

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves

Wiltshire, England



Lest We Forget

World War 1



58787 PRIVATE

ALLAN ERNEST EVANS

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT

20TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 19

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Allan Ernest EVANS

Allan Ernest Evans was born at Petersham, New South Wales on 22nd January, 1899 to parents Ernest Wesley & Agnes Ellen Evans (nee Henderson).

Allan Ernest Evans was a junior Clerk, single & aged 19 years & 4 months from Ryde, New South Wales when he enlisted with the 10th Reinforcements, Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 20th May, 1918. His Service number was 58787 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr E W Evans of Quarry Road, Ryde, New South Wales.

Pte Allan Ernest Evans embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 17th July, 1918 & disembarked at London, England on 27th September, 1918 after being admitted to the Ship's Hospital on 5th August, 1918.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain area in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Evans was admitted to Group Hospital at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 13th October, 1918 with influenza then transferred to Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 15th October, 1918 with "Pneumonia (seriously ill)."

Pte Allan Ernest Evans died on 20th October, 1918 at 2.30 p.m. of pneumonia at Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire, aged 19 years & 9 months.

A death for Allan E. Evans was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire. (Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

Pte Evans was buried at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery on 24th October, 1918 at 3 p.m. – Back Row, Grave Plot #4.

From the burial report of Pte – Coffin was good, Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin, draped with the Australian flag was borne to the graveside on a gun carriage, preceded by a Firing Party and Band of 12th Training Battalion. Six of deceased's comrades acted as Pall Bearers; three Officers and fifty N.C.O.'s and men of the deceased's unit were in attendance as mourners. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.

Pte Allan Ernest Evans requested in his Will that the whole of his property & effects be given to his father – Ernest Wesley Evans of Quarry Rd, Ryde, N.S.W.

Private Allan Ernest Evans is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Allen Ernest Evans – service number 58787, of 10th Australian Reinforcement. He was the son of Ernest Wesley Evans and Agnes Ellen Evans, of Quarry Rd, Ryde, New South Wales.

Pte Allan Ernest Evans was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (July, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (November, 1922) were sent to Pte Evans's father – Mr E W Evans of Quarry Road, Ryde, NSW.

(58 pages of Pte Allan Ernest Evans' 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

DEATHS

EVANS- Died of pneumonia, October 20, in England, Allan Ernest, dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. W. Evans of Quarry Road, Ryde. Called to higher service.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Saturday 2nd November, 1918)



Private Allen Ernest Evans



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 Compton Chamberlayne 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 Evans does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery contains 34 Commonwealth War Graves. There are 28 Australian War Graves, 4 British & 2 Irish. The War Graves, interspersed with some Public graves, are located in the front section of the Cemetery. The majority of the Public graves are in the back section of the Cemetery.



Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery



Looking left & right from front of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. (Photos by Andrew Stacey)

Photo of Pte Allan Ernest Evans' Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)

Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations



British Soldier



Irish Soldier



Australian Soldier

| Front Row | Grave | | Middle Row | Grave | | Back Row | Grave |
|---------------|-----------|----|---------------|----------|----|---------------|----------|
| <i>Public</i> | 1 | | Oliver | 1 | | | 1 |
| <i>Public</i> | 2 | | Knowles | 2 | | <i>Public</i> | 2 |
| | Haywood | 3 | | Skipper | 3 | | Turner |
| | Gilbert | 4 | | Wehrmann | 4 | | Evans |
| | Le Tisser | 5 | | Park | 5 | | Dreckow |
| | Jones | 6 | | Riley | 6 | | Cass |
| | Cook | 7 | | Turnbull | 7 | | Arnold |
| | Pairman | 8 | | White | 8 | | Sillar |
| | | 9 | | Howard | 9 | | Ross |
| | Norris | 10 | | Tull | 10 | | Finn |
| | Lintott | 11 | | Snell | 11 | | McCarthy |
| | Redman | 12 | | Ferrow | 12 | | Trengove |
| <i>Public</i> | | | <i>Public</i> | | | | 13 |
| <i>Public</i> | | | <i>Public</i> | | | | 14 |
| <i>Public</i> | | | | | | | Walsh |
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