

# Durrington War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I



7026 PRIVATE

**H. G. MAYNARD**

3RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

28TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 22

*His Duty Nobly Done*

*Mother, Father*

*Sisters & Brother*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte H. G. Maynard is located in Grave Plot #  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery 166*

## Horace Greer MAYNARD

Horace Greer Maynard was born at Albury, New South Wales in 1894 to parents Nicholas Donald & Mary Tudor Maynard (nee Glennie). He was a 22 year old, single Drover when he enlisted on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 23<sup>rd</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 7026 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr N. D. Maynard of Macauley Street, Albury, NSW. Horace had previously been rejected for serving in the Forces due to varicose veins.

Pte Horace Greer Maynard embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

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 Horace Greer Maynard was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 1917, with Bronchitis. He was reported seriously ill with Pneumonia on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1917 & a telegram was sent advising his parents.

Private Horace Greer Maynard died at 12.50 p.m. on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Broncho - Pneumonia. Hospital notes record that Pte Maynard had been ill on the voyage to Devonport. After landing he got worse on the way to Larkhill & was sent to Hospital but died from exhaustion.

A death for Horace G. Maynard, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Horace Greer Maynard was buried on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 166 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private H. G. Maynard is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 37.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

Pte Horace Greer Maynard was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Maynard's mother – Mrs M. Maynard of Albert Park, Victoria. (sent March, 1923 & April, 1922). Mrs Maynard had signed a Statutory Declaration stating that she had not seen her husband for 4 years & his whereabouts was unknown. She was granted possession of the British War medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Horace Greer Maynard – service number 7026 as being 22 years old & served with 3rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Nicolas Donald Maynard & Mary Tudor Maynard, of 123 Bridport Street, Albert Park, Victoria. Born at Albury, New South Wales.

A War Pension was granted to Mary Tudor Maynard, mother of late Pte Horace Greer Maynard, in the sum of 40/- per fortnight as from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1917. A War Pension was also granted to Iris Loveday Maynard, sister of late Pte Horace Greer Maynard, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight as from 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1917.

(53 pages of Pte Horace Greer Maynard's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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

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**Horace Greer Maynard**

*(Photo courtesy of Adrienne Beck)*

## Newspaper Reports

### CALL TO COLOURS

### THE ALBURY CAMP

### Men Happy and Content

### SEVERAL VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE.

The Albury military training camp on the showgrounds was in working order yesterday. There are four sections, comprising about 84 men. The men's sleeping quarters are in the big pavilion. They are there quite comfortable. Yesterday the men were wearing flannel shirts and dungaree suits, which formed part of the first issue of equipment to them on Tuesday. The list of clothing and articles supplied to the men is a long one, and everything is new.

"I never had so many clothes in all my life," was the observation by one man, who proudly exhibited a pile of clothing which would do credit to a hawker's waggon. All the men whom a representative of the 'Border Morning Mail met yesterday spoke most highly of the treatment they were receiving. "I never knew camp life to be like this," was how a draper's assistant summed up his first two days' experience. And similar expressions of approval were to be heard wherever the men were questioned. After having had a spell, a number of the men in squads were being drilled. Others, again, whose trade was carpentering, were busy at work making additions and improvements in the way of tables and shelves. And in other parts of the camp men were at work, painting notices, transhipping stores, etc. Everywhere good humor prevailed, and at the

command of an officer there was an immediate response, thus showing at that early stage there was some discipline.

A marquee, known as the Salvation Army Institute, was erected yesterday afternoon by Adjutant Beasy, who had the assistance of a squad of men provided by Major Buchanan. The tent was erected under the supervision of Camp Regimental Sergeant-Major Phillips, who for two years was in charge of the tents at Liverpool. The tent, which has been brought from Warrnambool camp, is 42 feet by 22 feet, and will accommodate about 300 men. A stage, with a proscenium, is to be erected for holding concerts and entertainments. The institute will be conducted by the Salvation Army on similar lines to the institutes they have at 35 other military camps in Australia. Games, writing material, papers, etc., will be provided, and, when opportunity occurs, the Salvation Army will hold meetings. Arrangements are being made to light the marquee with electricity. The electric light has already been installed in several of the buildings, and will be installed in other places as occasion demands.

