

**Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery,
East Sussex, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2500 PRIVATE

A. R. RUDD

51ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

2ND DECEMBER, 1917 Age 27

Angus Raven RUDD

Angus Raven Rudd was born on 27th May, 1890 at Orford, Tasmania, the only son of parents Henry Goggs Rudd and Anna Rosa Rudd (nee Roblin). His birth was registered at Spring Bay, Tasmania.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Franklin, subdivision of Spring Bay, Tasmania listed Angus Raven Rudd, Labourer of Orford. His parents were also listed at Orford – Henry Goggs Rudd, Farmer & Anna Ross, Rudd, domestic duties.

Angus Raven Rudd was a 25 year old, single, Farmer from Orford, East Coast, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 9th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr H. Rudd, Orford, East Coast, Tasmania.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was posted to 7th Reinforcements of 12th Battalion on 9th July, 1915 for recruit training.

Private Angus Raven Rudd, Service number 2500, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on RMS *Persia* on 10th August, 1915 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements. (Note: The War Gratuity Schedule Card in the Service Record file recorded that Private Rudd departed from Melbourne on 10th June, 1915 on R.M.S. *Persia*).

Private Angus Raven Rudd was admitted to 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Heliopolis on 26th November, 1915 with Enteric. He was under treatment on 12th December, 1915.

A Medical Report was completed on Private A. R. Rudd on 12th January, 1916 at Enteric Fever Convalescent Camp, Port Said regarding his disability of Enteric following Diphtheria. His disability had originated at Zeitoun, Egypt on 25th November, 1915. He "*was in Hospital at Cairo from Sept 23 - Nov 30 with Diphtheria. A few days after rejoining Unit contracted Enteric. In bed 5 weeks. Usual course.*" The cause of the disability was through infection & caused by Military Service. Private Rudd's present condition was listed as "*convalescent. Heart free. No post Diphtheritic Paralysis.*" The Medical Officer in charge of the case recommended that Private Rudd be given a change to Australia. The Medical Board approved a change to Australia for 3 months.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was to be returned to Australia for 3 months change from Cairo, leaving Suez on 21st January, 1916 on H.T. *Commonwealth* as per Medical Board proceedings. The next-of-kin was advised on 30th January, 1916 that he had embarked for Australia & was due in Melbourne, Victoria about the 24th February, 1916. Private Rudd returned to Australia on 29th February, 1916, disembarking at Melbourne, Victoria due to Enteric Fever.

Private Angus Raven Rudd arrived at Hobart General Hospital, Tasmania from Egypt on 2nd March, 1916 with Diphtheria & Enteric. He was not admitted.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was posted to 18th Reinforcements of 12th Battalion on 15th April, 1916 & returned to duty on 17th March, 1916.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was returned to Egypt from Australia on 19th June, 1916 on *Seang Choon* with 18th Reinforcements of 12th Battalion, having embarked from Hobart, Tasmania on 10th May, 1916.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was marched in from Egypt to 3rd Training Battalion on 9th August, 1916.

Private Angus Raven Rudd proceeded overseas to France on 15th October, 1916. He was marched in to 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 16th October, 1916 from England

Private Angus Raven Rudd was allotted to and proceeded to join 51st Battalion from Etaples on 29th October, 1916. He was taken on strength of 51st Battalion in France on 31st October, 1916.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was wounded in action on 26th September, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 27th September, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to head. Private Rudd was transferred to 10th Casualty Clearing Station on 27th September, 1917 then transferred & admitted to 8th Stationary Hospital at Wimereux, France on 28th September, 1917 dangerously ill. He was transferred to England on Hospital Ship *St. Andrew* on 12th November, 1917.

51st Battalion

The 51st Battalion was raised in Egypt in the first week of March 1916, as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 11th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 11th, the 51st was predominantly composed of men from Western Australia. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the newly-formed 4th Australian Division....

After Mouquet Farm (August and September), the battalion saw out the rest of the year, alternating between front-line duty, and training and labouring behind the line. This routine continued through the bleak winter of 1916-17.

Early in 1917, the battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line. On 2 April it attacked at Noreuil, a village which had been fortified to delay the Australian advance. Later in the year, the focus of the AIF's operations moved to the Ypres sector in Belgium. There the battalion fought in the battle of Messines between 7 and 12 June and the battle of Polygon Wood between 26 and 27 September. Another winter of trench routine followed.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 51st Battalion

YPRES

24th September, 1917 – Completing arrangements for attack – issue of bombs, tools, etc etc.

25th September, 1917 – Bn moved to WESTHOEK RIDGE staging forward.

