

# **Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England - War Graves**

## **World War 1**



*Lest We Forget*



**4680 PRIVATE**

**R. DALEY**

**23RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**11TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 26**

*Too Far Away*

*Your Grave To See*

*But Not Too Far*

*To Think Of Thee*

## Richard Daley

Sydney Montgomery Daley was born at Carlton, Tasmania on 7th September, 1884 to parents Daniel & Eliza Daley (nee Bezzant). His birth was registered in the district of Sorell, Tasmania. (Place of birth of Carlton listed by his wife for the Roll of Honour. He stated on his Attestation Papers that he was born at Richmond)

Daniel Daley, father of Sydney Montgomery Daley, died on 28th October, 1891 at Hobart, Tasmania.

Sydney Montgomery Daley married Beatrice Elsie Kromer in 1912 in Tasmania.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Denison, subdivision of Hobart South, Tasmania recorded Sydney Montgomery Daley, Labourer & his wife – Beatrice Elsie Daly, Domestic duties, both living at Cascades.

Another 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Denison, subdivision of Hobart South, Tasmania recorded Sydney Montgomery Daley, Butcher & his wife – Beatrice Elsie Daly, Domestic duties, both living at 366 Murray Street.

Sydney Montgomery Daley enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) in Melbourne, Victoria on 31st January, 1916. He was a 31 year old, married, Butcher from 20 High Street, North Hobart, Tasmania. His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Beatrice Elsie Daley, 20 High Street, North Hobart, Tasmania. He enlisted under the name of "*Richard Daley*". Richard had previously served 6 years in the Royal Australian Navy 1905 - 1910.

Private Richard Daley, Service number 4680, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 1916 with the 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements & disembarked at Suez (no date given).

No Information is included in Private Richard Daley's Service Record File to show when & how he travelled from Suez to Wiltshire, England. Usually new recruits were sent to England first for further training as 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 Richard Daley was written up for an offence at Salisbury, Wiltshire on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1916. He neglected to obey standing orders & was awarded 10 days C.B. – Confined to Barracks.

Private Richard Daley was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, from 6<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion, on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 with Asthma & discharged 11 days later, on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1916.

Private Richard Daley was re-admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1916 with Asthma.

Private Richard Daley died at 5.45 p.m. on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1916 in Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Asthma followed by cardiac failure.

A death for Richard Daley, aged 35, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing File for Private Daley contains a letter from the Assistant Matron of Fargo Military Hospital –

*"Pte Daley was admitted to hospital on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, died from asthma on 11.12.16. Buried at Durrington, Wilts, grave No. 127 right hand side of cemetery path. Pte Daley was taken very much worse on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> and never rallied. His sufferings the last two days were very great and nothing in the way of medical treatment relieved him for long at a time, although everything possible was tried."*

Private Richard Daley was buried on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1916 in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – plot number 127.

A War Pension was granted to Beatrice Elsie Daley of 20 High St, Hobart in regards to her husband Private (Sydney Montgomery) Richard Daley in the sum of 40/- per fortnight from 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

A War Pension was granted to Eliza Daley of 20 High St, Hobart in regards to her son Private (Sydney Montgomery) Richard Daley in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

Private Daley 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 Daley's widow who had remarried – now Mrs Beatrice Elsie Snook, Southern Cross, Western Australia (Scroll sent February, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Richard Daley – service number 4680 as being 26 years old & served with 23rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Daniel & Eliza Daley; husband of B. E. Daley of 81 Capel St. West, Melbourne. Born in Tasmania.

Private R. Daley is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 98.



