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World War I



LIEUTENANT

J. C. BUSH

ROYAL FLYING CORPS

7TH OCTOBER, 1917 Age 26

James Cromwell BUSH

James Cromwell Bush was born on 14th March, 1891 at Salisbury, Wiltshire to parents Rev. Herbert Cromwell Bush & Mabel Augusta Bush (nee Holdsworth). His birth was registered in June quarter, 1891 in the district of Alderbury, Wiltshire. James Cromwell Bush was baptised on 12th April, 1891 at Laverstock, Wiltshire, England.

From 1889 Rev. Herbert Cromwell Bush was appointed to the parish of Lavington, Wiltshire.

The 1891 England Census recorded James C. Bush as a 3 week old living with his parents – Herbert C. Bush (Clerk in Holy Orders, aged 29, born Duloe, Cornwall) & Mabel A. H. Bush (aged 22, born Stokenham, Devon). The family of 3 were living at The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire with 3 servants – Harriet S. Cater (Professional Monthly Nurse, aged 38, widow), Louisa E. Cobby (Housemaid, aged 19) & Sarah J. Priddle (Cook, aged 19).

The 1901 England Census recorded James C. Bush as a 10 year old living with his family at The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as Herbert C. Bush (Vice Choral of Sarum Cath. & Chaplain of St. Nich., aged 39) & Isabel A. Bush (aged 32). James was the eldest of 3 children listed in this Census – Reynell C. Bush (aged 8) & Oliver H. C. Bush (aged 6). Also listed was Edmund Meader, (Boarder, aged 20) & 3 servants – Kate Parfitt (Cook, aged 26), Annie Stone (Housemaid, aged 16) & Bessie E. Richards (Nurse, aged 19).

James Cromwell Bush was commissioned into the 5th (Service) Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment) as a temporary second lieutenant on 22 September 1914. He was sent to Gallipoli in 1915. Bush was of the few survivors of his battalion from Suvla Bay, afterwards receiving a mention in despatches from General Sir Ian Hamilton.

From the War Diary 5th Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment – 1915-08-11
Location – Gallipoli, Anzac

Entry - Casualties on Beach Lieut and Q.M Rumsey (wounded) 2nd Lieut J.P.M Carpenter (wounded) Sick to Lemnos Lieut J.C McDonnell Lieut J.C Bush

(From [The Wardrobe](#) – Infantry Regiments of Berkshire & Wiltshire)

Temporary Lieut. James Cromwell Bush, Wilts Regiment (Service Battalion) was awarded the Military Cross.
(Source: *Taunton Courier and Western Advertiser*, 9 February, 1916).



The Military Cross

James Cromwell Bush was promoted to Second Lieutenant – date effective from 22nd June, 1915 (*London Gazette* 18 December, 1916).

James Cromwell Bush was invalided home in late 1915. On 25 February, 1916 he was appointed an aide-de-camp, transferred to the General List, and sent to Egypt. On 22 August, 1916 he was replaced as ADC, and 18 December 1916 was commissioned into the Dorset Regiment with the rank of lieutenant.

In 1916 The Rev. Herbert Cromwell Bush, father of James Cromwell Bush, was appointed to the parish of Seend.

Second Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush was wounded on 15th December, 1916. He was medically unfit for service for one month.

On 24 April, 1917 Bush was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps.

Second Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush was promoted to Temporary Captain – date effective from 24th April, 1917 (*London Gazette* 16 May, 1917).

James Cromwell Bush was posted to 22 Squadron as a pilot of a two-seater Bristol F.2 Fighter. For his first two victories on 12 August 1917, he teamed with Carleton Clement to set one Albatros D.V aflame and send another down out of control. He went to score four more triumphs, the final one coming on 2 October 1917. Five days later, he and his observer – Lieut. Chapman fell under the guns of German ace Hans von Häbler. (Häbler was shot down by anti-aircraft fire on 22nd March, 1918, landing his Fokker DR.I within British Lines. He was captured and died from his wounds the following day).

Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush was listed as missing in action in France on 7th October, 1917. Initially reported missing, he was confirmed as dead by a message dropped from a German aircraft. On 15th November, 1917, Lieut. Bush's death was accepted as having occurred on 7th October, 1917.

Victories

	Date	Time	Unit	Aircraft	Observer	Location
1	12 Aug 1917	1930	22 Squadron	Bristol Fighter (A7174)	AM1 A. G. Whitehouse	Lens-Douai
2	12 Aug 1917	1945	22 Squadron	Bristol Fighter (A7174)	AM1 A. G. Whitehouse	Lens
3	17 Aug 1917	1915	22 Squadron	Bristol Fighter (A7174)	Lt W. W. Chapman *Shared with Capt Clement & Lt R. B. Carter, Lt. M.W. Turner & Lt. Edson	Staden
4	5 Sept 1917	1900	22 Squadron	Bristol Fighter (A7185)	Lt W. W. Chapman *Shared with Capt Clement & Lt R. B. Carter	E of Houthoult Wood
5	1 Oct 1917	1750	22 Squadron	Bristol Fighter (B1114)	Lt W. W. Chapman	Westroosebeke
6	2 Oct 1917	1041	22 Squadron	Bristol Fighter (B1123)	AM1 A. G. Whitehouse	N of Courtai

(With thanks to The [Aerodrome](#) for above table of information)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush of 22nd Squadron and Dorsetshire Regiment, Royal Flying Corps, as the son of the Rev. H. Cromwell Bush and Mabel A. H. Bush, of Wishford Rectory, Salisbury. Served at Gallipoli with 5th Bn. Wiltshire Regiment.

