

# Stonyhurst College Burial Ground, Heapey, Lancashire

## War Grave



*Lest We Forget*

## World War 1



LIEUTENANT

**T. S. O. DEALY**

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

7TH MARCH, 1918 Age 21

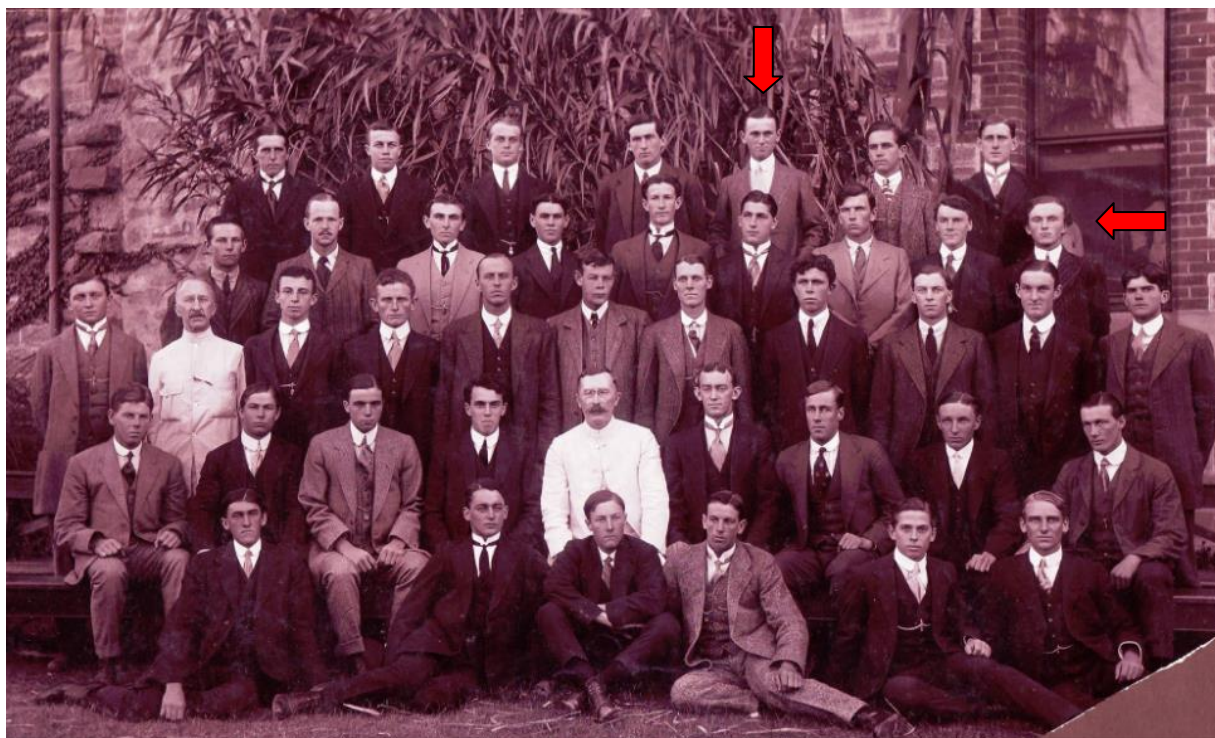
## Thomas Sydney Ough DEALY

Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was born in Craigmin East Peak, Hong Kong, China in 1896 to parents Thomas Kirkman Dealy and Anna Margaret Dealy (nee Ough).

According to information proved by his mother for the Roll of Honour, Thomas stayed in Hong Kong for 8 years.

The 1911 England Census recorded Sydney Dealy as a 14 year old Student attending Stonyhurst Roman Catholic College (for Male Students), Blackburn, Lancashire.

Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy attended Stonyhurst College, Blackburn, England from 1905 to 1913 then Agricultural College at Roseworthy, West Adelaide, South Australia. Thomas Sydney Dealy was on the following committees at Agricultural College, Roseworthy, South Australia for 1915 – Finance and General Management Committee, Cricket Committee (as Vice-Captain), Tennis Committee (as Secretary), “Student” Committee (as Editor) & Sub Librarian. T.S.O. Dealy was listed under “Present Students – November 1915–16 – Third Year.”



