

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1

12/1178 PRIVATE

W. C. CONE

N.Z. AUCKLAND REGT.

28TH MARCH, 1919 Age 40



William Charles CONE

William Charles Cone was born at Newtown, Sydney, NSW, Australia on 4th May, 1879 to parents William Henry & Eliza Cone (nee Croft).

William Charles Cone married Marion McDonald Pobjoy on 16th March, 1901 in the district of Newtown, Sydney, NSW. A petition for divorce was lodged by William Cone in September, 1902 & later withdrawn.

Trooper Charles William Cone, 2923, was listed on the Boer War Nominal Roll.

A birth was registered in 1906 for Edward G. Cone, son of Marion Cone, in the district of St. Peters, Sydney, NSW. (No father listed).

The 1905-1906 New Zealand Electoral Roll, for the division of Taranaki, subdivision of Egmont, listed William Charles Cone, Labourer of Mokau-iti.

The 1911 New Zealand Electoral Roll, for the division of East Cape, subdivision of Gisborne, listed William Charles Cone, Labourer of 20 Leith Street, Gisborne.

William Charles Cone was a 35 year old, Labourer from 102 Federal Street, Auckland, New Zealand when he enlisted on 20th October, 1914 at Auckland, New Zealand with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force (N.Z.E.F.). His service number was 12/1178 & his religion was Congregational. His next of kin was listed as Master Norman Cameron c/o Miss J. Cameron, 102 Federal Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

Private William Charles Cone was posted to Auckland Infantry on Battalion on 20th October, 1914 for recruit training.

Private William Charles Cone embarked from New Zealand on HMNZT 14 on 14th December, 1914 with the Auckland Infantry & disembarked at Suez on 29th January, 1915.

Private William Charles Cone was attached to Advance Base Depot from Hospital at Malta on 16th July, 1915. He rejoined his Unit at Dardanelles on 28th July, 1915.

Private William Charles Cone was attached to 13th Division from 18th August, 1915 & rejoined his Unit on 31st August, 1915.

Private William Charles Cone was admitted to Hospital sick on 3rd September, 1915 & was admitted to Hospital Ship Nile at Malta on 8th September, 1915.

Private William Charles Cone embarked from Malta on HT *Bormu* on 15th November, 1915 & disembarked at Alexandria on 4th December, 1915. He was attached to Base Depot at Ghezireh on 4th December, 1915.

Private William Charles Cone rejoined his Unit at Ismailia from New Zealand General Base Depot on 18th January, 1916.

Private William Charles Cone was appointed Company Cook on 3rd July, 1916 with 1st Battalion, Auckland Infantry Regiment.

Company Cook William Charles Cone was relinquished his appointment of Company Cook on 30th November, 1916 & returned to the rank of Private.

Private William Charles Cone was attached to 1st Field Company, New Zealand Engineers (N.Z.E.) on 14th May, 1917 & had the rank of Sapper.

Sapper William Charles Cone rejoined his Unit (1st Battalion Auckland Regiment) from 1st Field Company, N.Z.E. on 27th June, 1917 as was again attached to 1st F. Company, N.Z.E. from 22nd July, 1917. He rejoined his Unit on 5th August, 1917.

Private William Charles Cone was detached to New Zealand Divisional Pack Train from 15th September, 1917 & rejoined his Unit on 28th September, 1917.

Private William Charles Cone was admitted to Hospital at Rouen, France on 9th January, 1918. He was admitted to 1st New Zealand Field Ambulance then transferred to 2nd Canadian Casualty Station. Pte Cone was transferred to Ambulance Train on 10th January, 1918 then admitted to 51st General Hospital at Etaples, France on 11th January, 1918. Private Cone was discharged from Hospital at Rouen, France on 6th February, 1918 but remained in No. 51 General Hospital suffering from a non-venereal disease from 7th February to 20th February, 1918. Pte Cone was transferred from 51st General Hospital to 6th Convalescent Depot on 20th February, 1918. He was discharged to Base Depot on 14th March, 1918.

Private William Charles Cone was attached to N.Z. Wing 22nd Corps Reinforcement Camp from 15th March, 1918 due to sickness & rejoined his Battalion on 1st April, 1918.

Private William Charles Cone was admitted to 18th General Hospital on 17th April, 1918 with a sprained left ankle – severe. Private Cone was discharged to Base Depot on 30th May, 1918 from 18th General Hospital in France.

Private William Charles Cone joined No. 1 New Zealand Ent. Battalion from 17th June, 1918 then rejoined 1st Battalion Auckland Regiment from 27th September, 1918.

