

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



4680 PRIVATE

R. DALEY

23RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

11TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 26

Too Far Away

Your Grave To See

But Not Too Far

To Think Of Thee

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte R. Daley is located in Grave Plot # 127
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Richard Daley

Sydney Montgomery Daley was born at Richmond, Tasmania in 1884 to parents Daniel & Eliza Daley (nee Bezzent). He was a 31 year old, married, Butcher from 20 High Street, North Hobart, Tasmania when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 31st January, 1916 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 4680 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Beatrice Elsie Daley, 20 High Street, North Hobart, Tasmania. He enlisted under the name of “Richard Daley”. Richard had previously served 6 years in the Royal Australian Navy 1905 - 1910.

Pte Richard Daley embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 4th April, 1916 & disembarked at Suez (no date given).

No Information is included in Pte Richard Daley’s Service Record File to show when & how he travelled from Suez to Wiltshire, England. Usually new recruits were sent to England first for further training as 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 Richard Daley was written up for an offence at Salisbury, Wiltshire on 2nd October, 1916. He neglected to obey standing orders & was awarded 10 days C.B. – Confined to Barracks.

Pte Richard Daley was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, from 6th Training Battalion, on 7th October, 1916 with Asthma & discharged 11 days later, on 17th October, 1916.

Pte Richard Daley was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 1st December, 1916 with Asthma.

Pte Richard Daley died at 5.45 p.m. on 11th December, 1916 in Fargo Military Hospital of Asthma followed by cardiac failure.

A death for Richard Daley, aged 35, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing File for Pte Daley contains a letter from the Assistant Matron of Fargo Military Hospital –

“Pte Daley was admitted to hospital on Dec. 1st, died from asthma on 11.12.16. Buried at Durrington, Wilts, grave No. 127 right hand side of cemetery path. Pte Daley was taken very much worse on Dec. 10th and never rallied. His sufferings the last two days were very great and nothing in the way of medical treatment relieved him for long at a time, although everything possible was tried.”

Pte Richard Daley was buried on 14th December, 1916 in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – plot number 127.

A War Pension was granted to Beatrice Elsie Daley of 20 High St, Hobart in regards to her husband Pte (Sydney Montgomery) Richard Daley in the sum of 40/- per fortnight from 17th February, 1917.

A War Pension was granted to Eliza Daley of 20 High St, Hobart in regards to her son Pte (Sydney Montgomery) Richard Daley in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 17th February, 1917.

Private R. Daley is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 98.



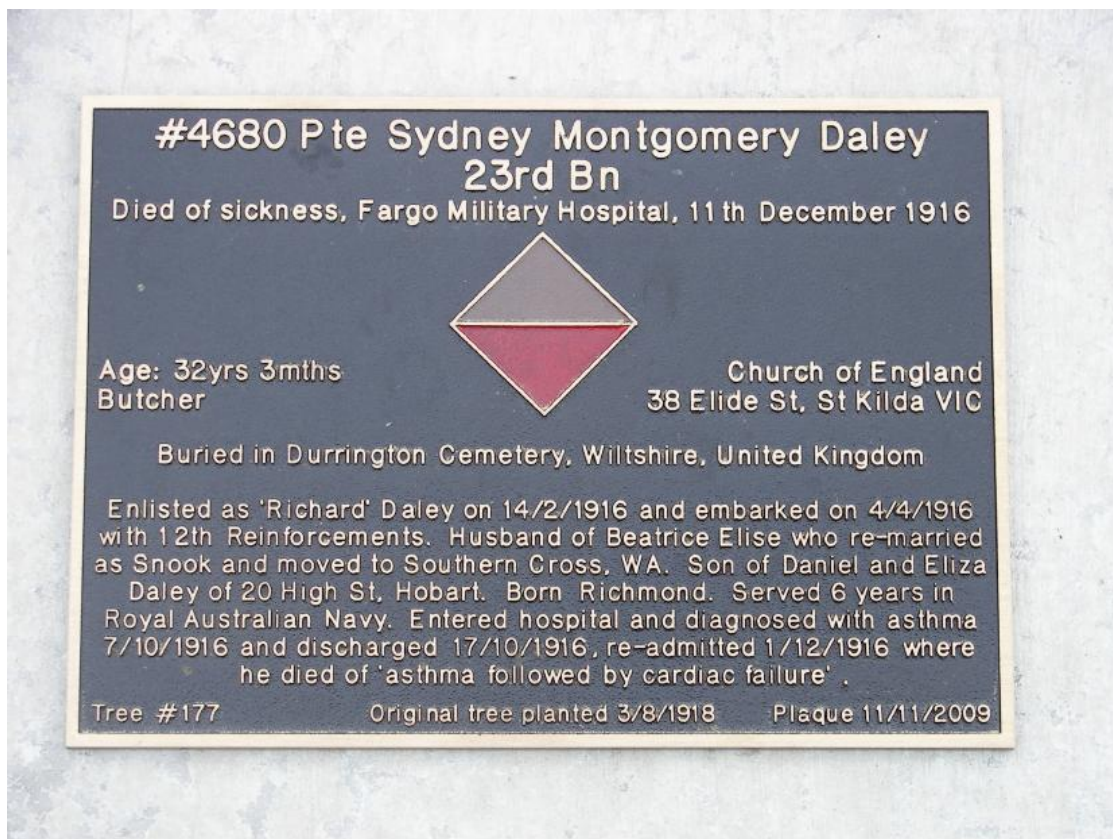
(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte Sydney Montgomery Daley is also remembered on the Hobart Soldier's Memorial Avenue – Tree # 177.

