



In Memory of

**Lieutenant  
CHARLES ROUGH BEGG**

QX21432,

12 L of C Stationary Depot

2 A.I.F.

who died age 36

on 29 April 1946

Son of Albert and Jessica Donaldson Begg and husband of  
Francis Madeline Begg of Ashgrove, Brisbane, Queensland,  
Australia

Remembered with honour  
Lutwyche Cemetery, Brisbane, QLD



LIEUTENANT  
**CHARLES ROUTH BEGG**  
12 L OF C STATIONARY DEPOT  
REGIMENTAL NUMBER : QX21432



Lieutenant Charles Routh Begg, the son of Albert and Jessica Donaldson Begg was born in Aberdeen Scotland on 9 March 1911 and was with the Church of England. The family arrived in Australia on the 9 October 1912 on the ship '*Van Linschoten*'. At the age of 30 years he voluntarily enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1941 at the City Hall Recruiting Depot in Brisbane. He had previously served with the Citizens Forces Naval Depot in Brisbane. At the time of his enlistment, he was married (with two young children, John McDonald and Brian Donaldson Begg) and unemployed but had been a Salesman working with Gordan and Gotch who were wholesale paper merchants and printers in Brisbane. His physical description was brown hair, 6 foot 1 ½ inches tall with a fair

complexion. He stated that he was of the Church of England religion. He gave his next of kin as his wife, Mrs Francis Madeline Begg nee Healy, residing at Kauri Road, Ashgrove, Brisbane, Queensland.

Lieutenant Charles Begg was mobilized to join the Citizens Force at the City Hall in Brisbane Queensland, and was allotted the service number of Q61802. He was posted to the Australian Army Service Corp as a Clerk with the rank of Private. On 5<sup>th</sup> May 1941 he was transferred to the Australian Imperial Forces with the service number QX21432. On 22 August 1941 he was promoted to Acting Corporal. On 31 August 1941 he was transferred to No 36 Army School Course of Signals at Liverpool. On 3 November 1941 he was promoted Lance Sergeant. On 31 December he was detached to Coastal Defence Units.

On 22 January 1942 he was appointed Lieutenant with the reinforcements for the 2/15<sup>th</sup> Battalion. On the 10 September 1942 he embarked from Townsville for New Guinea with the 36<sup>th</sup> Battalion and was wounded in action in the left buttock on 21 December 1942. On 6 January 1943 he returned to Australia for treatment. On 17 February 1944 he was appointed a Lieutenant with the Staging Camp of the Queensland Line of Communication Area and on 19 April 1944 was appointed Company Commander. On 24 August 1944 he was transferred to the Queensland Line of Communication Area Stationery Depot (1 Military District). On 29 January 1945 to 11 April 1946 he served again in New Guinea and Morotai with the 12 Australian L of C Stationery Depot (Australian Army Printing and Stationery Service) before being evacuated to Brisbane. He died of disease on the 29 April 1946 and buried at Lutwyche Cemetery in Brisbane.

Charles Routh Begg was a student at Toowoomba Grammar School and known as 'Charlie'. He was year group 1927 and attended the school from January 1922 to December 1923. His name was not included on the school's WWII Honour Board, but is now included in the official Honour Roll and remembered at school Anzac Services.

His name is commemorated on Panel No. 93 at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and locally on the Toowoomba Grammar School World War 2 Honour Board.

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