Private William Charles Cone was wounded on 1st October, 1918. He was admitted to 2nd New Zealand Field Ambulance then transferred on 3rd October, 1918 to 49th Casualty Clearing Station. He was admitted to 2nd Canadian General Hospital in Treport, France on 4th October, 1918 with gunshot wounds to left knee, gunshot wound to right buttock. Pte Cone was transferred to England on 21st October, 1918.

Private William Charles Cone was admitted to Military Hospital Netley, England on 23rd October, 1918, suffering from gunshot wounds to right buttock & was listed as dangerously ill. Gangrene set in on his foot & lower left leg. His leg was amputated above knee.

Private William Charles Cone was still listed as dangerously ill on 7th November, 1918.

Private William Charles Cone was removed from the dangerously ill list on 25th November, 1918.

A Medical Report was completed on Private William Charles Cone on 23rd January, 1919 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England, concerning the disability of the gunshot wound to right buttock & amputation of left thigh/leg, which was attributed to Active Service. The disability had occurred at Cambrai on 1st October, 1918. The Board stated that the disability was 100% permanent & that Pte Cone be discharged from the New Zealand Force as physically unfit.

Private William Charles Cone was listed as dangerously ill on 27th March, 1919 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England with gunshot wounds to right buttock & amputation of left leg.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

Private William Charles Cone died at 12.15 pm on 28th March, 1919 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action - gunshot wounds to left knee, right buttock and amputated left leg.

A death for William C. Cone, aged 39, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

Private William Charles Cone was buried on 1st April, 1919 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 2008 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private William Charles Cone contains several updates on his condition & death:

- From Red Cross Visitor 28th November, 1918 – *“Wounded – General health improving and getting over the shock of amputation of leg. Eats fairly well and sleeps a good deal, able to write to his people at home once a week. The Sister says is now no reason for anxiety and will probably soon be on his way home again.”*
- From E. M. Whittner, for the Matron, Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley: *“Wounded” “Died 28.3.19” – “In reply to your letter asking for some information about the late Pte Cone who died in this Hospital. He came here suffering from severe wounds. He had one leg amputated, and also had a gunshot wound which had penetrated right through the bladder. His general condition was very septic and his case a very serious one. His death was very peaceful and he was conscious until about an hour before he died. He was buried in the Military Cemetery here at Netley which is not very far from this Hospital and is very well kept and cared for. His funeral was a Military one and the “Last Post” was sounded over him. Two of our Sisters who are from New Zealand went to the funeral and a detachment of R.A.M.C. There was a wreath sent by the New Zealand Red Cross. I am afraid I have no photo of the Cemetery which I can send for the relations, but enclose one of the church which they might like to have. I think I have told you all I can now.”*

Private William Charles Cone was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Cone’s mother - Mrs E. Cone, 90 Elizabeth Street, Ashfield, Sydney, NSW, Australia, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Charles Cone – service number 12/1178, aged 40, of 1st Battalion, Auckland Regiment, N.Z.E.F. He was the son of Mrs E. Cone, of 90 Elizabeth, Ashfield, Sydney, Australia.

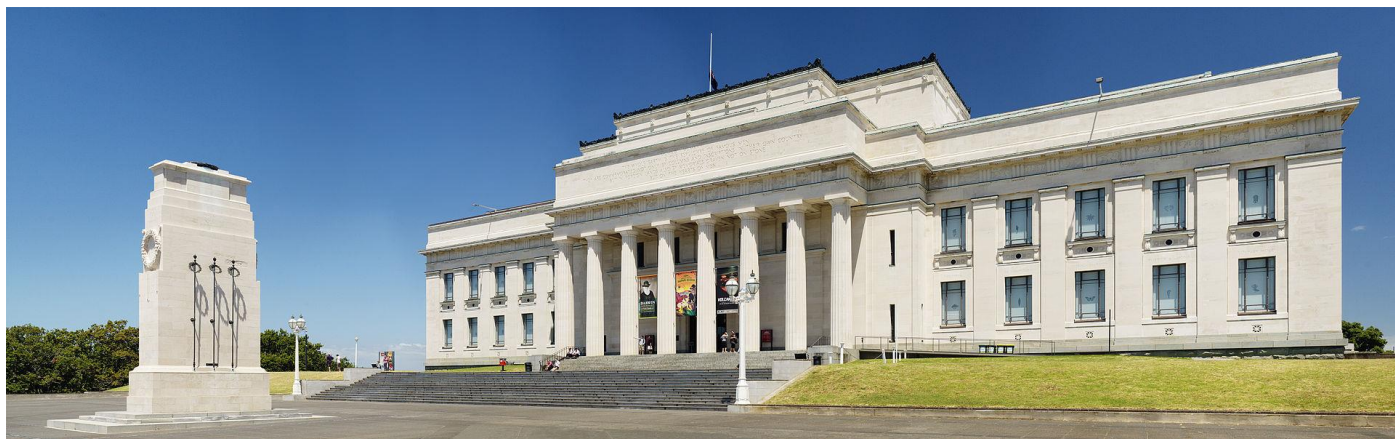
William Charles Cone is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



