

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



3639 PRIVATE

S. C. COLLINGWOOD

51ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

22ND FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 28

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte C. S. Collingwood is located in
Grave Plot # 73. K. 2. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Sydney Cuthbert COLLINGWOOD

Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood's birth was registered in the district of Blean, Kent, England in the September quarter, 1887, to parents Edward Samuel & Emma Collingwood.

The 1891 England Census listed Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood as a 3 year old living with his family at 32 Whitstable Road, St. Dunstan, Kent. His parents were listed as Edward S. Collingwood (Bank Clerk, aged 39, born Adelaide, Australia) & Emma Collingwood (aged 35, born Whitstable, Kent). Sydney was one of 6 children listed on this Census – Violet Hilda (aged 13, Scholar), Ida Agnes (aged 10, Scholar), Christian H. (aged 7, Scholar), Douglas Edwd. (aged 5, Scholar), then Sydney & Ernest Percival (aged 2). Also listed in the household was Fanny Trayton, a 15 year old servant. All the children listed had been born at Canterbury, Kent.

The 1901 England Census listed Sydney C. Collingwood as a 13 year old living with his family at Manor House, Fordwich, Kent. His father was listed as Edward S. Collingwood (aged 49, Married, Bank Clerk). Sydney's mother was not listed in this Census. Sydney was one of 6 children listed in this Census - Violet H. (aged 23), Alice M. (aged 19), Douglas E. (aged 15, Solicitor's Clerk), then Sydney, Ernest P. (aged 12) & Dorothy M. (aged 7).

Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood had served with the New Zealand Forces in 1914 & 1915 but had been discharged due to Rheumatic Fever caught whilst on duty.

Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood was a 27 year old, single Cook when he enlisted at Bunbury, Western Australia on 7th March, 1917 with the 51st Infantry Battalion, 10th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3639 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Edward Samuel Collingwood of Middle Swan, via Midland Junction, Western Australia. According to information supplied by Mrs Gertrude Collingwood, wife of Pte Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood, he had never lived in Australia but enlisted with the A.I.F. whilst visiting his parents.

Pte Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood embarked from Fremantle on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 29th June, 1917 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 25th August, 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.

Private Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood was marched in to 13th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire from Australia on 26th August, 1917.

Pte Collingwood was sent sick to Group Hospital at Codford on 6th September, 1917 with Lumbago & discharged to duty on 14th September, 1917.

Pte Collingwood was absent without leave at Codford from 8 a.m. until 8.20 p.m. on 17th October, 1917 & was awarded a total forfeiture of 2 days' pay.

A Medical Report "on an Invalid" was made on 1st December, 1917 on Pte Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood of 13th T. B. at Codford, Wiltshire. His disability was described as Neuritis of left thigh & chronic osteomyelitis. Prior to enlistment Pte Collingwood had been operated on five years ago "for abscess in the bone (left thigh) in Sumatra & has had aching pains in it on & off ever since, especially in cold, damp weather & after much exercise. Paraded sick with aching pains in left thigh leg & inability to keep up with his fellows at doubling. Gives a history of injury to thigh preceding the abscess formation. Staphylococcal infection of left femur. Prior to enlistment – not aggravated by active service." The Medical Board made a decision on 3rd December, 1917 & Pte Collingwood was classified at C1 – which meant he was permanently unfit for General Service but fit for home service only.

Pte Collingwood was attached to Australian Provost Corps at Tidworth, Wiltshire on 27th January, 1918.

Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood, aged 30, married Gertrude Francis Annie Beaumont, aged 37, on 14th February, 1918 at St. Peter's Church, Hornsey, Middlesex. Their marriage was registered in the district of

Edmonton in the March quarter, 1918. Sydney Collingwood's rank or profession was listed as Pte Australian Provost Corps. Both Bridge & groom had listed their address as 83 Beresford Road. The Marriage Bonds and Allegations had been signed by Sydney & Gertrude on 18th January, 1918.

At a review of his Medical Classification at Tidworth, Wiltshire on 26th March, 1918, Pte Collingwood was still classified as C1 – fit for Home service only.

Pte Collingwood was detached from duty with Australian Provost Corps & marched out to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth on 13th December, 1918.

Pte Collingwood was written up for being absent without leave from 23.59 on 20th December, 1918 to 08.00 on 25th December, 1918. The case was dismissed by Major Cunningham (Medical Certificate).

Pte Collingwood was marched out to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 1st February, 1919.

Pte Collingwood was admitted to 1st Group Clearing Hospital with Influenza on 15th February, 1919. He was listed as dangerously & seriously ill at 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny on 19th February, 1919 with Broncho pneumonia.

Private Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood died at 11.30 a.m. on 22nd February, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for S. C. Collingwood, aged 30, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood was buried on 25th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 73. From the burial report of Pte Collingwood - *The deceased soldier was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin (elm with brass mounts) draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun Carriage precede by a Firing Party from No. 1 Australian Command Depot. 6 Australians supported the Pall. A large number of Non-commissioned Officers and men followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Mr J. P. Turner (Friend) Walmer House, Lowestoft, and Mr A. E. Skinner (Friend) 72 Enring Road, Stoke-Newington, were present at the funeral. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Pte Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood requested in his Will, dated 12th May, 1917 that he bequeathed the whole of his real & personal estate to his father – Edward Samuel Collingwood, Post Office, Middle Swan, Western Australia. His father was also appointed Executor of his Will.

Private S. C. Collingwood is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 152.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood 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 Collingwood's widow – Mrs G. F. Collingwood in England (both sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood, 3639, of 51st Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Edward and Emma Collingwood; husband of Gertrude F.A. Collingwood of 115 Wellesley Rd, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex, England. Born at Blean, Canterbury, Kent, England.

(64 pages of Pte Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood'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.



Newspaper Reports

DIED ON SERVICE

COLLINGWOOD – On February 22, 1919, at 1st Australian General Hospital, England, of pneumonia, Sidney Cuthbert Collingwood, 51st Battalion, third son of Mr and Mrs E. S. Collingwood, of Middle Swan; aged 30.

(The West Australian, Perth – Tuesday 18 March, 1919 & Western Mail, Perth – Friday 21 March, 1919)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

462ND CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF OTHER CAUSES

Collingwood, Sid Cuthbert (England), illness

(The West Australian, Perth – Wednesday 9 April, 1919)

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 St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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 Sydney Cuthbert Collingwood does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte S. C. Collingwood's Headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*

