Queensland Rifle Association
ROLL of HONOUR TRIBUTE

THOMAS HENRY HINRICKS
and
REUBEN WOODWARD PERSHOUSE

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2023

Soldier and Rifleman in the
Great War 1914 - 1918

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Thomas Hinricks and Reuben Pershouse were two young Queenslanders who were both members of the Murrays Creek Rifle Club in the Bundaberg region, and working as labourers in the district when they each answered the call to duty for their country.

These two young single riflemen enlisted in Brisbane on the same day, 16 June 1915. They were each appointed Privates in the 26th Battalion with the 3rd Reinforcements, Hinricks with Service Number 1901 and Pershouse with Service Number 1914.

They both embarked with their Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A55 Kyarra on 16 August 1915, Hinricks aged 21 years and Pershouse aged 28 years. They disembarked in Alexandria, Egypt together for further training.

They were both taken on strength at Gallipoli in late 1915. At different times both soldiers were evacuated from the battlefields of Gallipoli. Hinricks with a bout of mumps was treated in hospital at Alexandria then transferred back to Gallipoli.Pershouse was admitted to hospital in Cairo then transferred to Tel-el-Kabir in December 1915, and he didn't return to the Gallipoli battlefield.

On 15 March 1916 they both proceeded overseas from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force together and disembarked at Marseilles, France on 21 March 1916

They made their way to Pozieres in France with their Unit and were both engaged in active duty on 29 July 1916 when they were both killed in action. Private Thomas Henry HINRICKS aged 22 years 2 months and Private Reuben Woodward Pershouse aged 29.

Both men have no known grave and where they lay is "Known Unto God"

They are both recorded at Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, in France as well as on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour. Likewise, they both received the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal

Two young men who had enjoyed so much together, growing up in the same area, being members of the same rifle club, enlisting together on the same day, being assigned to the same Unit, serving and training together in Egypt, fighting side by side and surviving Gallipoli, then both being killed in action on the same day in the same battle at Pozieres.

Forever linked as two Queensland riflemen who paid the supreme sacrifice together.

The coincidences of life, the tragedies of war.

We Will remember Them.