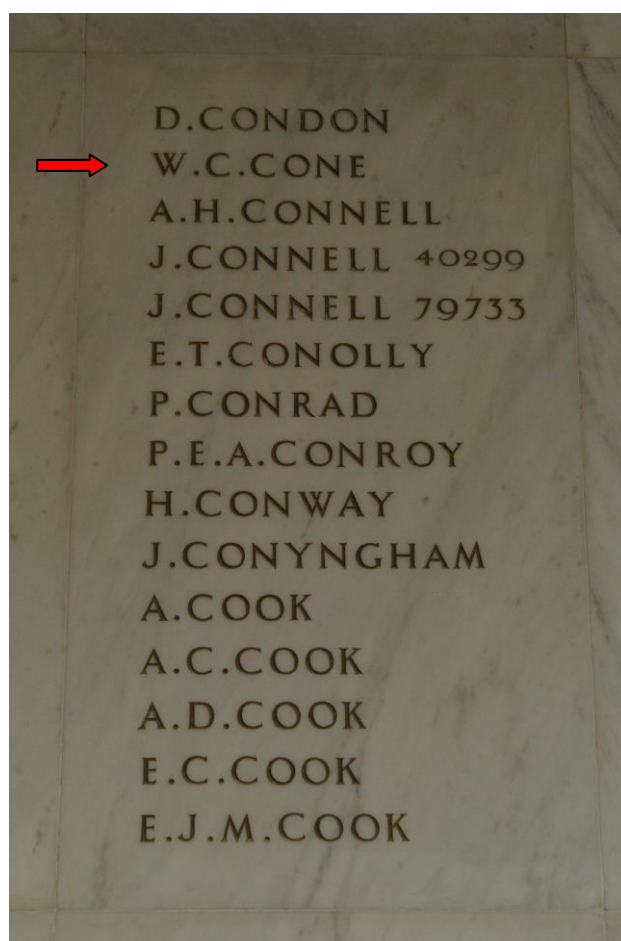
Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)

Private William Charles Cone is listed on the New Zealand Army WW1 Roll of Honour for 1914-1919.

W. C. Cone is remembered on the World War 1 Hall of Memories Panels, Auckland War Memorial Museum, New Zealand.



Auckland War Memorial Museum (Photo by Antilived)



World War 1 Hall of Memories Panel with W. C. Cone's name (Photo by John Halpin)

(29 pages of Private William Charles Cone's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial & Archives New Zealand



Newspaper Notices

MET ON THE BATTLEFIELD



These two soldiers, Harry Harwood Cone (left) and William Charles Cone (right), are the sons of Mr W. H. Cone, of Ashfield, who is conductor of the limited express to Albury. William served through the South African War. In 1914 he enlisted again in New Zealand and is now in France. Harry, the younger, who also enlisted in the first year of the war, won the D.C.M., and had been wounded twice. The two brothers, after years of separation, met on the battlefield.

(*Sunday Times*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 20 May, 1917)

FALLEN NEW ZEALANDERS

CASUALTY AND HOSPITAL REPORTS

AUCKLAND MILITARY DISTRICT

DIED OF WOUNDS

Cone, William Charles, 12/1178, A.I.R.

(Mrs E. Cone, Sydney, m); March 28th

(*New Zealand Times*, Volume XLIV, Issue 10250 – 9 April, 1919)

DEATHS

CONE – March 28, 1919, Private W. C. Cone, died of wound received in France, dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs Cone, 90 Elizabeth-street, Ashfield, aged 40 years. An Anzac. At Rest. New Zealand papers please copy.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 15 April, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

CONE – In fond remembrance of our dear son, Private William Charles Cone, died in England of wounds received in France, March 28, 1919.

In the very last fight, when the victory was won,
A cable came- we had lost another brave son.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, W. H. and E. Cone. Ashfield.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 27 March, 1920)

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)





Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private W. C. Cone's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire



Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery