
Tubbs Hill VC Memorial Plaque



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Location

Hume Highway EUROA, STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Municipality

STRATHBOGIE SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Veterans Description for Public

On the Tubbs Hill road sign, on the west side of the Hume Highway, a small plaque is attached which is dedicated to Victoria Cross winner, Major Frederick Harold Tubb. Tubb was born at Longwood. His father, head teacher at the local school, took up a selection in the area. Tubb obtained his merit certificate and left school to manage the farm; he later worked his own land. He served in the militia in various Victorian units from 1900 to 1913.

Tubb joined the AIF on 24 August 1914 in the 7th Battalion and landed at Gallipoli on 6 July 1915. On 8 August, Captain Tubb took over a vital sector of captured trench at Lone Pine, with orders to hold it at any cost. Early on the 9th, the Turks launched a furious attack, advancing along a sap which had been barricaded with sandbags. From the parapet, with eight men, Tubb fired at the enemy; two corporals in the trench caught enemy bombs and threw them back or smothered them with greatcoats. Although Tubb was blown from the parapet and the barricade was repeatedly wrecked, each time it was rebuilt. He inspired his men, joking and shouting encouragement.

A huge explosion blew in the barricade and killed or wounded most of the defenders. Wounded in the arm and scalp, Tubb was left with Corporals Alexander Burton and William Dunstan; he led them into action, shooting three Turks with his revolver and providing covering fire while the barricade was rebuilt. A bomb burst, killing Burton and temporarily blinding Dunstan. Tubb then obtained additional help, but the Turks did not renew the attack.

Evacuated that evening, Tubb was taken to England to convalesce and was awarded the Victoria Cross. After an emergency appendectomy he was invalided to Australia, arriving in April 1916. He persuaded a medical board that he was fit, and rejoined his battalion in France in December. His company had an important role in the Menin Road attack, 3rd battle of Ypres, on 20 September 1917. Tubb was hit by a sniper and while being taken out on a stretcher, he was mortally wounded by shell-fire. Tubb was buried in the Lijessenthoek military cemetery.

Three of his brothers also served and returned to Australia: Lieutenant Arthur Oswald Tubb, 60th Battalion; Captain Frank Reid Tubb MC, 7th Battalion; and Sapper Alfred Charles Tubb, Anzac Signal Squadron.

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