

# St Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard

## Combe Martin, Devon

### War Grave



*Lest We Forget*

### World War 1



**2167 PRIVATE**

**A. HINES**

**28TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**16TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 37**

*Far Away*

*From The Land Of The Battle*

*He Sleeps*

*In A Hero's Grave*

## Augustus HINES

Augustus Hines was born at Concord, Sydney, NSW in 1873 to parents Allan and Elizabeth Hines (nee Curr).

Augustus Hines attended Public School at Burwood, NSW.

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Fremantle, subdivision of Jarrahdale No. 6 Mill recorded Augustus Hines, Feller, Bush Mill, Western Australia.

The 1912, 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Swan, subdivision of Nelson, Western Australia recorded Augustus Hines, Mill hand, from Greenbushes.

Augustus Hines was a 41 year old, single, Timber Worker from Timber Company, Green bushes, Western Australia when he enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 23rd July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Lily Eve, Concord, NSW.

Private Augustus Hines was posted to 17th Depot Battalion on 23rd July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 28th Battalion on 16th August, 1915.

Private Augustus Hines, Service number 2167, embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 1st October, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 28th Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements.

Private Augustus Hines was taken on strength of 28th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 19th January, 1916.

Private Augustus Hines proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 16th March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 21st March, 1916.

Private Augustus Hines was wounded in action on 9th April, 1916 at Rue Marle. He was admitted to 7th Field Ambulance on 9th April, 1916 with shrapnel wounds then transferred the same day to No. 8 Casualty Clearing Station. Private Hines was transferred & admitted to 26th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 9th April, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to foot. He was transferred to Ambulance Train on 14th April, 1916. Private Hines was transferred to Hospital Ship *Brighton* on 14th May, 1916 & embarked for England on 15th May, 1916.

### **28th Battalion**

The 28th Battalion was raised at Blackboy Camp in Western Australia on 16 April 1915 from recruits previously earmarked for the 24th Battalion, which was instead being raised in Victoria.

The 7th Brigade proceeded to France and the Western Front, as part of the 2nd Australian Division. The 28th Battalion took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 28 July and 6 August 1916.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

#### War Diary – 28th Battalion

##### *April 8 – Trenches*

*Rather heavy shelling directed principally against our salient during afternoon and early evening. Four Casualties to 7.15 pm*

##### *April 9 – 11 – Trenches*

*Without incident. Desultory shelling on both sides.*

*(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Augustus Hines was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London on 15th May, 1916 & discharged to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield, England on 3rd June, 1916 with GSW to foot.

A Medical Report was completed on Private Hines on 2nd July, 1916 at 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield, England, His disability was listed as G.S.W left foot which had occurred on 9th April, 1916 at Armentieres, France. A bullet had "*passed into inner side of left foot. Sent to Etaples and thence to No. 3 L.G.H. Operated upon twice for removal of bullet & at Wandsworth, dead bone was removed. Has wound on inner aspect of foot – still discharging. He is unable to walk – without crutches.*" The Medical Report recommended that Private Hines be given a change to Australia (6 months) but was not permanently unfit. He was temporarily unfit for general service for more than six months & unfit for home service for 3 months.

Private Augustus Hines was discharged to furlough on 18th July, 1916 from 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield, England.

Private Augustus Hines died on 16th August, 1916 at Glen Cottage, Combe Martin, Devon, England from Pneumonia.



**Glen Cottage, Combe Martin**

A death for Augustus Hines, aged 37, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Barnstaple, Devon, England.

Private Augustus Hines was buried in St. Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard, Combe Martin, Devon, England (North of Church Tower) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Newspaper item - North Devon Journal, Barnstaple, Devon, England – 24 August, 1916:

