

HUGHES, P.

Our research suggests that this soldier is probably Percy Hughes who was born in Stawell in 1900 to Annie Smith and Samuel Hughes. His enlistment papers in 1916 show that his guardian and next-of-kin was Cecilia (Celia) Hughes (née Penrose), who had married Thomas Hughes in 1901: the couple lived at 79 Elgin Street, Carlton. However, a relationship between Annie & Samuel Hughes and Cecilia & Thomas Hughes has not been established.

Percy's enlistment papers show that he had served in the Senior Cadets. He had first tried to enlist early in 1916 but was rejected because he did not have his parents' permission. He enlisted later in the year attesting that his parents had died and saying that he was 19 years old.

AIF Project Entry

Percy HUGHES

Regimental number	3294
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Labourer
Address	Carlton, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Guardian, Mrs Celia Hughes, 79 Elgin Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	1 December 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	59th Battalion, 8th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/76/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A7 <i>Medic</i> on 16 December 1916.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Corps Working Party
Fate	Returned to Australia 25 March 1919.

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