*(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)*



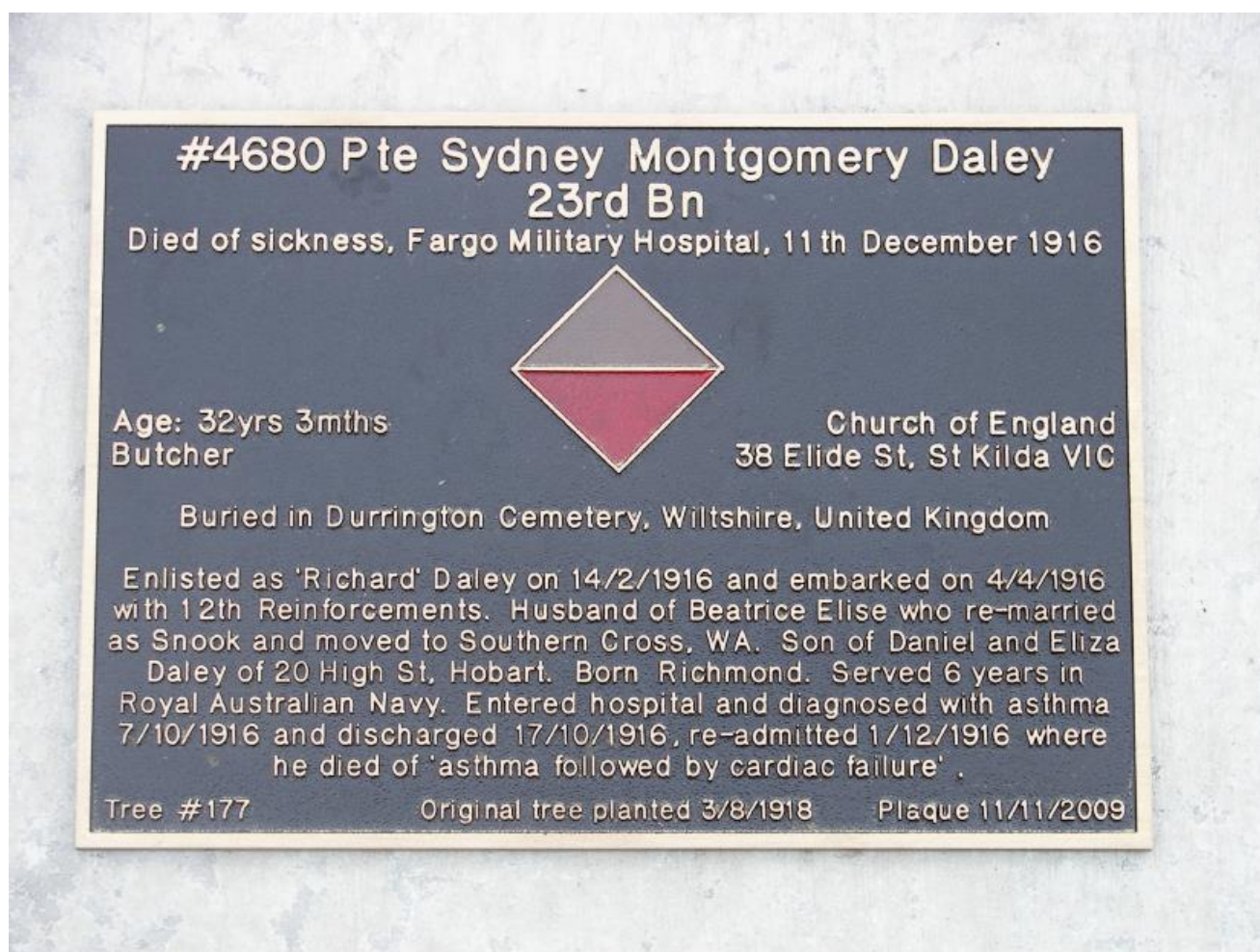
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

Private Sydney Daley is remembered on the Hobart Soldier's Memorial Avenue – Tree # 177.

The Soldiers Memorial Avenue forms part of the Queens Domain in Hobart Tasmania. It is a memorial avenue comprising 520 trees planted in 1918 and 1919 to commemorate soldiers, mainly from Hobart, who died in the Great War 1914-1918. The trees are predominantly Himalayan Cedar though Atlantic Cedars, Blue Atlas and Italian Cypress are also present (the latter planted as replacements in the 1960s). In 2001 only 330 original trees remained. Friends of Soldiers Walk Inc. was formed in 2002 to ensure the restoration of the Avenue.