26th September, 1917 –

1.30 am – Bn moved from WESTHOEK RIDGE and deployed on taped line ready for attack vide Bn Order No. 40. Copy attached marked VIII

5.50 – Zero time – advance commenced. Objective gained at 8 am and consolidation commended. Casualties very slight.

27th September, 1917 – Consolidation of captured position continued. 350 yds wiring in front of new trench completed. Bn relieved by 46th Bn and moved back into Reserve position at WESTHOEK RIDGE. Relief completed by 12 midnight.

Appendix IX:

Casualties. *Casualties, 24th to 30th September 1917 were:-*

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Officers</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Other Ranks</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>110</i>	<u><i>138</i></u>
			<u><i>143</i></u>

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Mr H. Rudd, Orford, East Coast, Tasmania, father of Private Angus Raven Rudd, was advised by Base Records on 12th October, 1917 that Private A. R. Rudd had been admitted to 8th Stationary Hospital, Wimereaux, France on 28th September, 1917 suffering from gunshot wound to head, severe.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was admitted to Pavilion General Hospital at Brighton, Sussex, England on 12th November, 1917 with G.S.W to head – severe.

Mr H. Rudd, Orford, Tasmania, father of Private Angus Raven Rudd, was advised by Base Records on 17th November, 1917 that Private Angus Rudd's condition was stationary. He was advised again on 28th November, 1917 that Private Angus Rudd was improving.

Private Angus Raven Rudd died at 8.35 pm on 2nd December, 1917 at Pavilion General Hospital (York Place Division) at Brighton, Sussex, England from wounds received in action – Shell wound to head perforating skull. The Hospital Admissions form reads (in part): *“Shell wound (head) with compound fract. of Parietal ___ . Wounded Ypres Front 29.9.17. Admitted with R. Hemiplegia. Reflexes + (deep) _ paralysed side..... After being ___ incoherent at first, was reported rational by 9.xi.17. Several small pieces of sequestrum came away from time to time... violent headache midnight 27.xi.17 definite meningeal symptoms. Lumbar punc line 29th fluid full of lymorphs. No improvement & died of meningitis 8.35 pm Dec 2nd 1917.”*

A death for Angus R. Rudd, aged 27, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Brighton, Sussex, England.

Private Angus Raven Rudd was buried at 2 pm on 5th December, 1917 in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England – Plot number ZIF. 104 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Angus Raven Rudd - *Coffin was good polished Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military Funeral, a Firing Party of twenty N.C.O.'s and men and four buglers were provided by the R.F.A. and a band was supplied by the 20th Hussars. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and covered with several beautiful wreaths, sent from the Sisters and Nurses, and comrades in and out of Hospital. The cortege was followed to the graveside by a considerable number of townspeople. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Summers, Chaplain to the Forces at Brighton. Three volleys were fired over the grave, and the “Last Post” was sounded at the graveside. Administrative Headquarters, London were represented at the funeral. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F.*

Mr H. Rudd, Orford, Tasmania, father of Private Angus Raven Rudd, was advised by Base Records on 5th December, 1917 that Private A. R. Rudd had been transferred to the Pavilion General Hospital, Brighton, England on 12th November, 1917.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Angus Raven Rudd contains an update in to the condition of Private A. R. Rudd from Red X Visitor on 29th November, 1917: *“Wounded – He is in a serious condition – was very interested & pleased to hear that enquiries were made for him from Tasmania – said to say he was getting along fairly well & was well-cared for in every way – does not seem to me so well to-day.”*

Another report by the Medical Officer in charge, Pavilion Military Hospital, Brighton reads: *“I am sorry to say his condition is not favourable. He was shot in the head with a bullet lodged in brain. Today symptoms of Meningitis (inflammation of brain membrane) have supervened & he has been put on the “Danger List” this afternoon. He was going on fairly well ___ - in fact improving a little.”*

Private Angus Raven Rudd was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Rudd's father – Mr H. Rudd, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Angus Raven Rudd – service number 2500, aged 27, of 51st Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Henry G. and Anna Rosa Rudd.

Private A. R. Rudd is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 153.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Rudd is remembered on St. Mary's Church Honour Roll, located inside St. Mary's Church, Franklin Street, Triabunna, Tasmania.



St. Mary's Church Triabunna Honour Roll (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

A. R. Rudd is remembered on the Triabunna Remembrance Plaques - Spring Bay RSL Sub-Branch Plaque, located at Vicary Street, Triabunna, Tasmania.



