs is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 1.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. C. Higgs is remembered on the Honour Roll located in the Pilgrim Uniting Church (formerly Methodist Church), Paterson Street, Launceston, Tasmania.



Paterson Street Methodist Church Roll of Honour (Photos by Arthur Garland)



H. Higgs is remembered on the Trevallyn Roll of Honour, located in Trevallyn Reserve, South Esk Road, Trevallyn, Tasmania.



Trevallyn Roll of Honour (Photos by Arthur Garland)



H. Higgs is remembered on the Tamar Rowing Club Roll of Honour, located at Tamar Rowing Club, 14 West Tamar Road, Trevallyn, Tasmania.



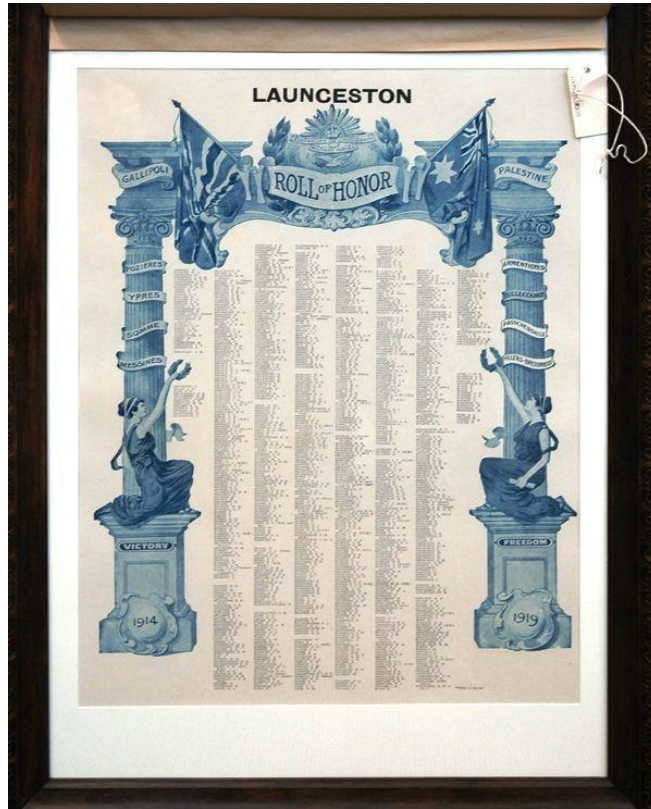
Tamar Rowing Club Roll of Honour (Photo by Arthur Garland)

H. C. Higgs is remembered on the Launceston High School Roll of Honour, located in the Assembly Hall of the Launceston College, Paterson & Margaret Streets, Tasmania.