The men who have had experience of other military camps stated yesterday that the Albury camp was by far the most compact and best laid out of any they had been in. The food was the best, as it should be, seeing that only the best raw food was supplied to the camp. An

officer stated that, on passing along the tables in the men's mess he called out, "Any complaints?" There was always a chorus of voices, "No."

The men were all given leave until 10 p.m. on Tuesday. From last night half the strength will be given leave each evening, until 10 p.m.

The men have an opportunity daily of volunteering for active service if they so desire. Several have already volunteered.

#### NAMES OF MEN IN CAMP.

Following is a list of names of the men who are now in camp. We are indebted to Major Buchanan, camp commandant, for his courtesy in making the names available:— G. H. Auhl, J. W. Allen, C. F. Britton, G. E. Burgess, R. F. T. Butt, H. A. Chant, F. Clarkson, V. F. Clark, P. R. Collins, J. E. Cross, W. J. Crutch, B. Combo, C. W. Conley, G. Dobeli, W. A. Eisenhauer, W. W. Eck, F. W. Ellis, R. J. Flanagan, E. A. Frauenfelder, J. W. Fromholtz, K. J. Fuller, J. E. Ferguson, L. Ferguson, G. N. Fuller, E. H. Girdler, G. S. Gardiner, R. W. Henshaw, C. R. Hodge, H. Henderson, C. Hore, J. D. Howard, W. G. Hartwig, S. W. Hore, V. W. Harris, E. A. Kohn, H. P. Knoble, G. H. Klein, J. Leckey, W. Livermore, H. G. Maynard, F. Mangan, K. R. McDonald, J. M. Monk, C. A. Mills, J. Mills, E. Matthews, F. C. Mutsch, W. G. McGovern, H. M. Mutsch, A. McKay, J. C. McCall, J. Newman, P. J. Moloney, F. J. O'Keilly, H. B. Osborne, D. T. Polkinghome, W. Phillips, E. A. Pemberton, W. J. Patterson, J. R. Potts, E. E. Eawlings, G. A. Reis, L. F. Rutzou, R. L. Rixon, W. Reaves, P. J. Regan, B. R. Richards, A. Romero, J. W. Smith, W. Stephens, W. H. Schneider, L. Singe, J. Stanton, F. H. Schulters, W. J. Stiff, F. J. Stassen, J. C. P. B. Singe, L. J. Schneider, G. W. Seymour, E. Trebilco, C. Tristan, H. F. A. Wynack, C. Waite, P. Waite, M. Watson, E. Wilson, Lieut. C. F. Clinton.

*(The Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times, Albury, NSW – Thursday 12 October, 1916)*

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#### AT THE FRONT AND AT HOME

Rev. A. Fleming has received word that it was officially reported that Private H. G. Maynard, of the 3rd Battalion, died on the 28th January from pneumonia at the military hospital at Fargo. Mr. Fleming was requested to convey the sad news to Mr. N. D. Maynard, and to convey deep regret and sympathy of their Majesties the King and Queen, and the Commonwealth Government in the loss that he and the army have sustained by the loss of Private Maynard.

*(Albury Banner and Wodonga Express, NSW – Friday 9 February, 1917)*

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## AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES – LIST NO. 271

### DIED OF ILLNESS

H. G. Maynard (Albury)

*(Newcastle Morning herald & Miners' Advocate, NSW – Friday 9 February, 1917)*

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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 Durrington War Graves 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)*

A letter from Base Records, dated 22nd July, 1921, to Mr N. D, Maynard advises that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of the late Pte H. G. Maynard had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Pte H. G. Maynard does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*His Duty Nobly Done Mother, Father, Sisters & Brother*

Photo of Pte H. G. Maynard's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Pte H. G. Maynard is also remembered on the Red Granite Obelisk Memorial to Men of 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion A.I.F. which is located in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



*(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*



*(Photos by Ian King 2010)*





**Memorial to 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion A.I.F. at Durrington Cemetery**