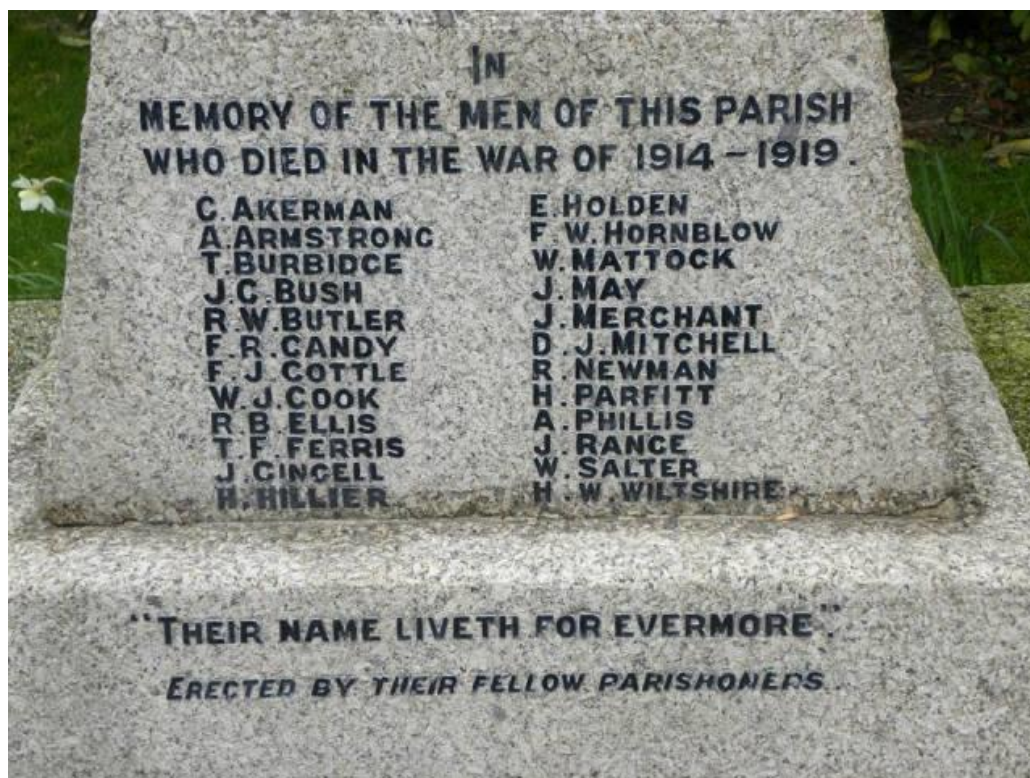
James Cromwell Bush is remembered on a Memorial Plaque located in Holy Cross Church, High Street, Seend, Wiltshire, England, where his father was Rector from 1916. (Rev. Herbert Cromwell Bush was appointed Rector of Little Langford from 1926 & was also Rector of Wishford from 1924 until 1932. Rev. Herbert Cromwell Bush is buried in St. Giles's Church, Great Wishford, Wiltshire).



Memorial Plaque in Holy Cross Church, Seend

J. C. Bush is remembered in the Casualties of WW1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book 1914 – 1918 for the parish of Seend.

J. C. Bush is remembered on the World War 1 War Memorial located in Holy Cross Churchyard at Seend, Wiltshire.



World War 1 War Memorial, Seend

Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush is remembered on the War Memorial in Neuville-En-Ferrain Communal Cemetery, France & is buried under the War Memorial.



War Memorial in Neuville-En-Ferrain Communal Cemetery, France

(Photos courtesy of David Milborrow 2014)

War Memorial in Neuville-En-Ferrain Communal Cemetery, France.

Neuville-en-Ferrain is a northern suburb of the town of Tourcoing, which is north-east of Lille.

The War Memorial in Neuville-En-Ferrain Communal Cemetery, France names 3 Lieutenants from the Royal Flying Corps from World War 1. The 3 Lieutenants are also buried under the War Memorial.

- Lieutenant Walter Arthur Brooking, aged 19, died 19th January, 1916
- Lieutenant James Cromwell Bush, aged 26, died 7th October, 1917
- Lieutenant William Wetherall Chapman, aged 21, died 7th October, 1917



Neuville-En-Ferrain Communal Cemetery

(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow 2014)

James Cromwell Bush is listed in UK, De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, 1914-1919:

M.C., Lieut., R.F.C., eldest s. of the Rev. Herbert Cromwell Bush, of Seend, Co. Wilts, formerly Vicar Choral of Salisbury Cathedral, by his wife, Mabel, dau. of the late General Reynell Taylor, C.B., C.S.I., *b.* Salisbury, 14 March, 1891; educ. Fritham School, Lyndhurst, and St. Edward's School, Oxford; went to Ceylon and India on a Tea Plantation in 1911, but was invalided home. When war broke out he was learning Land Agency; gazetted 2nd Lieut. 5th (Service) Battn. The Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regt.) in Sept. 1914; served with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli, and was one of the few survivors in that battalion after the landing at Suvla Bay; proceeded to Egypt; volunteered for the Royal Flying Corps; obtained his wings in England in May, 1917, and served with the Expeditionary Force in France, where he brought down five enemy aeroplanes, and was recommended for a flight; was reported missing after flying in France on a patrol over enemy lines 7 Oct. 1917, and is now reported, by a message from a German aeroplane, to have been killed on that date. Buried at Neuville, north of Roulers. His Commanding Officer wrote: "He was such a cheerful and efficient officer," and another officer: "He was always so keen and eager." He was mentioned in Despatches [London Gazette, 28 Jan. 1916], by General Sir Ian Hamilton, and awarded the Military Cross [London Gazette, 2 Feb. 1916], for gallant and distinguished service in the field; *unm.*

