

**Brockley Cemetery,
London, England
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



975 LANCE SERGEANT

S. APPLEBY

AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

22ND FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 32

Sidney APPLEBY

Sidney Appleby was born at Ilderton Road, Bermondsey, Surrey, England in 1886 to parents William Henry and Annie Appleby (nee Lever). Sidney & his brother Bertie were baptised together on 4th May, 1887 in St. Paul's Church, Walworth, Surrey, England. The family lived at 42 Ilderton Road, South Bermondsey & William Henry Appleby was listed as a Stevedore.

The 1891 England Census recorded Sidney Appleby as a 4 year old living with his family at 10 New Cross Road, Deptford, London, England. His parents were listed as William H. Appleby (Master Stevedore, aged 35, born S. Shields, Durham) & Annie Appleby (aged 35, born Denton, Lancashire). Sidney was one of four children listed on this Census – Bertie Appleby (aged 6, born Dulwich, Surrey) then Sidney (born Rotherhithe, Surrey), Percy Appleby (aged 3, born Rotherhithe, Surrey) & Dorothy Appleby (aged 2, born Rotherhithe, Surrey). Also listed was Eliza Corney – General Servant (aged 15, born Deptford, Surrey).

Sidney Appleby attended Higher Grade School, Monson Road, New Cross, London, England.

The 1901 England Census recorded Sydney Appleby as a 14 year old living with his family at 10 New Cross Road, Camberwell, London, England. His parents were listed as William H. Appleby (Stevedore Manage, aged 45) & Annie Appleby (aged 45). Sidney was one of four children listed on this Census – Bertie Appleby (Stockbroker Clerk, aged 16) then Sydney (born Bermondsey, London), Percy Appleby (aged 10) & Stanley Appleby (aged 8, born Deptford, London). Also listed was Mary A Lever (Widow, Living on own means, aged 72) – mother-in-law of William Henry Appleby & his sister-in-law – Mary Lever (Living on own means, aged 40).

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour – Sidney Appleby came to Australia when he was 24 years old.

Sidney Appleby was a 26 year old, single, Farmer from Fairy Mount, Boldross, via Wellington, NSW when he enlisted at Marrickville, Sydney, NSW on 23rd September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 975 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. H. Appleby, 40 Jermingham Road, New Cross, London, England.

Driver Sidney Appleby was posted to 6th Company, Army Service Corps from 21st December, 1914

Driver Sydney (spelling as per Embarkation Roll) Appleby embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Port Macquarie* (A39) on 21st December, 1914 with the 2nd Light Horse Brigade Train, 6th Company, A.S.C.

Driver Sidney Appleby proceeded to Serapeum on 26th February, 1916

Driver Sidney Appleby was transferred to Divisional Headquarters, A.S.C. (Army Service Corps) - Anzac Mtd. (Mounted) Division on 26th March, 1916 from 6th A.A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps).

ANZAC Mounted Division

The Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division was a mounted infantry division of the British Empire during the First World War. The division was raised in March 1916 and was assigned to the I ANZAC Corps. On establishment, it consisted of four brigades comprising three Australian light horse and one New Zealand mounted rifles, supported by British horse artillery. In 1917, one of the Australian brigades was replaced by a British yeomanry brigade. After April 1917, the standard order of battle was reduced to two Australian brigades and one New Zealand brigade, although the Imperial Camel Corps. (*Wikipedia*)

Driver Sidney Appleby was taken on strength of A.S.C. (Army Service Corps) A.M.D (Australian Mounted Divisional Train) at Serapeum from 19th May, 1916 with rank of Private.

Private Sidney Appleby was detached to 2nd Light Horse Battalion – Supply Section from Romani on 17th August, 1916. He was taken on strength of Supply Section on 18th August, 1916 with rank of Driver.

Driver Sidney Appleby was posted to Rest Camp at Sidi Bishr from 3rd – 11th October, 1916.

Driver Sidney Appleby was struck off strength of 2nd Brigade Supply Section on 31st July, 1917 & transferred to A.S.C. Training Depot. He was taken on strength of Divisional Training Depot at Moascar on 1st August, 1917.

Driver Sidney Appleby was taken on strength of A & NZ Divisional Training – 33rd Company, A.A.S.C. from 13th August, 1917.

Driver Sidney Appleby was to be Corporal from 14th August, 1917 while posted at Abbassia with 33rd Company, Anzac Divisional Training.