### **SOLDIERS FUNERAL AT COMBE MARTIN**

*The funeral of Pte Augustus Hines, of the Australian Imperial Forces, took place on Monday in Combe Martin Parish Churchyard. Wounded in Northern France, he was sent to a hospital in Middlesex, and when convalescent was granted leave to pay a visit to Mr and Mrs John Dovell, of Glen Cottage, whose two sons, Corpl. Herbert Dovell and Pte Lewis Dovell, were his comrades in Western Australia, and also in the field of battle. Unfortunately he developed pneumonia, and passed away on August 16th. All blinds were drawn and places of business closed. The coffin was followed by the members of the Parish Council, convalescent soldiers, and a large number of friends, the late soldier's genial and frank disposition having made him popular during his brief stay in the parish. The Rector (Rev. F. W. Toms) conducted the service. Psalm xxxiv. was chanted, and the hymn "On the resurrection morning" was sung. The organist (Mr J. Swiney) played the Dead March in "Saul" as the procession entered the church, and Chopin's "Funeral March" on leaving. There was a very large congregation.*

*At the graveside the "Nunc Dimittis" was sung. Many floral tokens were laid on the coffin, and the cards bore appropriate inscriptions. "He died for England," "Greater love hath no man than this," "In life and death, honoured and loved," among the senders being:- The Rector and Mrs Toms, Dr and Mrs T. A. Richardson, Mr and Mrs J. Dovell, Mr and Mrs R. Dovell, Mr and Mrs J. Bastin, Mr and Mrs L. G. S. Sanders, Mr and Mrs J. H. Sanders, Mr and Mrs B. C. Gribble, Mr and Mrs W. C. Willis and family, Mrs Joanna Squire and family, Mrs A. Andres, Mrs G. H. Pinckston, Sergt.-Major Smerdon and Mrs Smerdon, Sergt. Pugsley and Mrs F. Pugsley, Mr and Mrs F. W. Matthews (a sprig of Australian moss), Mr and Mrs E. Watkins, al at Lovering House, Q.M.S. A.F. Cocks and Mrs Cocks, Corpl. P. D. Buse and Mrs Buse, Mr and Mrs W. Sanders, Jennie and Rosie (two visitors), Mr and Mrs Edmund Taylor, Mr and Mrs Davies and family, Mr and Mrs W. H. Challacombe, Mrs B. Huxtable and family (Hodge's), Mrs Rashleigh Duncan (Shrewsbury), Mr and Mrs H. Parkin, Mr and Mrs William Bevan, Mr and Mrs A. F. Toms and family, J. and L. Parsons, Mrs J. H. Richards, Mrs Conibear and family, Mr and Mrs G. Thorne and family, Mrs Hill and family, F. Dunsford and Ruth Rooke, Mr and Mrs William Down and family, Pte F. H. Westlake (R.N.D.H.), Mr and Mrs G. Burgess, Mr and Mrs T. Gubb, Mr and Mrs Twiss, Mr and Mrs W. H. Burgess, Wm. and Emma Burgess, from a visitor for his mother, from his little friend Greta, Fred Challacombe and Winnie Taylor, Herby, Billie, and Gordon, Mrs E. Norman and T. Passmore, George and M. A. Smith, Mrs S. A. Delve, Mr and Mrs T. Darch, Alice and Oscar Deweze (two little Belgians.)*

Base Records contacted Mrs L. Eve, "Mimosa" Burwood Road, Concord, NSW, sister of the late Private Augustus Hines, in November, 1920 stating that she was registered as the next of kin of the late Private A. Hines but in order to dispose of the War Medals etc they required to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father or mother were living, & if not any brother or any sisters older than herself due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs L. Eve replied to Base Records stating that her father was deceased but her mother was 78 years of age & suffering from loss of memory & did not even know that Private Hines was deceased. She stated she had one brother who was 47 years old & who lives with her mother. Mrs Eve stated that she was the eldest of the family & the only sister.

Base Records then wrote to Mr Hines, "Mimosa" Burwood Road, Concord, NSW, in December, 1920, stating that Mrs Eve had stated that he was the eldest surviving male relative of the late Private A. Hines & that Private Hines had nominated his sister as next-of-kin. Mrs Eve had claimed the war medals stating that their mother was of too advanced an age to appreciate them. Base records advised Mr Hines that under the Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act he had prior claims to the medals & would be glad to know if he desired the war mementoes or if he was prepared to waive his claim in favour of his sister.

Mr E. Hines replied to Base Records in December, 1920 stating for the Medals to be forwarded to his sister.

