

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



1723 CORPORAL

J. H. TRENGOVE

39th BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27th APRIL, 1918 Age 38

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte J H Trengove is located in Back Row

Grave Plot # 12 of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery

John Henry Trengove was born at Chute, Victoria in 1880 to parents James & Ellen Louisa Trengove. He was a Farmer, single & aged 36 years from Beaufort, Victoria when he enlisted on 3rd March, 1916 with the 39th Infantry Battalion, 1st Reinforcements of the Australian Army. His service number was 1723 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Ellen Trengove of *Roseville*, Beaufort, Victoria.

Pte John Henry Trengove embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Ascanius (A11)* on 27th May, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 18th July, 1916.

On 23rd November, 1916 Pte Trengove embarked for overseas service in France.

On 16th June, 1917 Pte Trengove was promoted to Temporary Corporal & then to Corporal on 16th September, 1917.

In October, 1917 Cpl Trengove was transferred back to England to 10th Training Bn – Perm. Cadre in the Salisbury Plain area, in the county of Wiltshire.

In October, 1917 Cpl Trengove attended a course of Instruction at Gas School. He qualified as Assistant Instructor in early December, 1917.

On 15th February, 1918 Cpl Trengove was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant from Sutton Mandeville with acute abdominal pains - Ascites (fluid in Abdomen). He remained in hospital for 72 days & was operated on during that time until his death.

Cpl Trengove died at 5.15 p.m. on 27th April, 1918 at the Military Hospital at Fovant of Dropsy Peritoneum. A death for John H Trengove, aged 38, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire. (Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

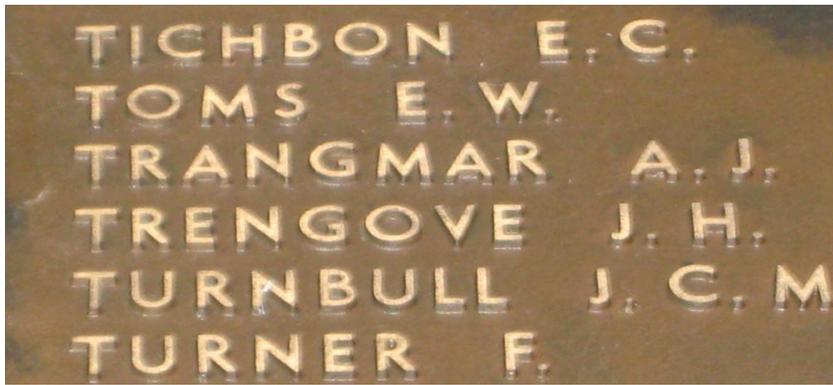
Cpl Trengove was buried on 30th April, 1918 at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. From the burial report of Cpl Trengove – Coffin was good, Polished Elm with Brass Fittings – *The deceased was buried with full Military Honour. The Band of the 9th Australian Training Battalion preceded the funeral which was attended by a firing party, pallbearers and about 30 Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the deceased's Unit.*

Lieut . H. Trengove, 58th Batt (Cousin of the deceased) was chief mourner.

Wreaths from the deceased's cousin and Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the deceased's unit were placed on the grave.

The late Cpl Trengove was most popular with both Officer, N.C.O.'s and men of his unit and was held in very high esteem. His loss as a soldier and comrade is very keenly felt by all who knew him.

Corporal J H Trengove is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 132 .



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Corporal J H Trengove is also remembered on the Beaufort War Memorial located at Ripon Beaufort R.S.L Memorial Garden, Neil and Havelock Streets, Beaufort, Victoria. The memorial is a concrete pavilion. It is a one-third replica of a memorial on Salisbury Plain in England. J H Trengove's name is located on the 8th plaque. A polished red granite hexagon plaque in the floor of the pavilion reads –

In Honor Of Our Fallen Soldiers



Photo by Russ Haines

Cpl J H Trengove was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll (May, 1922) & Memorial Plaque (November, 1922) were sent to Cpl Trengove 's eldest brother as his mother had since died – Mr Richard Trengove of 6 Queen Street South, Ballarat East, Victoria.

(56 pages of Cpl Trengove's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives

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Victorian Names – Died of Other Causes

Corporal J. H. Trengove, Beaufort

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – Wednesday 22nd May, 1918)

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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 at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. 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)

Cpl Trengove does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Corporal J H Trengove 's Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery



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