

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Brookwood, Surrey, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1954 SAPPER

A. W. HULL

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

12TH FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 33

Sunshine Passes Shadows Fall

But Love & Remembrance

Outlast All

Archibald William HULL

Archibald William Hull was born on 7th December, 1884 at Boundary Street, Redfern, Sydney, New South Wales to parents Sidney and Sarah Jane Hull (nee Heffernan).

Archibald William Hull attended Fort Street High School, Sydney, NSW.

Sidney Hull, father of Archibald William Hull, died on 4th January, 1903 at Lismore, NSW.

Archibald William Hull married Madeline Matilda Fogarty in 1904 in the district of Redfern, Sydney, NSW. They had the following children – Archibald Sidney William Hull (born 14th January, 1906 at Goodsir Street, Balmain South, Sydney, NSW) & Sidney Norman Hull (born 1907 at St. Peters, Sydney, NSW)

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Newtown, New South Wales, recorded Archibald William Hull, Manager & his wife – Madeline Matilda Hull, Domestic Duties, living at 291 King Street.

Archibald William Hull was a 32 year old, married, Bookseller from Sydney, NSW when he enlisted on 20th March, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 19534 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Madeline Hull, 291 King Street, Newtown, Sydney, NSW.

Private Archibald William Hull was posted to Show Ground Camp, Sydney, NSW on 24th April, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to Engineer Reinforcements on 27th April, 1917 as Sapper. Sapper Hull was transferred to Depot Company, Engineer Reinforcements from 14th May, 1917.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was appointed Temporary Corporal with "D" Company from 9th August, 1917 then Acting Corporal from 22nd September, 1917 with "D" Company.

Sapper Archibald William Hull embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 31st October, 1917 with the Field Companies Engineers – July, 1917 Reinforcements. He was appointed as Voyage Only Corporal on 31st October, 1917. He disembarked at Devonport, England on 26th December, 1917.

Australian Engineers in the First World War

Engineers, also known as sappers, were essential to the running of the war. Without them, other branches of the Allied Forces would have found it difficult to cross the muddy and shell-ravaged ground of the Western Front. Their responsibilities included constructing the lines of defence, temporary bridges, tunnels and trenches, observation posts, roads, railways, communication lines, buildings of all kinds, showers and bathing facilities, and other material and mechanical solutions to the problems associated with fighting in all theatres.

(Description of Engineers Information from The Australian War Memorial)

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

(Voyage Only) Corporal Archibald William Hull was marched in to No. 3 Camp at Parkhouse, Wiltshire, England on 26th December, 1917 from Australia. He reverted to the rank of Sapper.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was appointed E.D.P. (Extra Duty Pay) Corporal from 27th December, 1917.

E.D.P. (Extra Duty Pay) Corporal Archibald William Hull was marched out from No. 3 Camp at Parkhouse on 18th February, 1918 & was marched in to E.T.D. (Engineers Training Depot) at Brightlingsea on the same day. He reverted to the rank of Sapper on 18th February, 1918.

Sapper Archibald William Hull proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 5th May, 1918 from Brightlingsea. He was marched in to A. G. B. Depot (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 6th May, 1918. Sapper Hull was marched out to 5th Divisional Engineers on 24th May, 1918 & was taken on strength of 14th Field Company Engineers on 29th May, 1918.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was on Leave to UK from 24th December, 1918 & was to return from Leave on 10th January, 1919.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was transferred to Administrative Headquarters on 10th January, 1919 from 14th Field Company Engineers.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was sent sick to Hospital on 2nd February, 1919. He was admitted to Military Hospital, Endell Street, London on 2nd February, 1919 with Influenza. He was later reported to be seriously ill (no date recorded).

Sapper Archibald William Hull died at 8.30 am on 12th February, 1919 at Endell Street Military Hospital, London, England from Pneumonia – Influenza.

A death for Archibald Hull, aged 34, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of St. Giles, London, England.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was buried on 15th February, 1919 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 182935.

From the burial report of Sapper Archibald William Hull - Coffin was good. Polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from: "Despatch" Department A.I.F. Headquarters London, H. Meadowcroft, G. C. Towse 14th Fld Coy Engrs France & W. Millard, A.I.F. Headquarters London. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev: Gregg MacGreggor C. of E. of the A.I.F. officiated. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.

Names of relatives or friends present at the Funeral – Several members of Staff at A.I.F. Headquarters, London.