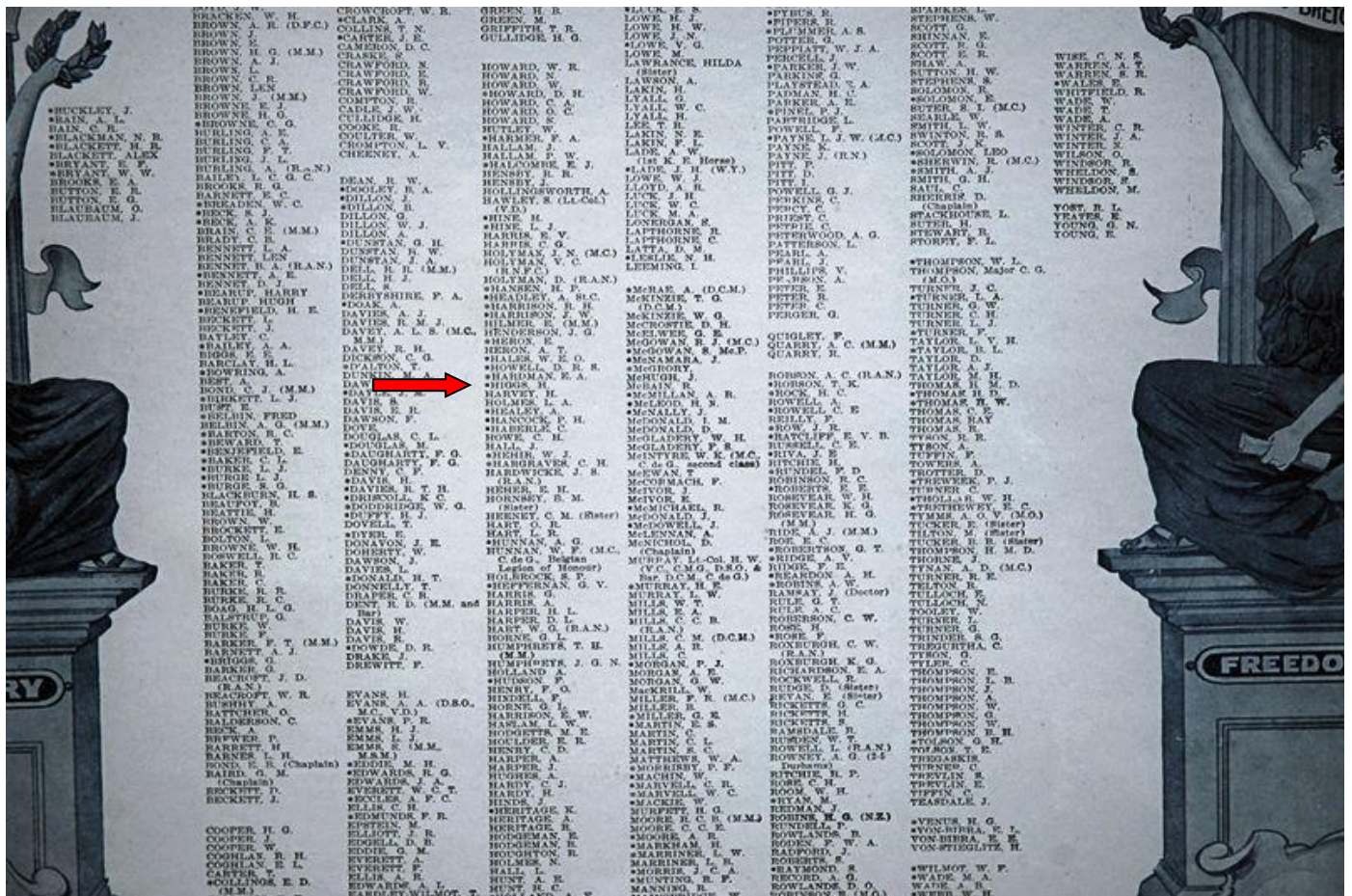


Launceston High School Roll of Honour (Photo by Arthur Garland)

H. Higgs is remembered on the Launceston Roll of Honour, located in History Dept. of Queen Victoria Museum, 2 Invermay Road, Inveresk, Tasmania.



Launceston Roll of Honour (Photos by Arthur Garland)



Leading Signalman H. C. Higgs is remembered on Royal Australian Navy WW1 Memorial, located at HMAS Cerberus Protestant Chapel of St Mark, Nelson Road, Crib Point, Victoria.



HMAS Cerberus Protestant Chapel of St Mark, Crib Point, Victoria (Photos courtesy of Karen Standen)





Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, Red Cross Wounded & Missing)



Newspaper Notices

PERSONAL

Mrs J. H. Higgs, Trevallyn, Launceston, has been officially notified that her son, Leading Signalman Hugh Higgs, is seriously ill with epyema in the Naval Hospital at Plymouth, England.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 7 April, 1919)

Deaths on Active Service

HIGGS – At the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, England, on the 3rd April, 1919, Hugh, youngest son of J. H. and L. E. Higgs, "Bentleigh," Trevallyn, Launceston, aged 21 years (of influenza).

"God knoweth best."

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 9 April, 1919)

Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England

During the First World War, Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse contained between them the Royal Dockyard, Royal Naval Barracks (known as H.M.S. *Vivid*), the Royal Marine Barracks of the Plymouth Division, and naval and military hospitals. For the duration of the war, Devonport was made headquarters of the Auxiliary Patrol Area.

Plymouth was a naval station second only to Portsmouth during the Second World War. Devonport was also an important military station and there was a R.A.F station at Mount Batten, opposite Plymouth.

Ford Park Cemetery (formerly known as Pennycomequick or Plymouth Old Cemetery) contains 769 burials of the First World War, more than 200 of them in a naval plot, the rest scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 198 Second World War burials are scattered, 1 of which is an unidentified airman of the Royal Air Force. There are a further 4 Foreign National and 1 non world war service burials here. *(Information from CWGC)*



Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo – Find a Grave julia&keld)*

Photo of Leading Signalman Hugh Corderoy Higgs' Private Headstone in Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England.



(Photos courtesy of Peter Bennett Private Collection)



In Loving Memory

HUGH CORDEROY HIGGS

Beloved Son Of

J. H. & E. L. Higgs

Of Tasmania

Died April 5th 1919

Aged 21

The Eternal God Is Thy Refuge



Ford Park Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo from CWGC)*