Communications sent to Mrs L. Eve at "Mimosa" Burwood Road, Concord, NSW were returned unclaimed to Base Records. In July, 1923, Mrs Eve advised Base Records that her address was 2 Holborrow St, Croydon, NSW.

Private Augustus Hines was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Hines' sister – Mrs L. Eve, nominated by the next-of-kin to receive the War Mementoes. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent June, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Augustus Hines – service number 2167, aged 37, of 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Allen and Elizabeth Hines.

Private A. Hines is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 113.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

G. Hines is remembered on the Greenbushes War Memorial, located in Thompson Park, Blackwood Road, Greenbushes, Western Australia.



**Greenbushes War Memorial** (Photo from AWM - Places of Pride – Pat Scallan)



## KILLED IN ACTION

### 1914-1918

ABBOTT, R.  
ALLEN, N.  
ANGUS, R.  
ARMSTRONG, R.B.  
BALL, D.H.  
BUCHANAN, V.G.  
CLARK, J.  
COPLEY, N.  
CRACKNELL, F.W.  
DELAPORTE, R.  
GARD, T.J.B.  
HALL, T.  
→ HINES, G.  
JOHNSTON, J.W.  
JONES, C.E.J.

JONES, F.E.S.  
KENNEDY, E.  
LEIGHTON, A.H.  
LEMBERG, O.  
LINDSAY, N.W.  
MARRIOT, R.  
MELLOWSHIP, B.  
MILLMAN, P.  
PARKINSON, R.  
PATTERSON, S.J.  
RAPER, V.A.  
SEMMENS, C.  
WADGE, H.  
WALLACE, R.D.

### 1939-1945

BLEWETT, C.B.  
GREEN, T.  
NEGRI, P.  
SCHORER, J.  
SMITH, J.

THORLEY, I.E.  
WASHBOURNE, G.  
WILKINSON, L.

This war memorial was unveiled by

The Right Honourable

W.M. HUGHES

Prime Minister of Australia

22 August 1922

**Greenbushes War Memorial** (Photo from AWM - Places of Pride – James Wills)

A. Hines is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

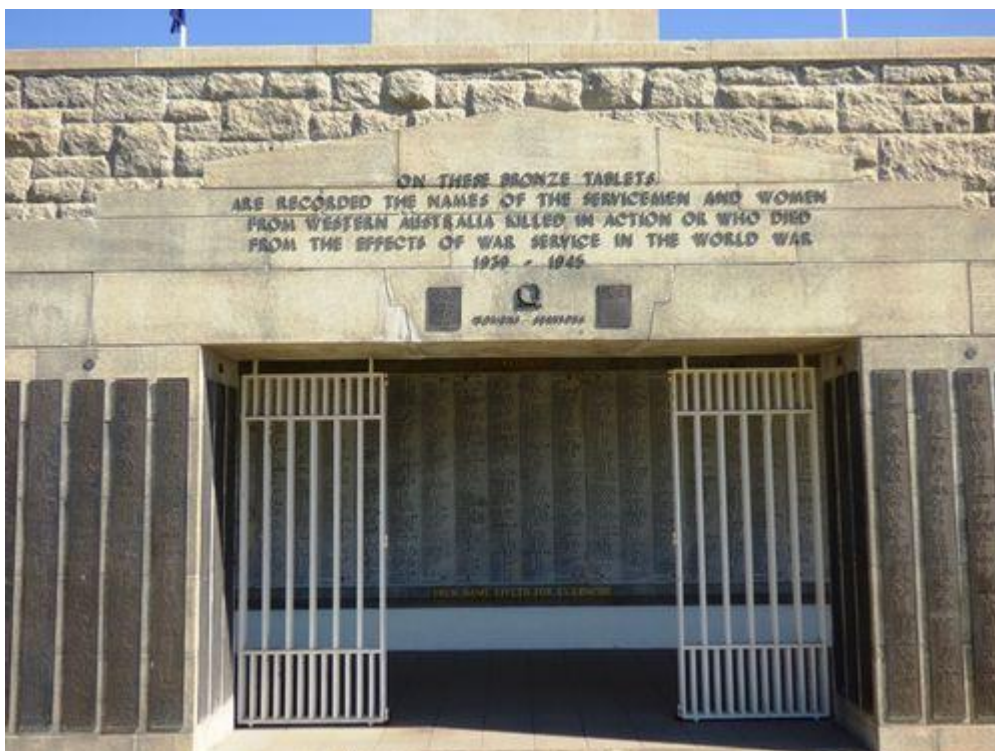
The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)**

**& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

*(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)*





28th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

(86 pages of Private Augustus Hines' 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) & National Archives

## Newspaper Notices

### LATEST CASUALTY LIST

The 173rd casualty list gives total all States.....