Triabunna Remembrance Plaques (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



A. R. Rudd is remembered on the Spring Bay District War Memorial, located on Vicary Street, Triabunna, Tasmania.



Spring Bay District War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



Private Angus Raven Rudd is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever. "

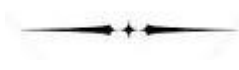


Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

4598	Pte	Rollins	Leslie Oscar	02.04.1917	20	52nd Inf Bn	North Hobart	
3089	Pte	Romelch	Arthur Segbert	13.10.1917	38	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
2930	Pte	Romelch (Ward)	Frank Rudolph W	02.01.1917	36	20th Inf Bn	Hobart	
2898	Pte	Rootes	John Henry	15.04.1917	22	12th Inf Bn	Ulverstone	ANZAC
3757	Sitr	Ross	George Charles	29.04.1917	21	HMAS Brisbane	Colebrook	
5761	Pte	Ross	Frank Colin	25.02.1917	30	12th Inf Bn	Circular Head	
2894	Pte	Rossendell	Harry Alfred	06.04.1917	24	12th Inf Bn	Newtown	ANZAC
640	Pte	Rossington	George Matthew	11.04.1917	27	15th Inf Bn	Lindistarna	ANZAC
11/368	Sgt	Rouse MM	Claude	14.11.1917	30	NZEF WMR	Sheffield	ANZAC
4925	Pte	Rowstern	Walter Henry W	06.04.1917	34	12th Inf Bn	Rianna South	
22288	Pte	Rudd	Aubrey Mervyn	24.06.1917	0	NZEF AR	Westbury	
2500	Pte	Rudd	Angus Raven	02.12.1917	27	51st Inf Bn	Orford	ANZAC
10978	Gnr	Rundle	Frederick Daniel	25.10.1917	20	5th Fd Arty Bde	Launceston	
4893	Pte	Rushton	Clement Wilfred	08.04.1917	21	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
3337	Pte	Russell	George Arthur	19.09.1917	25	12th Inf Bn	Ulverstone	
1628	Pte	Russell	Henry McDougall	31.05.1917	19	40th Inf Bn	Barrington	
8338	L/Cpl	Russell	William Hedley	28.03.1917	20	52nd Inf Bn	King Island	
8637	Pte	Russell	Albert	30.10.1917	22	6th Inf Bn	Burnie	
2381	Pte	Ryan	John Joseph	07.06.1917	30	40th Inf Bn	New Norfolk	
2520	Pte	Ryan (O'Brien)	Patrick	11.04.1917	31	4 LtTrenchMitrBty	Devonport	ANZAC
2508	Pte	Sale	Robert Henry M	19.09.1917	23	12th Inf Bn	Avoca	
8419	Pte	Sales	Henry Tasman	06.01.1917	28	6th Fd Amb Coy	Fingal	
2389	Pte	Saltmarsh	Horace Edgar	05.10.1917	21	40th Inf Bn	Campbelltown	
6355	Pte	Sampson	Mortimer Francis	04.10.1917	34	5th Inf Bn	Franklin	
5180	Pte	Sanderson	Robert	01.04.1917	21	5th Inf Bn	Franklin	

(74 pages of Private Angus Raven Rudd's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

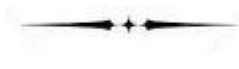
Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private Angus Raven Rudd



Newspaper Notices

RETURNING TASMANIANS

The following sick and wounded Tasmanians are expected to arrive in Melbourne shortly:-

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No. 2600 or 2800 Pte A. R. Rudd, 12th Battalion, 7th Reinforcements

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 14 February, 1916)

FOR THE EMPIRE

351st AUSTRALIAN CASUALTY LIST

THE TASMANIANS

WOUNDED

Pte A. R. Rudd, Longford - Severely

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 9 November, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

RUDD – Died from wounds at Pavilion Hospital, Brighton, England, December 2, Private Angus Raven, only son of H. G. and A. R. Rudd, of Holkane, Orford, aged 27.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 8 December, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

376th CASUALTY LIST

THE TASMANIANS

DIED OF WOUNDS

Rudd, Angus Raven, Orford, 2/12/17, previously reported severely wounded.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 28 December, 1917)

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)

Private A. R. Rudd does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England

The cemetery is on the Lewes road. It was opened in 1857, and now covers 44 acres. It climbs the hill Eastward, crossing a public road. A War Cross stands in the cemetery.

There are 275 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 102 of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. The 1939-45 commemorations include 3 unidentified Merchant seamen and 1 unidentified British soldier. There are also 40 Foreign National war burials here and 4 non-war service burials.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photos by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private A. R. Rudd's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England.



(Photo by Terry Denham)



(Photo from CWGC)