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. M. Hull, "Malvern" Wonga St., Burwood, NSW on 5th April, 1923 stating the site of Sapper A. W. Hull's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 4 Row E Grave 5.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference – IV. E. 5. Sapper Archibald William Hull now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Sapper Archibald William Hull contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the fullest details possible into his wounds, death and burial. A reply was received from the Doctor-in-charge, Military Hospital, Endell Street which reads: "This man was admitted to Hospital on the 2nd February 1919, suffering from Influenza. He developed Influenzal-Pneumonia, and, in spite of the treatment and nursing, he died on the 12th February, 1919.

Archibald William Hull requested in his Will dated 23rd February, 1918 that all his real and personal estate be bequeathed to his wife – Madeline Matilda Hull, 291 King Street, Newtown, Sydney, NSW.

Mrs M. Hull, c/o NSW Book Stall Co. Shop, 291 King St, Newtown, Sydney, NSW, wrote to Base Records on 5th March, 1919 requesting two death Certificates of A. W. Hull.

Base Records replied on 9th May, 1919 enclosing in duplicate a certificate of report of death of the late No. 19534 Sapper A. W. Hull.

The Public Trust Office wrote to Base Records on 24th May, 1919 requesting a copy in duplicate of the Certificate of Death of the late No. 19534, A. W. Hull.

Sapper Archibald William Hull was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sapper Hull's widow - Mrs M. M. Hull, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper Archibald William Hull – service number 19534, aged 33, of 14th Field Coy., Australian Engineers. He was the son of Sidney and Sarah Jane Hull; husband of M. M. Hull, of 17 Wonga St., Burwood, New South Wales.

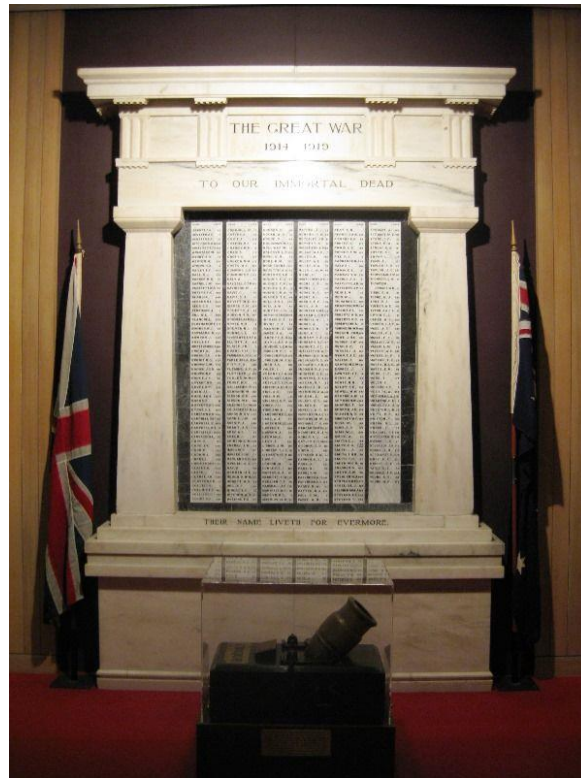
A. W. Hull is remembered on the St. Stephen's Anglican Church Great War Roll of Honour, 189 Church Street, Newtown, Sydney, NSW.



