

**Cliveden War Cemetery,
Cliveden, Buckinghamshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4658 GUNNER

E. H. CARLEY

21ST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE

29TH JUNE, 1917 Age 22

Born at East Camberwell Victoria

Edward Hugh CARLEY

Edward Hugh Carley was born in Victoria in 1895 to parents Edward Charles and Grace Carley (nee Moss). (according to information supplied by his mother for the Roll of Honour Edward was born at Frankston, Victoria. His Memorial stone in Cliveden War Cemetery is engraved with "Born at East Camberwell, Victoria").

Edward Hugh Carley attended State School at Frankston, Victoria.

Edward Charles Carley, father of Edward Hugh Carley, died on 4th January, 1914 in Camberwell, Victoria.

Edward Hugh Carley was a 20 year old, single, Printer from Railway Gates, Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, Melbourne, Victoria when he enlisted on 16th June, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4658 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs G. Carley, of Railway Gates, Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, Melbourne, Victoria. Edward Carley stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets for 2 years & Field Artillery for 2 years. As Edward Carley was under the age of 21 years, his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Mrs G. Carley signed her consent on 17th June, 1915 & stated that her son's father was deceased.

Edward Hugh Carley was posted to A.I.F. Depot on 17th June, 1915 for recruit training. He was selected for transfer to Field Artillery Reinforcements on 16th June, 1915 & transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 2nd Field Artillery Brigade on 21st June, 1915.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on RMS *Persia* on 10th August, 1915 with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, 7th Reinforcements.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 2nd October, 1915. He embarked for Gallipoli from Zeitoun on 3rd October, 1915 on H.T. *Hitonian*. Driver Carley was taken on strength of 2nd Field Artillery Brigade at Gallipoli Peninsula on 13th October, 1915.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley was transferred to 2nd B.A.C. (Brigade Ammunition Column) at Gallipoli on 13th October, 1915.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley was attached to 6th Battery on 12th November, 1915.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley was sent sick to Hospital with Jaundice. He was transferred to No. 11 Casualty Clearing Station on 14th December, 1915 then transferred to Hospital Ship *Aberdonian*. Driver Carley was admitted to 27th General Hospital at Lemnos on 15th December, 1915. He was discharged to Base Details on 30th December, 1915.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley was admitted to Overseas Base at Cairo from Mudros on 11th January, 1916.

Driver Edward Hugh Carley proceeded to Tel-el-Kebir from Zeitoun on 8th March, 1916. He was mustered as Gunner from 8th March, 1916 with 2nd Field Artillery Brigade in accordance of A.I.F. Order 785 & 920.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was taken on strength of 23rd Battery at Tel-el-Kebir on 9th March, 1916.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 22nd March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 28th March, 1916.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was admitted to Lahore Indian Stationary Hospital; at Marseilles on 28th March, 1916 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). He was transferred to Lahore British Hospital at Marseilles on 11th April, 1916 with Colitis. Gunner Carley was discharged to duty & joined Base Depot on 15th April, 1916 from Hospital.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was transferred to 21st Field Artillery Brigade from 16th June, 1916. He was taken on strength of 21st F.A.B. – 23rd Battery on 16th June, 1916.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was wounded in action in France on 14th November, 1916. He was admitted to 36th Casualty Clearing Station on 15th November, 1916 then transferred to Ambulance Train 14 on 16th November,

1916. Gunner Carley was admitted to 12th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 17th November, 1916 with GSW (Gunshot wound/s) & fracture to right thigh. Gunner Carley was listed as dangerously & seriously ill on 18th November, 1916. He was invalided to England on 25th November, 1916 on Hospital Ship *St George*.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was admitted to The Duchess of Connaught Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, England on 26th November, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to right thigh & compound comminuted fracture of right femur & wounds to face.

Mrs G. Carley, Railway Gates, Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, Victoria, mother of Gunner E. H. Carley, was advised by Base Records on 27th November, 1916 that Gunner E. H. Carley was seriously ill, suffering from gunshot wound & fractured thigh. She was advised on 4th December, 1916 that her son had been removed from the seriously ill list.

From the Hospital Admissions form – Gunner Edward Hugh Carley underwent frequent operations for the removal of dead bone in his thigh. *“At one time the wound was almost healed & patient was up and about on crutches when he slipped & fell fracturing the ___ at the site of old osteomyelitis. Tetanus followed 32 weeks after the Battle injury...”*

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley died at 10 am on 29th June, 1917 at The Duchess of Connaught Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, England from Tetanus following wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds & fracture of right thigh.

