

August William HINGST



Pre-enlistment:

- August HINGST was born in Laidly Queensland
- He was the eighth of nine children of Carl (Charlie) August Wilhelm Hingst (born 1862 in Germany) and Augusta Wilhelmina Luisa Loose (born 1862 in Germany). Charlie was eleven years of age when his family came to Australia on board the Alardus, and settled in Maryborough, QLD. Augusta was twenty one years of age when she immigrated with her family, arriving on board the Roma. Charlie, a farmer, and Augusta married in 1883 in Laidley. Charlie died in 1900 and Augusta remarried.
- At the time of enlistment, August was a labourer in Ipswich and had served with the Citizens' Military Forces (11th Infantry Ipswich)
- His younger brother Frank (Trooper, Service No:3060) also served in WWI, and in WWII with the ACMF. Brother Charles Henry (Private; Service No:Q141033) was in the CMF in WWII.

Military Records

- Service Number 679
- August HINGST enlisted on 20 January 1917 with. 12th Machine Gun Company, 12th Reinforcements
- He made a Statutory Declaration regarding his German heritage at Frasers Camp Hill at Enoggera in Brisbane, QLD.
- He embarked on 21 June 1917 with his Unit on HMAT Suevic from Melbourne
- On 9 September 1917 he was transferred to 47th Infantry Battalion, then on 15 December 1917 he was again transferred to 42nd Infantry Battalion and finally on 6 April 1918 he was transferred to 3rd Machine Gun Battalion
- Private August HINGST was killed in action on 12 August 1918 at Rouelles in France aged 23 years
- His war service was on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour,
- Ipswich Soldier's Memorial Hall Great War,
- Ipswich Western Suburbs War Memorial,
- Pingelly Memorial Arbour Walk,
- Villers-Bretonneux Memorial (Australian National Memorial - France)

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- August Hingst was a member of the Redbank Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Some Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5451704>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/231154>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=138519>
- QRA Museum – Display Board