The Soldiers Memorial Avenue forms part of the Queens Domain in Hobart Tasmania. It is a memorial avenue comprising 520 trees planted in 1918 and 1919 to commemorate soldiers, mainly from Hobart, who died in the Great War 1914-1918. The trees are predominantly Himalayan Cedar though Atlantic Cedars, Blue Atlas and Italian Cypress are also present (the latter planted as replacements in the 1960s). In 2001 only 330 original trees remained. Friends of Soldiers Walk Inc. was formed in 2002 to ensure the restoration of the Avenue.



(Photo by A Howard - [Soldiers Walk](#) with permission)

Pte Daley is also remembered on the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Roll of Honour located at 50 Warwick St, North Hobart.

Pte Daley is also remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour located in foyer of Hobart Town Hall, Macquarie Street, Hobart.



(Photo from War Memorials in Australia)

Pte Daley 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 Daley's widow who had remarried – now Mrs Beatrice Elsie Snook, Southern Cross, Western Australia (February, 1922 & July, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Richard Daley – service number 4680 as being 26 years old & served with 23rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Daniel & Eliza Daley; husband of B. E. Daley of 81 Capel St. West, Melbourne. Born in Tasmania.

(67 pages of Pte Richard Daley'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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Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR

REPORTED IN HOSPITAL

PTE R. DALEY, North Hobart, ill

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania Friday 27 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

DALEY – Died of illness at Fargo Military Hospital, England, December 11, 1916, Private R. Daley (Mont.), dearly loved husband of Beatrice Daley and dearly loved son of Eliza Daley of 20 High Street, North Hobart. For King and Country.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Thursday 28 December, 1916)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

PTE R. DALEY, North Hobart – 11th Dec., 1916

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania Tuesday 23 January, 1917)

TASMANIA

CITY COUNCIL HONOURS THE BRAVE

At last night's City Council meeting it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Williams, to forward a resolution of condolence and sympathy to the next-of-kin of the following members of the A.I.F. from Hobart, who had been killed in action:-

Private R. Daley, 23rd Battalion. Next-of-kin. Mrs N. E. Daley, 20 Hick Street, North Hobart.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Tuesday 30 January, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

Died on Active Service

DALEY – In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Private M. Daley, who died at Fargo Military Hospital, England on December 11, 1916.

The hardest part is yet to come,
When the other boys return;
We will miss among the merry throng
Dear "Mont" who will never return.

Inserted by his loving wife, Beatrice Daley.

DALEY – In fond and loving remembrance of my dear son and brother, Private R. Daley (Mont) died of illness, London, December 11, 1916.

It is sweet to be remembered,
And this our wish will show,
We hold you still in memory
While the years come and go.

Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Wednesday 11 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Died on Active Service

DALEY – In sad and loving memory of Richard Daley (Mont), late A.I.F., who died at Fargo Military Hospital, England 11th December, 1916.

Though lost to sight,
To memory ever dear.

Inserted by his loving wife, Beatrice Daley.

DALEY – In loving memory of my dear brother, Mont, died Fargo Military Hospital, 11th December, 1916.

So long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

Inserted by his loving sister, M.F.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Saturday 11 December, 1920)

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)

Pte R. Daley does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Pte R. Daley's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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