

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



31 PRIVATE

E. CARR

33RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH OCTOBER, 1916 Age 24

*Private Headstone for Pte E. Carr is located in Grave Plot # 111
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Ernest CARR

Ernest Carr was born in 1893 at Woolbrook, New South Wales. His birth was registered in 1893 in the district of Walcha. His mother was listed as Mary I. Carr, his father was not listed. Ernest Carr's parents – Ernest Moffat Carr & Mary Isabel Martin married in the district of Murrurundi, NSW on 16th May, 1894.

Ernest Carr was a 22 year old, married*, Labourer from Woolbrook, NSW when he enlisted at Boggabri on 20th November, 1915 with the 33rd Infantry Battalion "A" Company of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 31 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Bertha Carr of Manilla, New South Wales.

A marriage was registered in the district of Manilla, NSW in 1916* between Ernest Carr and Bertha McDonald. (* Ernest Carr enlisted in 1915 & stated he was married)

Pte Ernest Carr embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Marathon* (A74) on 4th May, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9th July, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Ernest Carr was admitted seriously ill – pneumonia to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 8th September, 1916.

Pte Ernest Carr died on 9th October, 1916 at Fargo Military Hospital of Pneumothorax Cardiac Failure.

A death for Ernest Carr, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Pte Ernest Carr was buried at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – plot number 111 on 12th October, 1916.

Private E. Carr is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 121.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A War Pension was awarded to Mrs Barth Carr, widow of late Pte Ernest Carr, in the sum of £2 per fortnight granted from 14th December, 1916

Pte Ernest Carr was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Carr's widow – Mrs Bertha Carr of Namoi Street, Manilla, NSW (February, 1922 & August, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Ernest Carr – service number 31 as having served with 33rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Ernest and Mary Isabella Carr; husband of Bertha Carr of Box Vale, Halls Creek, Manilla, New South Wales. Born at Woolbrook, NSW.

(53 pages of Pte Ernest Carr'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) & National Archives

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Newspaper Reports

LATEST CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of wounds or other causes: E. Carr (Manilla)

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW Friday 27 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CARR – Private E. Carr (Ernie) of the 33rd Battalion, who died at Durrington, England, 9th October, 1916. Aged 23 years.

Deeply mourned

By his loving wife, mother, sisters and brothers.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW Tuesday 8 October, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CARR – In sad and loving memory of Pte Ernie Carr, who died at Salisbury, England, on October 9, 1916.

Inserted by his loving wife, mother, sisters and brothers.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW Tuesday 9 September, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CARR – In sad and loving memory of Private Ernie Carr who died at Salisbury, England, on October 19, 1916.

Inserted by his loving wife, mother, sisters and brothers.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW Thursday 9 October, 1919)

Photo of Pte E. Carr's private Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire which was erected by his comrades.



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