

**Canterbury Cemetery,  
Kent, England  
War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3544 LANCE CPL**

**H. HENRY**

**49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**12TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 22**

## Hugh HENRY

Hugh Henry was born at Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland around 1894 to parents Andrew and Mary Henry.

Hugh Henry attended Henderson Street Public School Glasgow, Scotland.

The 1901 Scotland Census recorded Hugh Henry as an 8 year old Scholar living with his family at 18 Garriochmill Road, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Scotland. His parents were listed as Andre Henry (Forman House Joiner, aged 40, born Glasgow, Scotland) & Mary Henry (aged 33, born Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland). Hugh was one of seven children listed on this Census – Jeannie Henry (Scholar, aged 13, born Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland), James Henry (Scholar, aged 11, born Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland), Jessie Henry (Scholar, aged 9, born Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland), then Hugh, Robert Henry (aged 5, born Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland), Margaret Henry (aged 3, born Girvan, Ayrshire, Scotland) & Andrew Henry (aged 1, born Glasgow, Scotland).

Hugh Henry was apprenticed to W. Cowan & Sons, Glasgow for 5 years.

Hugh Henry, aged 19, was admitted as a member of the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners at Glasgow 6 Union Branch No. 745 on 29th July, 1912. He had been in the trade for 5 years. Hugh Henry transferred from the Glasgow Sixth Branch of Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners on 4th May, 1914 to Brisbane, Australia.

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour, Hugh Henry came to Australia when he was 21 years old.

Hugh Henry was a 22 year old, single, Carpenter from c/- David Shearer, Junction Road, Clayfield, Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 30th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3544 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Mary Henry, of 117 Henderson Street, Glasgow, Scotland. Hugh Henry stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service on the grounds of his teeth.

Private Hugh Henry was posted at Enoggera from 7th September, 1915 to 3rd January, 1916 for recruit training.

Private Hugh Henry embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Kyarra* (A55) on 3rd January, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements.

Private Hugh Henry was taken on strength of 49th Battalion at Serapeum on 2nd April, 1916.

Private Hugh Henry proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on H.M.T. *Arcadian* on 5th June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 12th June, 1916.

Private Hugh Henry was appointed Lance Corporal on 25th August, 1916 in the Field.

Lance Corporal Hugh Henry was wounded in action on 3rd September, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Australian Field Ambulance on 3rd September, 1916 then transferred & admitted the same day to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to arm & leg. Lance Corporal Henry was transferred to Ambulance Train 22 on 4th September, 1916 & admitted the same day to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne, France with gunshot wounds to thigh & arm. He embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. David* on 10th September, 1916.

### **49th Battalion**

The 49th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 27 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 9th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 9th, the 49th was predominantly composed of men from Queensland. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 12 June 1916, the 49th moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 21 June. It fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm in August and suffered heavily, particularly in the assault launched on 3 September.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Lance Corporal Hugh Henry was admitted to V.A.D. Hospital at Abbotts Barton, Canterbury on 10th September, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to arm joint & thigh fracture - severe. He was transferred to Military Hospital at Shorncliffe, Kent on 12th September, 1916.

Lance Corporal Hugh Henry died on 12th September, 1916 at Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, Kent, England from wounds received in action – shell wounds to right thigh & arm.

A death for Hugh Henry, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Canterbury, Kent, England.

Lance Corporal Hugh Henry was buried in Canterbury Cemetery, Kent, England – Plot number B. 653 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was applied for by Mary Henry, of 117 Henderson St., Glasgow, mother of the late Hugh Henry, but the claim was withdrawn.

Lance Corporal Hugh Henry was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent from England to Lance Corporal Henry's mother – Mrs M. Henry. (Scroll & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal Hugh Henry – service number 3544, aged 22, of 49th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Andrew and Mary Henry, of 117 Henderson St., Glasgow, Scotland.

Lance Corporal H. Henry is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 148.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

The Clayfield-Toombul RSL War Memorial, located at Clayfield-Toombul RSL sub-branch, Vine Street & Wagner Road, Clayfield does not list individual names.



**Clayfield-Toombul RSL War Memorial** (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

Hugh Henry is remembered in the Roll of Honour books held in the Hall of Honour inside The Scottish National War Memorial. The north side of the Hall of Honour is divided by columns into bays, each dedicated to a different regiment and enhanced with battle honours and consecrated colours. On the broad shelf in front of each of the bays, the names of the dead are listed in leather-bound books.



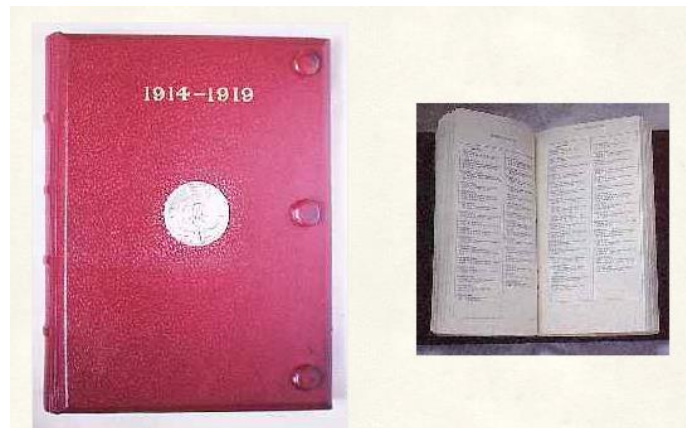
**The Scottish National War Memorial**

(Photo from *The Scottish National War Memorial*)