A death for Edward H. Carley, aged 21, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Eton, Buckinghamshire, England.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was buried at 3 pm on 2nd July, 1917 in Cliveden War Cemetery, Buckinghamshire, England – Grave No. 8 (The CWGC have the current burial listed as “Memorial reference 25”). The graves in Cliveden War Cemetery are marked by plain stones set into the ground rather than the regular upright headstones. His name is engraved on the bronze wall plaque located behind the font. The burials in Cliveden War Cemetery are still recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Gunner Edward Hugh Carley - *Coffin was polished Elm with brass furniture. The deceased soldier was buried with full Military Honours. The Gun Carriage was drawn from the Hospital to the private chapel in the grounds of Cliveden Estate by six horses supplied by Royal Engineers. The coffin was draped with the Australian flag and proceeded by a Firing Party of Canadian Infantry and followed by Mr S. Carley (Uncle); 16 comrades of the A.I.F. who were in the hospital with him; Captains Foss & Ball and 16 members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force also Chaplain Captain Lowes, Chaplain to the Hospital. The coffin was borne by 6 pall bearers of the A.I.F. also inmates of the Hospital and the service was conducted by Rev. Father Curtin, R.C. Priest, Maidenhead. The cemetery, which is a private one, was donated by Major and Mrs W.W. Astor and was dedicated to Colonial troops only, is prettily situated on the edge of Cliveden woods facing the river Thames. Floral tributes were sent as follows:- Wreaths from Major and Mrs W. W. Astor, Ward “Alex 2”, Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hpl, Harp from the Nursing Staff, and cross from the Australian patients and Mrs Allison, Australian Red Cross Society.*

Names of relatives or friends present at the Funeral – (Uncle) Mr Silvester Carley, 108 Station Road, Plumstead, Kent.

Newspaper Item – *Advocate*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 July, 1917:

OBITUARY

GUNNER EDWARD HUGH CARLEY

Yet another name has been added to the already long list of Irish- Australians who have given their lives in defence of their country, and a very promising career has been ended by the death of Gunner Edward H. Carley, of East Camberwell, word of whose death was received from the Defence department last week. The deceased, an active young man in his 23rd year, enlisted in the A.I.F. soon after the outbreak of the war, and left as a driver with the Australian Field Artillery early in 1915. While stationed in Egypt, he volunteered as a gunner, and saw several months' active service at Gallipoli, and on the evacuation he was sent to France with his battery, and here it was,

during the memorable storming of Bapaume, that he received wounds which proved fatal. Carried from the battlefield, he was sent to England to undergo several operations at the Duchess of Connaught's Hospital, Taplow, but, in spite of the best medical skill, the operations did not have the desired result. The soul of the noble young soldier passed to its eternal rest on the 29th of June. Gunner Carley, who was an exemplary Catholic, took an active and practical interest in all matters relating to his Church, and, prior to his enlisting, was treasurer of the Camberwell branch of the C.Y.M.S., and a member of the branch council of the A.C. Federation. His forefathers being natives of Ireland, his love for the "Little Green Isle" was intense, and he always championed her cause. Referring to his death, the Rev. G. A. Robinson, B.A., expressed the great sorrow and grief he felt at the sad news. He was sure the sympathy of all went out to the mother and family of the deceased, whom he had known for years, and a better Catholic or Australian never left Australia to help the Empire in her hour of need. Mass was offered for the repose of the soul of the deceased on Friday morning and Sunday morning. R.I. P.

Base Records contacted Mrs G. Carley, Railway Gates, Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, Victoria, mother of the late Gunner Edward Hugh Carley in July, 1920 stating that she was registered on the records as the next-of-kin of the late Gunner E. H. Carley, but desired to learn if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically if his father was alive due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. Mrs Grace Carley replied that her son was unmarried & that his father died on 4th January, 1914 & that she was therefore the next-of-kin if the deceased soldier.

Gunner Edward Hugh Carley was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Carley's widowed mother - Mrs G. Carley, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