Corporal Sidney Appleby was appointed Lance Sergeant to complete establishment at Moascar from 8th November, 1918.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby was marched out to Moascar on 19th November, 1918 & was marched in to Anzac Divisional Training at Moascar on 20th November, 1918.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby was marched in to Details Camp on 23rd November, 1918.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby was marched out from Details Camp on 17th January, 1919 for embarkation to UK.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby embarked from Port Said on H. T. *Caledonian* on 17th January, 1919 for the UK for 1914 leave. He disembarked at Southampton, England on Leave from Egypt on 1st February, 1919.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby was to be on leave from Egypt until 4th April, 1919 & was granted an extension to 12th April, 1919 pending embarkation to Egypt. He was also granted (in advance) 60 days leave with pay in England from 4th April, 1919 & was then to report to Headquarters, London.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby died around 20.00 hrs on 22nd February, 1919 at "Eversley" Daliham Avenue, Egham Surrey, England from 1. Influenza 2. Laryngitis, Pneumonia & Heart Failure. The Death Certificate recorded the following information: Sidney Appleby, aged 32 years, Sergeant Anzac Mounted Division, Australian Imperial Forces, No. 975, Farmer, died at Eversley Daliham Avenue, Egham. His father W. H. Appleby, of 40 Jenningham Road, New Cross, London, was present at the death.

A death for Sidney Appleby, aged 32, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Windsor, Surrey/Berkshire, England.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby was buried on 27th February, 1919 in Brockley Cemetery, London, England – Plot number W. 49. He has a Private Headstone but his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Sergeant Sydney Appleby - *Coffin was oak. The deceased soldier was interred privately by relatives residing in Surrey. A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Mr Appleby (father) and two brothers were present at the Funeral.*

Sidney Appleby, 975, of 33rd Coy, A.A.S.C. requested in his Will, dated 31st January, 1918, that all his real estate & personal estate be bequeathed to William Henry Appleby, 40 Jenningham Road, New Cross, London, England. Property in Australia was in charge of Mr Jas, Watt, Brookvale via Manly, Sydney, NSW. His bank account was in Commonwealth Savings Bank.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Sergeant Appleby's father – Mr W. H. Appleby, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sergeant Sydney Appleby – service number 975, aged 32, of 33rd Coy., Australian Army Service Corps. He was the son of William Henry and Annie Appleby, of 40 Jenningham Rd., New Cross, London, England.

S. Appleby is remembered on the Baldry & Dilga District Honor Roll, located in Eden Hall, Peak Hill Road & Renshaw McGirr Way, Baldry, NSW.



Baldry & Dilga District Honor Roll (Photos courtesy of Bradly Bliss – VWMA)



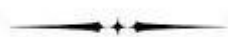
Lance Sergeant S. Appleby is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(40 pages of Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby'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) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

462nd CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Sgt. SIDNEY APPLEBY, England (illness)

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 1 April, 1919)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES – Probate Jurisdiction – In the Estate of SIDNEY APPLEBY late of Baldry near Parkes in the State of New South Wales, and of the Australian Imperial Forces on active service, deceased. – Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof, that administration with the Will annexed of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to the PUBLIC TRUSTEE, and all persons having claims against the said Estate must render the same in details to the Public Trustee, on or before the 5th day of August, 1919. T. W, GARRETT, Public Trustee, Culwulla-chambers, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 5 July, 1919)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby has a Private Headstone

Brockley Cemetery, London, England

The cemetery is at Brockley Road, Lewisham, west of Ladywell Cemetery.

There are 175 burials of the 1914-1918 war and 19 of the 1939-1945 war here. There is a War Plot which contains the majority of the graves and on the west side there is a Screen Wall Memorial bearing the names of those whose graves are not marked by headstones. *(Information from CWGC)*

Brockley and Ladywell Cemeteries (also known as Ladywell and Brockley Cemetery) were opened within one month of each other in 1858 and are sited on adjacent plots of previously open land.

Until 1948, the two cemeteries were completely separate, being divided by a wall. Ladywell Cemetery, which was previously known as Lewisham Cemetery, stands to the east of the wall and Brockley Cemetery, formerly Deptford Cemetery, lies to the west.

Both cemeteries contain war graves of Commonwealth service personnel registered and maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC).

Brockley Cemetery contains 195 war graves, 175 from World War I and 19 from World War II. The majority of the graves lie in a War Plot. On the cemetery's west side, a Screen Wall memorial lists those whose graves could not be marked by headstones.

Ladywell Cemetery contains 226 war graves from World War I and 18 from World War II. A War Graves plot contains 100 graves, the names of those buried there being listed on a Screen War Memorial in Plot D, as well as those buried elsewhere in the cemetery whose graves could not be marked by headstones. The CWGC also maintain a Commemorative Plot, in Plot B, on which 46 headstones have been erected. *(Information from Wikipedia)*



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



Ladywell and Brockley Cemetery (Photo by cerdwen)



(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett Private Collection)

Photo of Lance Sergeant Sidney Appleby's Private Memorial in Brockley Cemetery, London, England.



(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright - 2020)

In Loving Memory Of

SIDNEY

2nd Son of Wm. Hy. And Annie Appleby,

Died 20 Feby. 1919, Aged 32 Years.

Sergt. 2nd Lt. Horse A.I.F., 1914-19



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