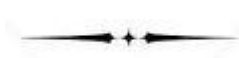
### **The Hall of Honour & the Roll of Honour books.**

*(Photos from The Scottish National War Memorial)*



(45 pages of Lance Corporal Hugh Henry'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) & National Archives*



### **Newspaper Notices**

#### **AUSTRALIAN ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **229th AND 230th LISTS**

#### **QUEENSLAND**

Died of wounds – Lance Corporal H. Henry, Scotland

*(The Northern Miner, Charters Towers, Queensland – 9 October, 1916)*



*(Photo provided by Shawn Gazard)*



### 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.

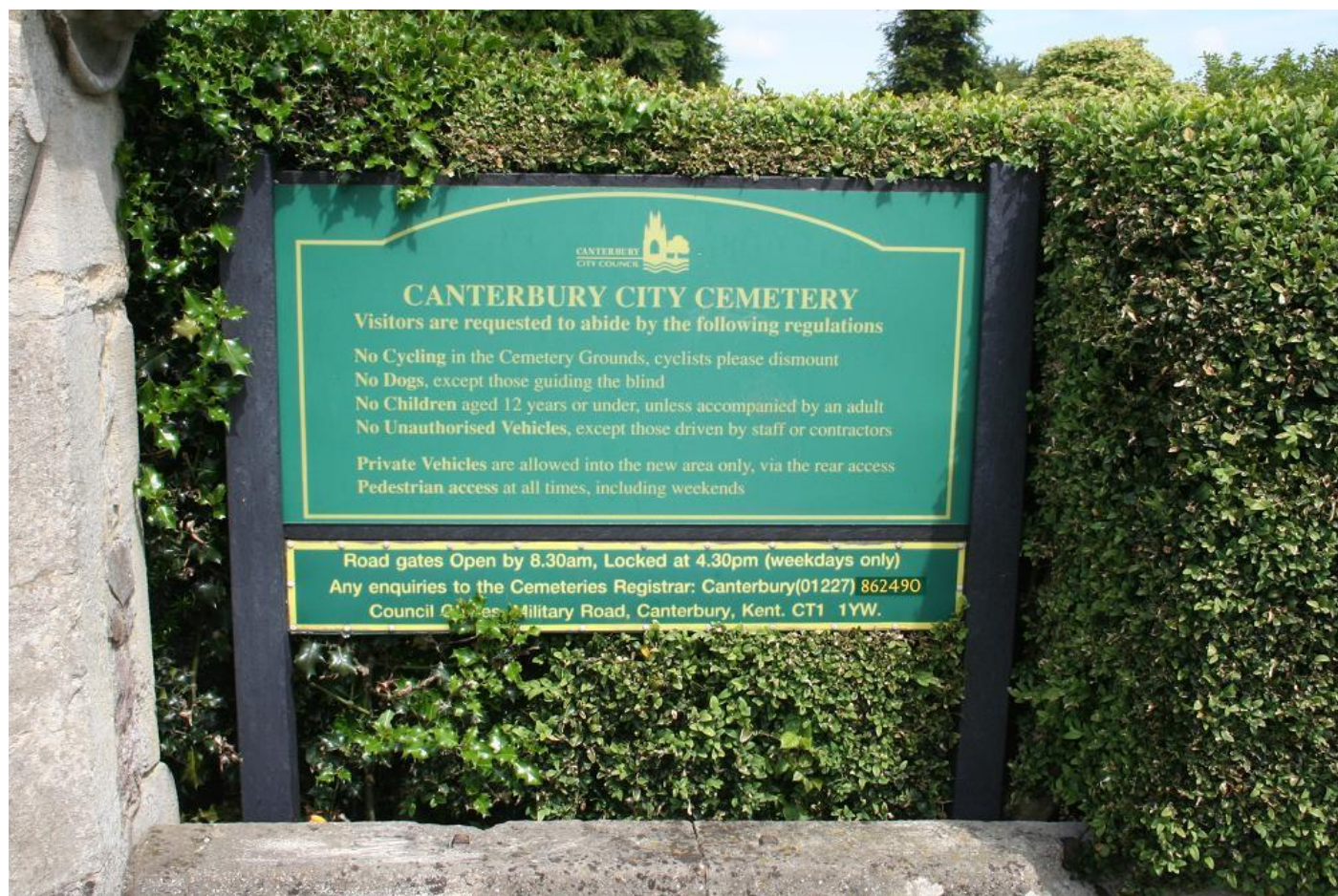
*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Lance Corporal H. Henry does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

### **Canterbury Cemetery, Kent, England**

During both wars, there were extensive army barracks in Canterbury, which included the regimental depot of The Buffs. The 146 First World War burials in Canterbury Cemetery are scattered in various parts of the cemetery grounds. Of the 54 Second World War graves, 28 form a small group in Plot XM and the rest are scattered.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**Canterbury Cemetery, Kent** *(Photo by julia&keld- Find a Grave)*



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Photo of Lance Corporal H. Henry's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Canterbury Cemetery, Kent, England.



*(Photo by P. Dagwell – Find a Grave)*



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