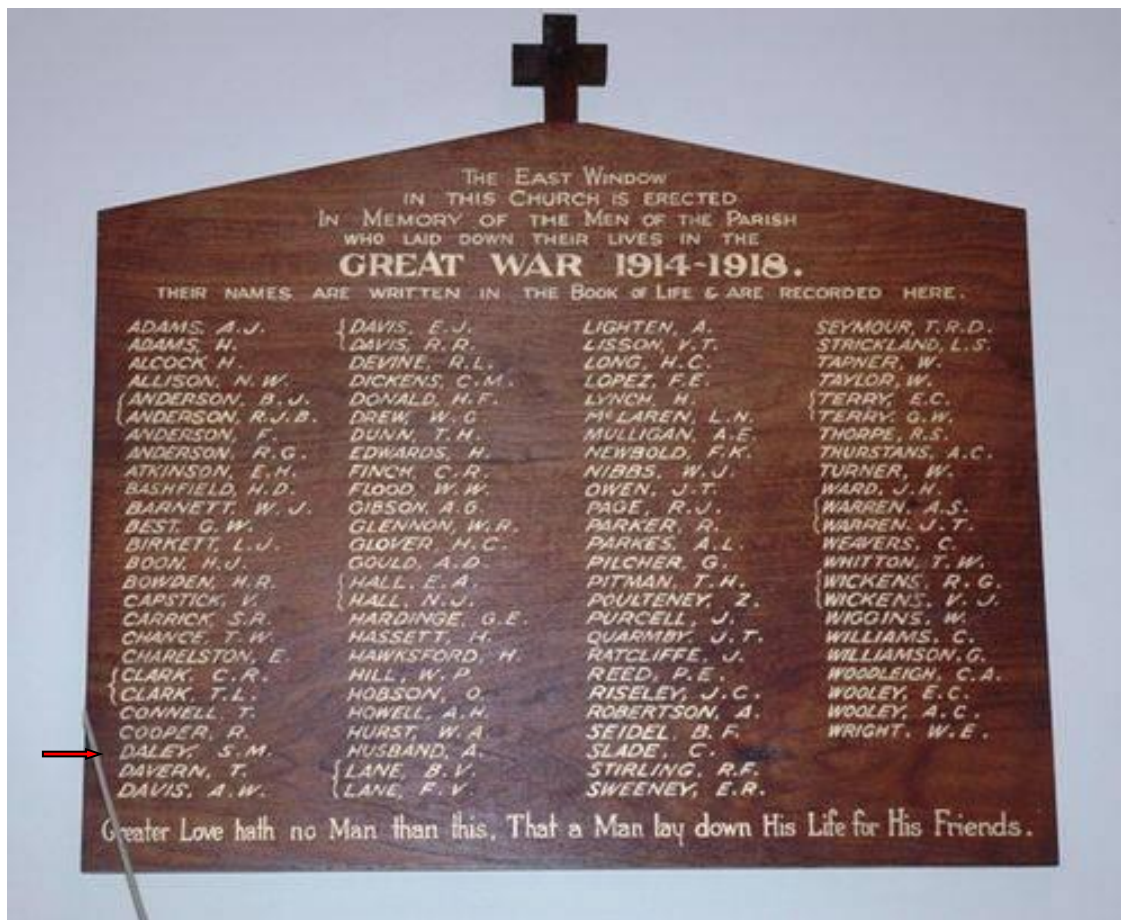


Soldiers Walk, Hobart



(Photo by A Howard - [Soldiers Walk](#) with permission)

S. M. Daley is also remembered on the Holy Trinity Anglican Church Roll of Honour located at 50 Warwick St, North Hobart.



