

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2038 PRIVATE

W. A. BULL

37TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

2ND JANUARY, 1917 Age 29

Gone But Not Forgotten

William Angus BULL

William Angus Bull was born at North Wangaratta, Victoria to parents John James and Annie Maria Bull (nee Tutley). His birth was registered in 1887.

According to information supplied by his father for Roll of Honour – William Angus Bull attended State School.

The 1908 & 1909 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Indi, subdivision of Wangaratta, Victoria recorded William Angus Bull, Labourer from Carragarmungee. His parents – John James Bull, Labourer & Ann Maria, Home Duties, were also listed at Carragarmungee.

The 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Indi, subdivision of Wangaratta, Victoria recorded William Angus Bull, Labourer from Tarrawingee. His parents – John James Bull, Labourer & Ann Maria, Home Duties, were also listed at Tarrawingee.

William Angus Bull was a 29 year old, single, Labourer from Tarrawingee P.O., Victoria when he enlisted at Wangaratta, Victoria on 13th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2038 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – John James Bull, of Tarrawingee, Victoria.

Private William Angus Bull was posted to “D” Company, 37th Battalion on 13th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to No. 2 Company, 4th Depot Battalion on 5th April, 1916 then transferred to 14th Reinforcements of 22nd Battalion on 4th May, 1916. Private Bull was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 37th Battalion on 26th May, 1916 then transferred on 11th August, 1916 to 3rd Reinforcements of 37th Battalion.

Private William Angus Bull embarked from Port Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 25th September, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Brigade, 37th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th November, 1916.

37th Battalion

The 37th Battalion was formed, as part of the 10th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division, in February 1916 at Seymour in Victoria. Its recruits were drawn from Melbourne, north-east Victoria and Gippsland.

After training in both Australia and Britain, the battalion moved to France on 23 November 1916.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

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 William Angus Bull was marched in to 3rd D.A.T.B. (Divisional Amalgamated Training Battalion) Hurdcott, Wiltshire, England on 16th November, 1916 then marched out to 10th Training Battalion, Durrington, Wiltshire on 17th November, 1916.

Private William Angus Bull was sent sick to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 24th December, 1916 with “?C.S.M.” (Cerebro Spinal Meningitis) from No. 10 Training Battalion, Durrington, Wiltshire. He was transferred to Tidworth Military Hospital on 25th December, 1916 with Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. Private Bull was reported to be dangerously ill on 26th December, 1916. (The Casualty Form – Active Service recorded he had been admitted to Lucknow Isolation Hospital but this was crossed out in red & replaced with Military Hospital Tidworth. The Purport form recorded he was admitted to Lucknow Isolation Hospital, Tidworth as well as Statement of Service form).

Private William Angus Bull died on 2nd* January, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

[Note: There is some discrepancy regarding the date of death of Private William Angus Bull. The Hospital Admissions form has date as 3rd January, 1917, the Purport Form, one copy of Field Service form have date of death as 3rd January, 1917. The Casualty Form – Active Service recorded the date as 3rd January, 1917 but then a Corrigendum was written to “delete 3/1/17 & in

lieu 2/1/17". A Telegram was sent to Administrative Headquarters A.I.F., London advising of the death of Private W. A. Bull on 2nd January, 1917. The Field Service Form, Statement of Service form & Notice to The Staff Paymaster were altered to show the date as 2nd January, 1917. The Morning State of Sick form recorded the date as 2nd January, 1917 & the Final Summary –page 48/49 have date of death as 2nd January, 1917. CWGC has the date of death as 3rd January, 1917 but were advised at time of researching – May 2021.]

Correspondence was sent from A.I.F. Administrative Headquarters, London on 28th June, 1917 to Base Records, Melbourne to advise that two deceased soldiers had the wrong dates of death on Army Forms sent: *"Army Forms B.2090a were forwarded to you on the 8th instant for the above deceased soldiers, showing dates of death as "Bull 3/1/17" and "Minock 25/1/17". The dates shown are incorrect and should read "Bull 2/1/17" and "Minock 27/1/17"...May the forms held by you be amended, please."*

A death for William A. Bull, aged 30, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England.

Mr J. J. Bull, Tarrawingee, Victoria was advised by Base Records on 5th January, 1917 that his son, Private William A. Bull had been admitted to Tidworth Military Hospital on 26th December with Meningitis – severe.

Private William Angus Bull was buried on 5th January, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 242 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Advice was sent by Base Records on 15th August, 1917 to Mr J. J. Bull, Tarrawingee, Victoria, advising that his son – Private W. A. Bull, 37th Battalion, had died at the Military Hospital, Tidworth, England of cerebro spinal meningitis on 3rd January, 1917 along with details of where & when he was buried.

(Note: Memorial notices placed in the local newspaper by the family in 1918 record the date of death as 2nd January, 1917)

A War Pension was granted to Annie Maria Bull, Post Office, Tarrawingee, mother of the late Private William Angus Bull, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight from 9th March, 1917.