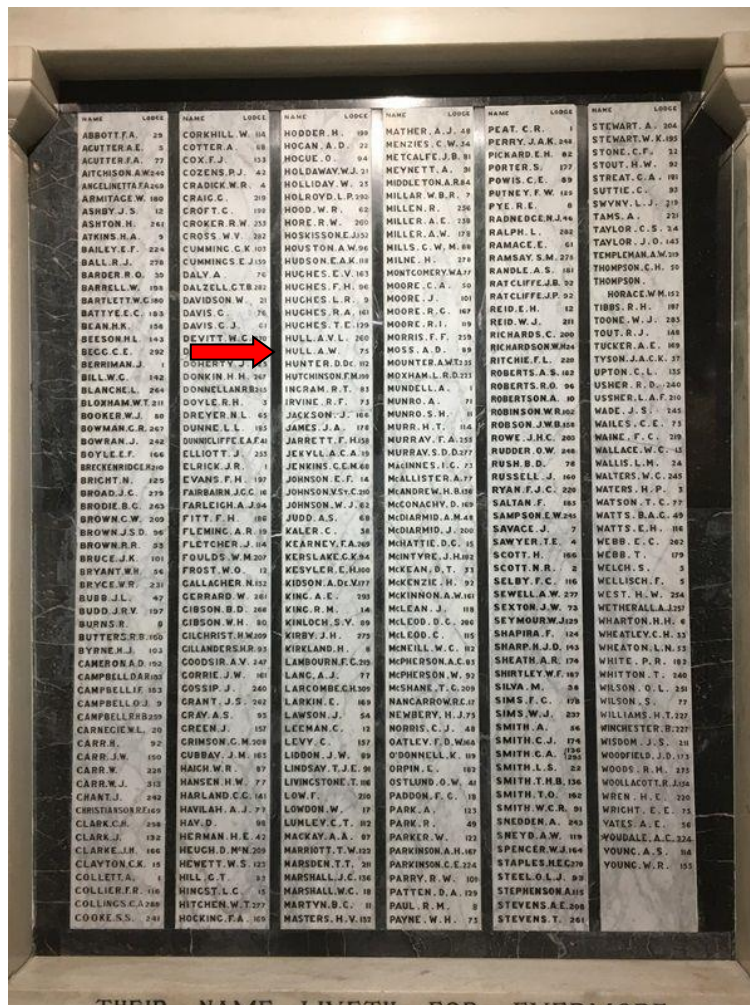
St. Stephen's Anglican Church Great War Roll of Honour

(Photo from War Memorials Register NSW – Newtown: Erskineville Anglican Church)

A. W. Hull is remembered on the Grand Lodge of Sydney Honour Roll, located in United Grand Lodge of Sydney, Sydney Masonic Centre, Castlereagh & Goulburn Streets, Sydney, NSW.



Grand Lodge of Sydney Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia)

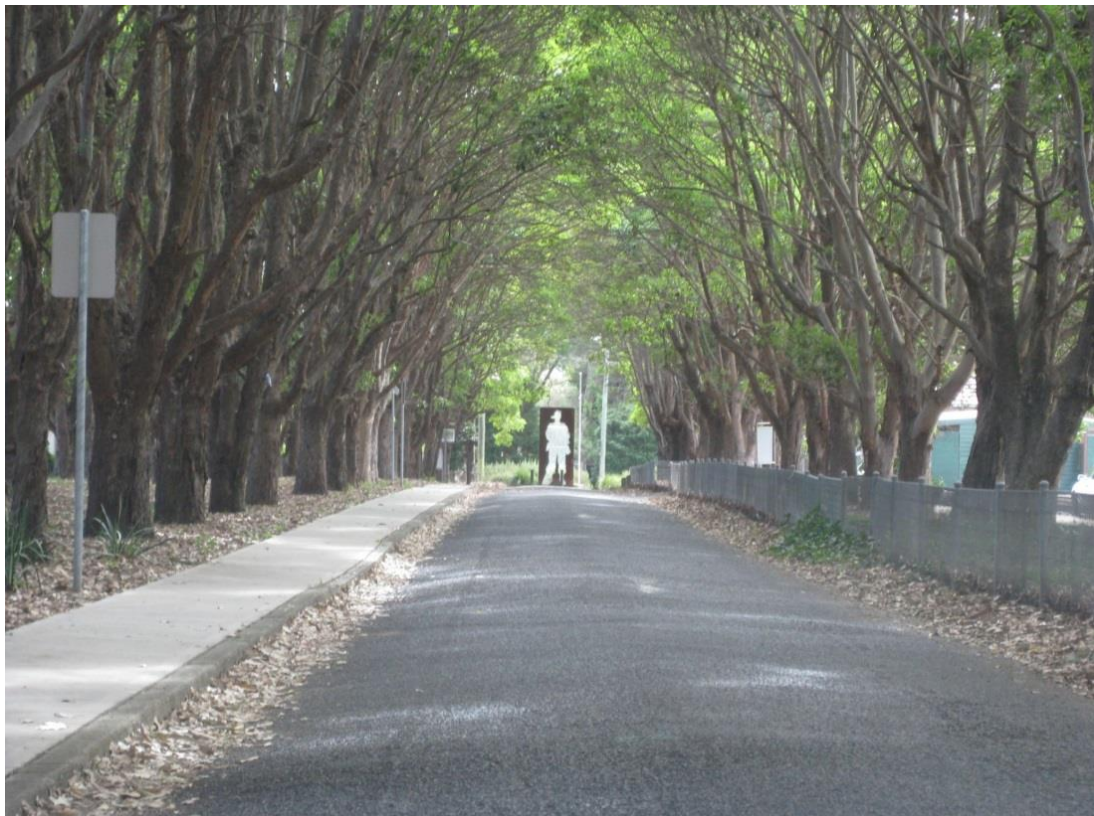


A. W. Hull is remembered on the William Thompson Masonic Schools First World War Memorial, located in Balcombe Heights Estate, 92 Seven Hills Road, Baulkham Hills, NSW.



