

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



6339 PRIVATE

V. YOUL

1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 26

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte V. Youl is located in Grave Plot # 150
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Vivian YOUL

Vivian Youl was born on 13th March, 1890 in Campbelltown, Tasmania to parents Cecil James & Mary Dinah Youl (nee MacMichael).

Vivian Youl married Helen Louise Jackson in 1911 at St. Leonard's New South Wales.

Vivian Youl was a 26 year old, married, Clerk from Rose Bay when he enlisted on 14th November, 1915 with the 1st Infantry Battalion, 20th reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6339 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs H. L. Youl c/o Mrs M. D. Youl 50 Newcastle Street, Rose Bay.

Pte Vivian Youl embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Euripides* (A14) on 9th September, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 26th October, 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 Vivian Youl was transferred to Fovant, Wiltshire on 21st November, 1916 from No. 3 Command Depot. He was marched out to Dinton the next day.

Pte Vivian Youl was written up for being Absent without Leave from 6 a.m. on 21st November 1916 to 2 p.m. 21st November, 1916. He was awarded 7 days confined to Barracks & forfeited one day's pay.

Pte Vivian Youl was marched in to 1st Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire on 8th December, 1916.

Pte Vivian Youl was sent sick to Fargo Military Hospital on 2nd January, 1917 with Influenza from 1st Training Battalion, Durrington, Wiltshire. He was admitted the next day with Pleurisy & reported seriously ill.

Private Vivian Youl died at 9.10 p.m. on 8th January, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Pneumonia.

A death for Vivian Youle, aged 26, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Vivian Youl was buried on 11th January, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 150 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Pte V. Youl contains a request from the Red Cross, on behalf of the family, regarding the nature of the sickness of Pte V. Youl. A reply from the Assistant Matron of Fargo Military Hospital reads:

"In answer to your letter dated 29th Jan. No. 6339 Pte V. Youl, 1st Batt. A.I.F. was admitted to this hospital on 2nd Jan. very ill. Everything was done that could possibly be done to relieve him, but he did not improve. He was such a very good patient and we all felt so very sorry for him. He was visited

several times by the chaplain to the hospital, Capt. Skipper, also by his aunt. The Sister Superior from London and I believe another aunt from Salisbury. Will you please convey t Pte Youl's relations, our very sincere sympathy. He was buried on 11.1.17 at Durrington grave No.150 on the right hand side of cemetery path."

Private V. Youl is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 31.



Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte Vivian Youl 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 Youl's widow – Mrs H. L. Youl (sent July, 1921 & October, 1921)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Vivian Youl – service number 6339 as being 26 years old & served with 1st Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Cecil James and Mary Dinah Youl. Born in Tasmania.

A War Pension was granted to Helen Louise You, widow of the late Pte Vivian Youl, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 8th March, 1917. A pension was also granted to Helen Laurine Youl, daughter of the late Pte Vivian Youl, in the sum of £1 per fortnight from 8th March, 1917.

(69 pages of Pte Vivian Youl'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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Newspaper Reports

DIED OF ILLNESS

PRIVATE V. YOUL

Private Vivian Youl died in Fargo Military Hospital, England, on January 8, of pneumonia. Private You, who was 27 years of age, was the third son of the late Mr Cecil J. Youl, and of Mrs Youl of Lastooda, Newcastle Street, Rose Bay. Prior to enlistment he was in the office of Messrs. Norton Griffiths and Co. He has left a widow and daughter.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Monday 15 January, 1917)

LATEST CASUALTIES

266TH AND 267TH LISTS

DIED OF ILLNESS

V. Youl, Rose Bay

(The Land, Sydney – Friday 26 January, 1917)

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 V. Youl does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte V. Youl's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Private V. Youl is also remembered on the Red Granite Obelisk Memorial to Men of 1st Training Battalion A.I.F. which is located in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)



(Photos by Ian King 2010)



Memorial to 1st Training Battalion A.I.F. at Durrington Cemetery