Private William Angus Bull 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 Private Bull's father – Mr J. J. Bull, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Angus Bull – service number 2038, aged 29, of 37th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of John James and Annie Maria Bull, of Yarrowonga, Victoria.

Private W. A. Bull is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 128.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Bull is remembered on the Wangaratta War Memorial, located in Monument Gardens, Docker & Ovens Streets, Wangaratta, Victoria.



Wangaratta War Memorial (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



The Wangaratta District Roll of Honour, which is a framed paper honour roll commemorates those from the District who served in World War 1 & is located in Wangaratta RSL, 2 – 4 Templeton Street, Wangaratta, Victoria.



Wangaratta District Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

A. Bull is remembered on the North Wangaratta State School Roll of Honour, located in Wangaratta RSL, Victoria Parade, Wangaratta, Victoria.



North Wangaratta State School Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

(49 pages of Private William Angus Bull'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

NEWS OF SOLDIERS

DEATH OF PTE W. A. BULL

Pte William Angus Bull, son of Mr. and Mrs John Bull, of Tarrawingee, died last week in Tegworth Hospital, England, from meningitis. Word to this effect was received by Rev. A. R. Mace, St. Columb's Hall, and he conveyed the sorrowful news to the parents. Pte Bull enlisted in February, 1916, and did part of his training at the Wangaratta camp. He sailed on September 25, and during the trip across wrote to his parents, letters being received from him from Durban. He was then well. Evidently he contracted meningitis during the latter part of the sea trip. A cable was received on Saturday by Mr. and Mrs Bull from the Department, intimating that their son was ill, and this was the first news they had that he was not enjoying good health. Pte Bull was 27 years of age, and the eldest son. He was a fine stamp of a man and was popular with his comrades. He was a native of North Wangaratta, and worked on the farm in that district, also, at Tarrawingee and The Rock, N.S.W. He was respected by all who knew him for his industry, and uprightness. Messrs R. V. Bull, of The Rock, and H. Bull, Londrigan, are brothers of deceased, while Miss Rose Bull, Tarrawingee, is a sister. Deep sympathy is expressed for the family in their bereavement.

(Wangaratta Chronicle, Victoria – 13 January, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

264TH LIST

Died of Illness

Pte W. A. Bull, Tarrawingee, 2/1/17

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 16 January, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOR

Died of Illness

Mr John Bull, of Tarrawingee has received word that his son, Private W. A. Bull, aged 27 years, had died from meningitis in the Tegworth Military Hospital, London. He left Australia on September 25, and when at Durban was in good health. It is believed that he contracted the diseases after leaving that place.

(Benalla Standard, Victoria – 16 January, 1917)

AUSTRALIANS ABROAD

Died of Illness

WANGARATTA – Private William Angus Bull, 27 years, son of Mr and Mrs John Bull, of Tarrawingee, died in Tagworth Hospital, England, from meningitis

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 January, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

BULL – In sad and loving memory of our dear Son and Brother, Pte William Angus Bull, died of illness, 2nd January, 1916, at Tidworth hospital, London.

Farewell to our dear Son and Brother,

Sweet thoughts of you we'll keep;

Although one year has passed away

Our grief is just as deep.

Inserted by his loving parents, sister and brothers.

(*Wangaratta Chronicle*, Victoria – 5 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

BULL.-In loving memory of Private William Angus Bull, who died from illness in Tidmore Hospital, London.

Oh, boys who died for the country,

Oh, dear and sainted dead;

What can we say about you

That has not once been said,

Whether you fell in the contest,

Struck down by shot and shell;

Or pined 'neath the hand of sickness,

Or starved in the prison cell.

We know that you died for freedom,

To save our land from shame;

To rescue a perilled nation,

And we give you deathless fame,

'Twas the cause of truth and justice,

That you fought and perished for,

And we say it, oh, so gently,

Our boys who died in the war.

-Inserted by his Aunt and Cousins, Mrs J. Tutty and Family, The Rock, N.S.W.

(*Wangaratta Chronicle*, Victoria – 9 January, 1918)

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. 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)

Private W. A. Bull does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.

Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground

Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.

Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.

Note Gunner McDonald has a large headstone which reads in part 'erected by his sorrowing comrades of the Australian Field Artillery. His duty done.'

Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

(Information from CWGC)



Tidworth Military Cemetery *(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)*



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo courtesy of John Prestidge)*



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)

Photo of Private W. A. Bull's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.

[NOTE: The date of death on the headstone of Private W. A. Bull is incorrect. It should be 2 January, 1917. CWGC were advised at the time of researching – May, 2021]

UPDATE – see next page



(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)

UPDATE: The CWGC forwarded the corrected Headstone for Private W. A. Bull on 19th January, 2022.



(Photo from CWGC)