William Thompson Masonic Schools First World War Memorial

(Photos from War Memorials Register NSW)





Sapper A. W. Hull is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 24.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(66 pages of Sapper Archibald William Hull'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



SAPPER A. W. HULL
of 291 King-street, Newtown,
who died of pneumonia in Eng-
land on February 12 1919

(Sunday News, Sydney, NSW – 15 June, 1919)

Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

HULL – Sapper Archibald William Hull, 19534, aged 33, died of pneumonia in France, February 12, 1919. Sadly missed by his sorrowing wife, Madge, sons, Archie, Sidney. He gave his noble life for his country.

HULL – Sapper Archibald Wm. Hull, 19534, aged 33, died of pneumonia in France, February 12, 1919. Inserted by his loving uncle, and auntie, W. and R. Heffernan, Arncliffe.

HULL – Sapper Archibald Wm. Hull, 19534, aged 33, died of pneumonia in France, February 12, 1919.

Sadly mourned.

Inserted by his loving mother-in-law, B. Sullivan, and his old friend, Joe Sullivan.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 22 February, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOR

HULL – Sergeant Archibald William Hull, 14th Field Engineers, died of pneumonia, in France, February 12th, 1919. My dearly loved and only son. Inserted by his sorrowing mother.

HULL - Sergeant Archibald William Hull, 14th Field Engineers, died of pneumonia, in France, February 12th, 1919. Our dearly loved brother and uncle. Inserted by his only sister and brother-in-law, Edie and Frank Cooper, and nephew, Frankie.

HULL - Sergeant Archibald William Hull, 14th Field Engineers, died of pneumonia, in France, February 12th, 1919.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay

Down his life for his friend.

Inserted by Thomas Glassop

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 1 March, 1919) & (The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 1 March, 1919)

SICK SOLDIERS

CASUALTY LIST No. 461

DIED – OTHER CAUSES

Cpl. A. W. HULL, Newtown (illness)

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 18 March, 1919)

RETURN THANKS

Mrs M. HULL and SONS, of 291 King-street, Newtown, desire to return their heartfelt THANKS to their many friends for kind sympathy, letters, telegrams, in their late sad bereavement in the loss of her dearly loved husband and their father.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 22 March, 1919)

On Active Service

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, 14th Field Engineers whom God called home while in England on February 12, 1919. God has postponed the meeting, not here but in a better land.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother.

HULL – In loving memory of my dear brother, Archie 14th Field Engineers whom God called home while in England on February 12, 1919. Inserted by his only sister and brother-in-law, Edie and Frank Cooper.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 February, 1920)

On Active Service

HULL – In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our dad, Sapper A. W. Hull, who died in England, February 12, 1919. He gave his life that we might live.

Inserted by his loving wife, Madge, and children, Archie and Sid.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 13 February, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919.

He is not dead, he is just away,

For him has dawned the perfect day.

Never forgotten by mother.

HULL – In loving memory of my dear brother, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919. Ever remembered by his only sister and brother-in-law, Edie and Frank Cooper, and nephew, Frankie.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 February, 1921) & (The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 12 February, 1921)

On Active Service

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919.

He is not dead, he is just away,

For him has dawned the perfect day.

Never forgotten by mother.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 February, 1922)

ROLL OF HONOR

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919.

“The day will dawn and darksome night be passed.”

Mother.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 10 February, 1923) & (The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 10 February, 1923)

On Active Service

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919.

And with the morn those angle faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Mother

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 10 February, 1923)

On Active Service

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919.

And with the morn those angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Mother

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 February, 1924) & (The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 11 February, 1924)

On Active Service

HULL – In loving memory of my dear and only son, Archie, who passed away in England, February 11, 1919.

And with the morn those angel faces smile,

Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Mother

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 11 February, 1925) & (The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 11 February, 1925)

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)

Sapper A. W. Hull does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



Brookwood Military Cemetery *(Photo from CWGC)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)

Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918. Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)



Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



Australian War Graves *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Sapper A. W. Hull's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