### NEW SOUTH WALES

Wounded

A. Hines (Concord)

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW – 1 June, 1916)



## Deaths

HINES – August 16, from pneumonia, at Combe Martin, Pte Augustus Hines, 28th Battalion Australia Light Infantry, aged 37.

*(North Devon Journal, Barnstaple, Devon, England – 24 August, 1916)*

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## COMBE MARTIN SOLDIER

### KILLED IN ACTION

It was with feelings of deepest sympathy with Mr and Mrs John Dovell, of Glen Cottage, Combe Martin, that their fellow parishioners heard that the sad news had reached them on Monday morning that their eldest son, Corporal Herbert Dovell, had been killed in action in France whilst serving with the Australian Imperial Forces. It was only on Friday afternoon last that the body of his intimate friend, Pte Augustus Hines, also of the Australian Imperial Forces, was laid to rest in the graveyard of the Parish Church at Combe Martin. Pte Lewis Dovell, brother of Corpl. Herbert Dovell, is in hospital in France, Both brothers, as well as their father, Sergeant Dovell, belonged to the local Company of the 6th Devon Territorials before they went to Australia.

*(North Devon Journal, Barnstaple, Devon, England – 24 August, 1916)*

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## AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

### THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The 206th list is as follows:-

#### WEST AUSTRALIA

#### DIED, CAUSE NOT STATED

A. Hines, Concord, NSW, previously reported wounded.

*(Kalgoorlie Western Argus, Western Australia – 12 September, 1916)*

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

HINES – Private A. Hines, on August 16, from wounds received in France.

Buried in a soldier's grave,  
Laid aside with other braves,  
My darling son is lying,  
Resting in peace with God.

Inserted by his loving mother, Mrs E. Hines, Concord.

HINES – Private A. Hines, on August 16, from wounds received in France.

Sadly his sister and brothers are thinking  
Of their soldier brother so brave,  
Who fought for his King and country,

And now rests in a hero's grave.

Inserted by his loving sister Lill, and brothers, Tom, Ted and Fred. Hines.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 18 September, 1916)*

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

HINES - In loving memory of Augusts (Gus) Hines, who died of pneumonia August 14, 1915, at North Devon, England. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Arthur and Beatrice Hines.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 14 August, 1917)*

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

HINES - In loving memory of Private A. Hines, wounded in France.

For his country he has fallen,

In honour for us all.

Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brothers, Concord.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 16 August, 1917)*

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#### 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 16th July, 1921, to Mrs L. Eve, "Mimosa" Burwood Road, Concord, NSW, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her brother, the late Pte A. Hines, 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.

Private A. Hines does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Far Away From The Land Of The Battle He Sleeps In A Hero's Grave*

## St. Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard, Combe Martin, Devon, England

St. Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard, Combe Martin, Devon contains 2 Commonwealth Burials from World War 1 & 7 from World War 2, one of which is an unidentified seaman of the Merchant Navy. *(Information from CWGC)*



St. Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard, Combe Martin *(Photos by Basher Eyre)*





**St. Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard, Combe Martin** *(Photo by Martin Bodman)*

Photo of Private A. Hines' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Peter Ad Vincula Churchyard, Combe Martin, Devon, England.



*(Headstone photos with permission from Mick McCann – British War Graves)*

OF THIS PARISH,  
(MINE AGENT) DIED FEB<sup>RY</sup> 14<sup>TH</sup> 1872,  
AGED 77 YEARS.



2167 PRIVATE  
A. HINES  
28TH BN AUSTRALIAN INF  
16TH AUGUST 1916 AGE 37



FAR AWAY  
FROM THE LAND OF THE BATTLE



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