

**Compton Chamberlayne  
War Graves Cemetery,  
Wiltshire, England**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1818 PRIVATE**

**J. E. COOK**

**42ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**6TH DECEMBER, 1916 AGE 35**

*HE LIVED FOR OTHERS*

*FIRST, MOTHER*

*SISTERS & BROTHER*

*SECOND, COUNTRY*

## Joseph Edwin COOK

Joseph Edwin Cook was born in Laidley, Queensland on 1st June, 1880 to parents Joseph Wyatt Cook & Eliza Cook.

Joseph Edwin Cook attended school at Thornton, Queensland.

Joseph Wyatt Cook, father of Joseph Edwin Cook, died on 30th September, 1895 at Laidley, Queensland.

The 1903 & 1905 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Moreton, subdivision of Upper Laidley Creek, Queensland listed Joseph Edwin Cook, Labourer of Thornton.

The 1908 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Darling Downs, subdivision of Laidley, Queensland listed Joseph Edwin Cook, Labourer of Thornton.

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Darling Downs, subdivision of Laidley, Queensland listed Joseph Edwin Cook, Farmer of Thornton.

The 1913, 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Moreton, subdivision of Laidley, Queensland listed Joseph Edwin Cook, Farmer of Thornton.

Joseph Edwin Cook was a 35 year old\*, single, Farmer from Thornton, Laidley, Queensland when he enlisted on 29th February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His Service Number was 1818 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Eliza Cook of Thornton, Laidley, Queensland. Joseph's father had died when Joseph was 14 years old & Joseph had remained at home with his mother & sisters until he enlisted.

*(Note: The Embarkation Roll has Joseph Edwin Cook's age listed as 25. The first page of his Attestation Paper has his age typed as 25 years & 8 months, however page 3 has his age handwritten as 35 years & 8 months)*

Private Joseph Edwin Cook was posted to No. 11 Depot Battalion on 29th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 42nd Battalion on 10th May, 1916.

Private Joseph Edwin Cook embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on H.M.A.T. *Boorara* (A42) on 16th August, 1916 with the 42nd Infantry Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 13th October, 1916.

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.

Private Joseph Edwin Cook was marched into No. 3 Command Depot on 14th November, 1916. He was marched out to 3rd Amalgamated Training Battalion, (also listed as 11th Training Battalion), Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 17th November, 1916.

Private Joseph Edwin Cook died at 2 a.m. on 6th December, 1916 at Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire of Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Joseph E. Cook, aged 36, was registered in the December quarter of 1916, in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Joseph Edwin Cook was buried in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England on 8th December, 1916 – Front Row, Grave Plot #7.

A War Pension was granted to Eliza Cook, of Laidley, widowed mother of the late Private Joseph Edwin Cook, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 13th February, 1917.

Private Joseph Edwin Cook was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. Mrs Eliza Cook – Widowed mother of Private Cook received a Memorial Scroll (July, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Joseph Edwin Cook – service number 1818, aged 35, of 42nd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Joseph and Eliza Cook, of Thornton, Laidley, Queensland.

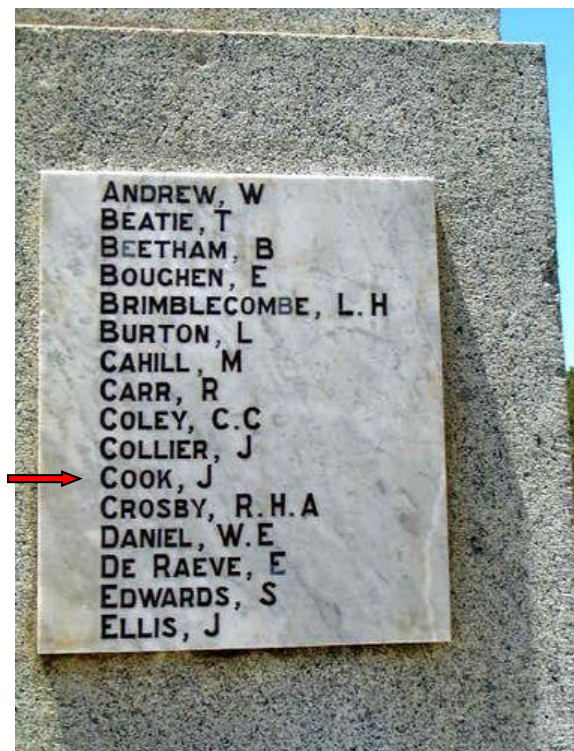
Private J. E. Cook is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 135.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)

