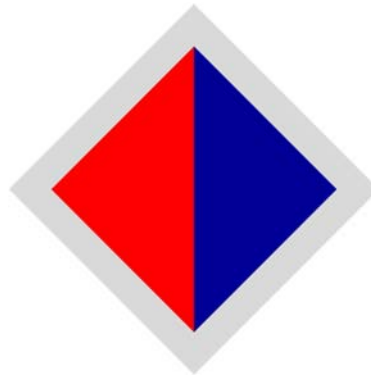




Major Leslie HUGHES

[1914 - 1944]



Name: Leslie **HUGHES**
Rank: Major
Service Number: QX6027
Unit: 2/6 Field Regiment RAA
Service: Australian Army
Born: 26 March 1914; Gympie, Qld
Enlisted: 28 October 1939; Greenbank, Qld
Date of Death: 9 October 1944 (aged 30 years)
Place of Death: Windsor, Qld

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Cause of Death: Illness

Buried / Commemorated: Bulimba Cemetery, Qld [grave block 15 . 601]
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Next of Kin: Son of Thomas Joseph Richardson and Agnes Young Hughes
 Husband of Irene Ellen Healy Hughes of Coorparoo, Qld

In Civilian Life:

At enlistment, lived at Paddington, Qld with his parents, and worked as a bank clerk.

Military Service:

	CMF service
October 1939	Commenced Full Time Duty, Lieutenant; Captain
October 1940	Temporary Major
February 1940	1 Anti-tank Regiment; School of Artillery, Holsworthy, N.S.W.
June 1940	embarked for U.K.
April 1941	embarked for service in Greece
July 1941	captured and released by Vichy French in Syria
November 1941	Major
March 1942	embarked for Ceylon
July 1942	embarked for Australia
August 1942	2/1 Anti-Tank Regiment
September 1943	detached to W.A. LoC Area
November 1943	detached to Vic LoC Area
January 1944	Senior Instructor, School of Artillery
April 1944	2/6 Field Regiment
July 1944	Discharged; medically unfit

Circumstances of Death:

Major Hughes was discharged from the AIF in July 1944 "Medically Unfit" with malignant hypertension. He was later admitted to Repatriation General Hospital Windsor where he died on 9 October 1944 from cerebral haemorrhage and hypertension. He left his widow, whom he married in August 1942, and a 21 day-old son. He was buried in the Bulimba Cemetery on 11 October 1944.

Sources included:

- Australian War Memorial
- National Archives of Australia
- Sundry web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports and sundry documents