Holy Trinity Anglican Church Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

S. M. Daley is also remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour located in foyer of Hobart Town Hall, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.



Hobart Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

S. M. Daley is remembered twice on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

### Front Inscription

*Tasmania`s World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918*

*The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.*

*"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever. "*



**Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania** (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

NUMBER	RANK	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	DOD	AGE	UNIT	TOWN	ANZAC
3842	Pvt	Cull	Edward Lawrence	24.07.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Waratah	
7419	Supt	Dadson	Harry Jack	04.10.1918	27	8th Fd Coy Engr	Chudleigh	
3718	Pvt	Dale	Frederick	19.07.1918	19	59th Inf Bn	Hobart	
4650	Pvt	Daley	Sydney Montgomery	11.12.1918	31	23rd Inf Bn	Hobart	
4663	Pvt	Daley	Richard	11.12.1918	28	23rd Inf Bn	North Hobart	
			George	12.08.1918	30	26th Inf Bn	Linda Valley	ANZAC
				27.11.1918	21	3rd Tunnel Coy	Linda Valley	ANZAC
						17th CIB	Swansea	ANZAC

**Listed twice – as Sydney Montgomery Daley & Richard Daley**

(67 pages of Private Richard Daley’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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*

## **Newspaper Reports**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### REPORTED IN HOSPITAL

PTE R. DALEY, North Hobart, ill

*(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania Friday 27 October, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

DALEY – Died of illness at Fargo Military Hospital, England, December 11, 1916, Private R. Daley (Mont.), dearly loved husband of Beatrice Daley and dearly loved son of Eliza Daley of 20 High Street, North Hobart. For King and Country.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Thursday 28 December, 1916)*

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### **TASMANIAN CASUALTIES**

#### DIED OF ILLNESS

PTE R. DALEY, North Hobart – 11<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1916

*(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania Tuesday 23 January, 1917)*

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### **TASMANIA**

#### CITY COUNCIL HONOURS THE BRAVE

At last night's City Council meeting it was resolved, on the motion of Alderman Williams, to forward a resolution of condolence and sympathy to the next-of-kin of the following members of the A.I.F. from Hobart, who had been killed in action:-

Private R. Daley, 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion. Next-of-kin. Mrs N. E. Daley, 20 Hick Street, North Hobart.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania Tuesday 30 January, 1917)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Died on Active Service**

DALEY – In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Private M. Daley, who died at Fargo Military Hospital, England on December 11, 1916.

The hardest part is yet to come,

When the other boys return;

We will miss among the merry throng

Dear "Mont" who will never return.

Inserted by his loving wife, Beatrice Daley.

DALEY – In fond and loving remembrance of my dear son and brother, Private R. Daley (Mont) died of illness, London, December 11, 1916.

It is sweet to be remembered,  
And this our wish will show,  
We hold you still in memory  
While the years come and go.

Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sisters.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania Wednesday 11 December, 1918)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Died on Active Service**

DALEY – In sad and loving memory of Richard Daley (Mont), late A.I.F., who died at Fargo Military Hospital, England 11th December, 1916.

Though lost to sight,  
To memory ever dear.

Inserted by his loving wife, Beatrice Daley.

DALEY – In loving memory of my dear brother, Mont, died Fargo Military Hospital, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

So long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.

Inserted by his loving sister, M.F.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania Saturday 11 December, 1920)

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### 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 Durrington War Graves 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 R. Daley does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Too Far Away Your Grave To See But Not Too Far To Think Of Thee*



## Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Durrington Cemetery contains burials of both wars. The 204 First World War burials were mostly from nearby Larkhill Camp. Many of the graves are of Australian servicemen and there is a separate Australian memorial in the cemetery. The Second World War burials number 22. In addition to the war graves, there are a number of post-war service graves in the cemetery, mostly of the Royal Air Force.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire** (Photo above by Dave Healing 2013; below CWGC)



Photo of Private R. Daley's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



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