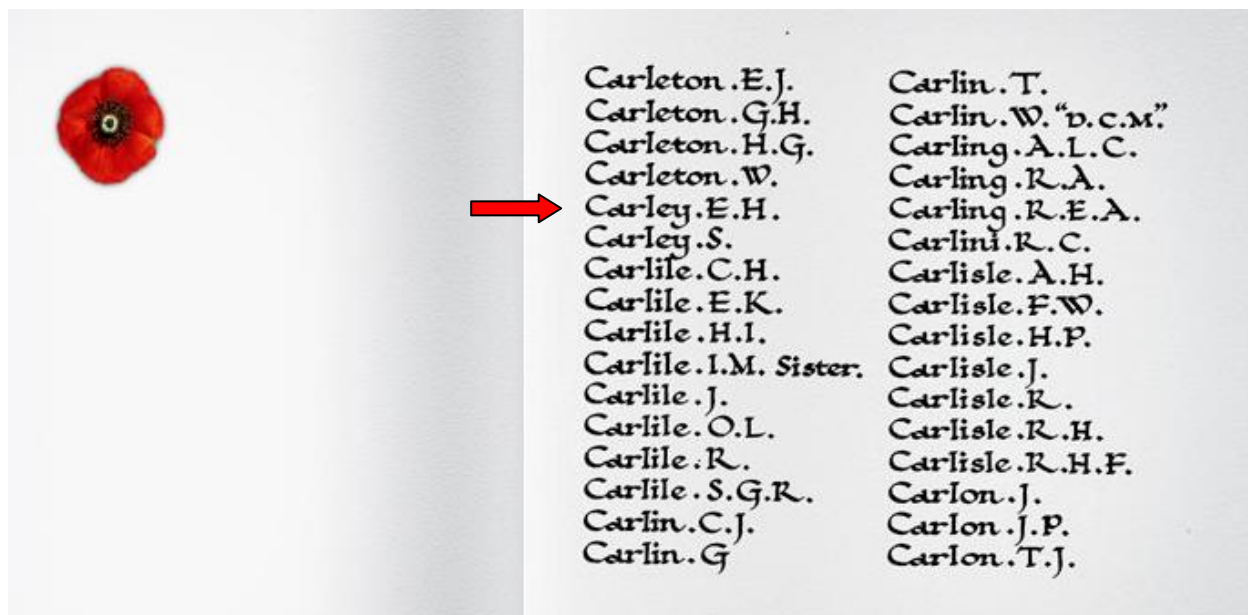
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Edward Hugh Carley - service number 4658, aged 22, of 21st Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Edward and Grace Carley, of Railway Gates, Prospect Hill Rd., East Camberwell, Victoria, Australia.

Gunner E. H. Carley is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 18.



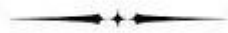
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. H. Carley is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(64 pages of Gunner Edward Hugh Carley'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

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LIST No. 247 ISSUED

WOUNDED AND SERIOUSLY ILL

CARLEY, Gnr. E. H. Camberwell

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 11 December, 1916)

DEATHS

CARLEY – On your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of Gunner Edward Hugh Carley, who died in England, on June 29th, of wounds received in France, dearly loved son of Grace and the late Edward Carley, and loved brother of Honor, Kathleen, Sylvester, Grace, Eileen, Matthew and Leo Hugh, of Prospect Hill-road,, East Camberwell.

May his soul rest in peace.

(*Tribune*, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 July, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Victoria

DIED OF ILLNESS

CARLEY, E. H., Camberwell, 29/6/17

(*The Australasian*, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 July, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

CARLEY – In sad and loving memory of my darling son and our beloved brother, Edward Hugh, who died in England, on June 29, 1917, of wounds received while fighting in France.

Our darling Eddie.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

-(Inserted by his sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 June, 1918)

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On Active Service

CARLEY – In sad and loving memory of my darling son and our beloved brother, Edward Hugh, who died in England, on Jun e29, 1917, of wounds received while fighting in France.

Our darling Eddie.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

-Inserted by his sorrowing mother, brothers and sisters.

CARLEY – In loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Edward Hugh, who died of wounds received in France 29th June, 1917. R.I.P.

-Inserted by his loving uncle, aunt and cousins, C. and L. Coughlin, Barkly-avenue, Malvern.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 June, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

CARLEY – In fond and loving memory of my darling son and our beloved brother, Edward Hugh, who died in England on 29th June, 1917, of wounds received in France.

Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Have mercy on his soul.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters.

(*Advocate*, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 June, 1919) & (*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 June, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

CARLEY – Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of my darling son and our beloved brother, Edward Hugh, who died in England on June 29th, 1917.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant him eternal rest.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters.

(*Advocate*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 July, 1920)

Cliveden War Cemetery, Buckinghamshire, England

Cliveden War Cemetery is in the grounds of Cliveden House, a National Trust property, near the river Thames. From December 1914 to September 1917, the hospital at nearby Taplow was the Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital, and then until September 1919, No. 15 Canadian General Hospital. Most of the 40 First World War burials, the majority of them Canadian, are associated with the hospital. The cemetery also contains two Second World War graves and two American War Graves from the First World War.

There are 3 Australian WW1 War Graves.

During the war the family of the Cliveden Estate gave permission for the garden to be adapted to serve as the final resting place for servicemen who died in the hospital. The mosaic paving was replaced with turf and the graves were marked with plain stones recumbent on the graves rather than the upright headstones that are familiar in other Commonwealth War Graves commission cemeteries. The names of those buried are inscribed on the bronze wall plaque behind the font.