J. Cook is also remembered on the Laidley War Memorial located on Patrick Street & Whites Road, Laidley, Queensland.



Laidley War Memorial (Photos by Diane Watson)



J. Cook is remembered on the Laidley Memorial Park Gates, located at Patrick & Whites Road, Laidley, Queensland.

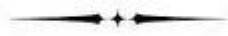


**Laidley Memorial Park Gates** (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Faithe)



(39 pages of Private Joseph Edwin Cook's 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**

### **Roll of Honour**

#### **Queensland Casualties**

Casualty List No 254 was released at 9 o'clock on Dec. 20.

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Pte J. E. Cook, Laidley, 6/12/16

*(The Week, Brisbane, Queensland – 29 December, 1916)*

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#### **TOWN & COUNTRY**

Mrs Cook, Thornton, Laidley, has received word from the military authorities that her son Private Joseph E. Cook (and nephew of Mrs Cook, Tolga) died on December 6th, at Larkhill Camp.

*(Cairns Post, Qld – Saturday 30th December, 1916)*

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#### **PERSONAL NOTES**

Mrs Cook of Thornton, via Laidley, has received word from the military authorities that her son Private Joseph E. Cook (and nephew of Councillor John Cook of Laidley) died on December 6 of bronchial pneumonia at Lark Hill Camp.

*(The Queenslander, Brisbane – Saturday 30th December, 1916)*

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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

COOK – On the 6th December, 1916, at the Military Hospital, Fovant, England, Private Joseph E. Cook, 42nd Battalion, aged 36 years.

His country called; he answered.

In God's hands he rests.

*(Queensland Times, Brisbane – 6 December, 1917)*

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(*Queensland Times*, Brisbane – 6 December, 1918)

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Pte Joseph Edwin Cook is remembered on the Cook Family Headstone in Laidley Cemetery, Queensland.



**Laidley Cemetery, Queensland**



*Also*

**PTE JOSEPH EDWIN COOK  
DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE 6TH DEC. 1916**





Cook Family Headstone in Laidley Cemetery, Queensland

[www.gravestonephotos.com](http://www.gravestonephotos.com)

### 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)*

Private J. E. Cook 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 all from World War 1. Of these 28 are of Australian Soldiers.



*(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)*





**Compton Chamberlayne War Graves** (Photo from CWGC)



**Left & right of Cemetery with central Plinth** (Photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey 2012)





**Photo taken from back of Cemetery looking towards the Entrance** *(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)*



**Graves of Australian soldiers in the cemetery at Compton-Chamberlyne, each marked by a cross.**

*(Photo taken c March, 1919)*



Photo of Private J. E. Cook's Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, Australia.



*(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)*



## Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations































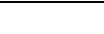
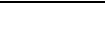


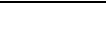



British Soldier



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	3
	Gilbert	4		Wehrmann	4		Evans	4
	Le Tisser	5		Park	5		Dreckow	5
	Jones	6		Riley	6		Cass	6
	Cook	7		Turnbull	7		Arnold	7
	Pairman	8		White	8		Sillar	8
		9		Howard	9		Ross	9
	Norris	10		Tull	10		Finn	10
	Lintott	11		Snell	11		McCarthy	11
	Redman	12		Ferrow	12		Trengove	12
	<i>Public</i>			<i>Public</i>				13
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	<i>Public</i>						Walsh	15
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							Larkin	19