(*Information from CWGC*)



Cliveden War Cemetery (Photo by Rwendland)



Cliveden War Cemetery (Photo from War Memorials Online – National Trust)



Key Plan of Cliveden War Cemetery Plaque



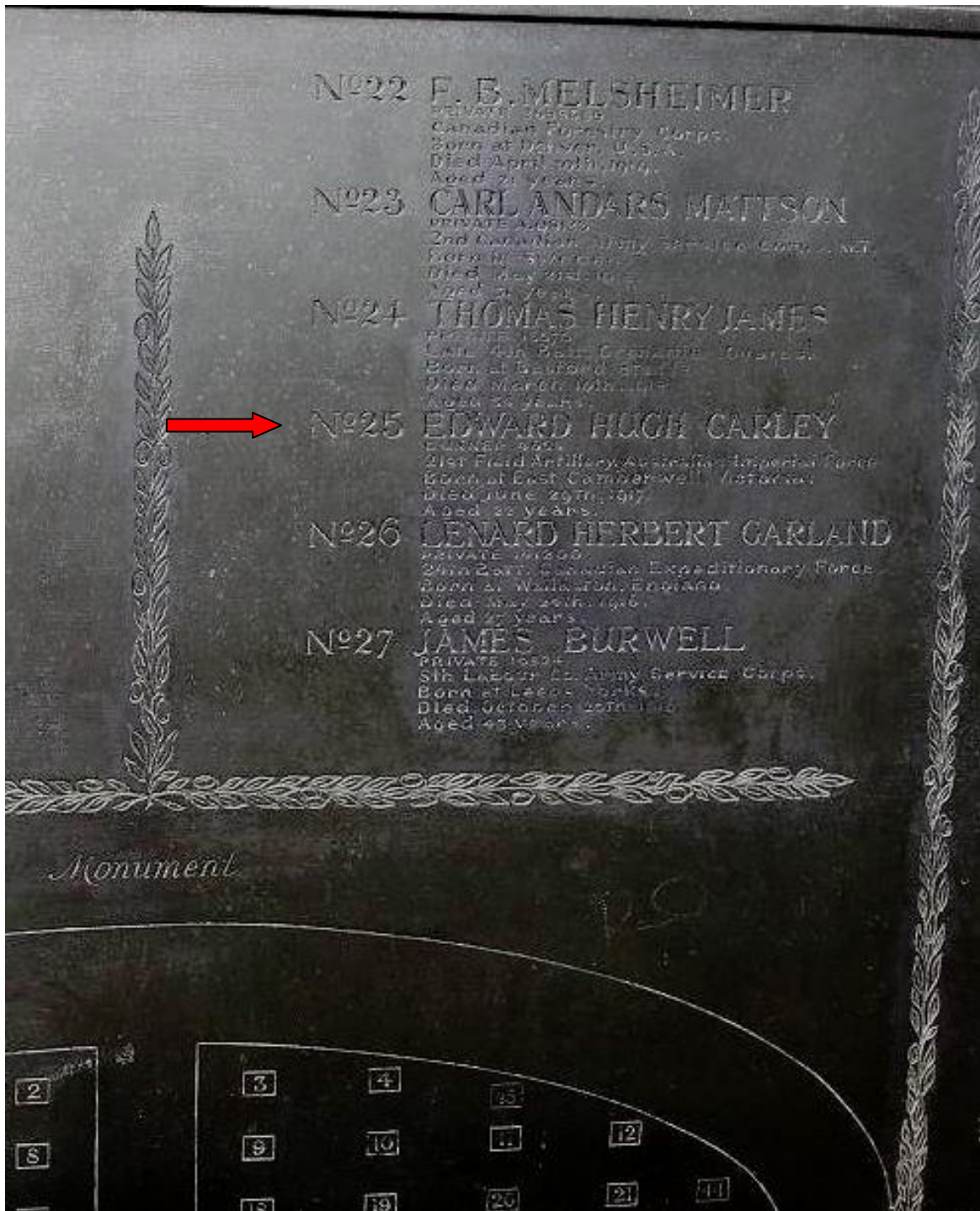


Photo of Gunner Edward Hugh Carley's Memorial Stone in Cliveden War Cemetery, Buckinghamshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Taplow, England. c. 1919. The War Memorial garden at Cliveden Estate was originally designed as an Italian Garden however during the First World War the estate was loaned to the Canadian Army and a military hospital established in the grounds and the garden was adapted for use as a cemetery for those soldiers who died. Three Australian soldiers are buried there among the forty-two graves which include Canadian and American soldiers. The ground is covered in grass with numbered bronze square plates set flat in the ground and a small primrose planted at each grave. The three Australian soldiers are 4658 Gunner Edward Hugh Carley, 21st Brigade Australian Field Artillery who died of wounds on 29 June 1917; 5369 Private Harry Element, 45th Battalion, AIF who died of wounds on 27th November 1916; and 2216 Corporal Joseph James Riley, Australian Machine Gun Corps who died of sickness on 12 July 1918. (Donor B. Benns)