**1913-14 Students of Roseworthy Agricultural College**

*(Back Row - S. Dealy 3rd from right & Second row - last on right F.H.O. Dealy)*

Thomas Sydney Dealy, Scholar, aged 16, was a passenger on *Geelong* which embarked from the port of London on 27th March, 1913 bound for Australia. Thomas had contracted to land at Adelaide, South Australia.

Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was a 19 year old, single, Student when he enlisted in Adelaide, South Australia on 15th April, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3502 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Mary Dealy, c/o Mrs H. E. Fuller, Lauriston, Parkside, South Australia. Thomas Dealy stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been with O.T.C. for 3 ½ years at an English Public School & had the rank of Sergeant.

Private Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was posted to “C” Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 15th April, 1916. Pte Dealy was made P/Corporal on 16th April, 1916 then P/Sergeant on 24th April, 1916. Private Dealy was transferred to 14 Reinforcements of 27 Battalion on 1st May, 1916 at Mitcham. Private Dealy was sent to Musketry School on 16th May, 1916 & posted to Base Miners on 1st June, 1916. He was then sent to N.C.O. School in 4th Military District as Acting Sergeant on 16th June, 1916 then transferred to “A” Company on 16th July, 1916 as Sergeant (Prov). Sergeant (Prov) Dealy was posted to Officers School at Duntroon on 1st November, 1916. Thomas Dealy was then transferred to 9th Reinforcements of 48th Battalion as Corporal (Prov) on 1st February, 1917.

Corporal (Prov.) Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy embarked from Adelaide with 9th Reinforcements, 48th Battalion on HMAT *Seang Bee (A48)* on 10th February, 1917. He was promoted to Acting Ship's Orderly Room Sergeant on 16th February, 1917 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 2nd May, 1917.

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.

V.O. (Voyage Only) Corporal Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was marched into 12th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 2nd May, 1917 from Australia & reverted to ranks as Private on 3rd May, 1917.

Lance Corporal Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was transferred to A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) from 12th Training Battalion on 11th July, 1917.

2nd Air Mechanic Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was marched in from A.I.F. Headquarters, London to No. 30 Training Squadron A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) on 12th July, 1917.

Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was marched out to No. 2 Cadet School Military Aeronautics from 48th Battalion on 18th July, 1917.

2nd Air Mechanic Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy, having qualified as a Pilot, was appointed 2nd Lieutenant & posted to A. F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) from 29th September, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Dealy was admitted to Military Hospital at Grantham on 17th October, 1917 - fracture metacarpal right.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Dealy wrote a letter, from Belton Park Military Hospital, near Grantham, on 21st November, 1917 to Headquarters, Northern Training Brigade, R.F.C., Fossgate, York which reads:

*Sir*

*I have the honour to appeal to you for favourable consideration in the following matter.*

*I am recovering from a serious aeroplane accident & have been given to understand that the Commanding Officer here desires to board & recommend me here for three weeks convalescent leave, but cannot do so because I am an Australian Officer.*

*I am most anxious to report fit for flying again as soon as possible & have been offered hospitality in the country for the purpose of recuperating & if I were \_\_\_\_\_ Officer I understand that the leave would be granted.*

*At the time of my crash, I had completed my training as a DH 5 Scout pilot & hereby make my formal application to be posted to Turnhouse Scotland to fly Camel Scouts when my name is submitted as fit for duty again.*

A Medical Report was completed on 2nd Lieutenant T. S. O. Dealy on 26th November, 1917 at Australian Military Offices, London. Lieutenant Dealy had the following injuries received in a flying accident on 17th October, at Harlaxton, England. Details of the accident – "*his machine went out of command & fell 200 feet to the ground. He did not lose consciousness but was dazed & shocked. He had abrasions of the face, temple & fracture of 3rd, 4th & 5th left metacarpal bones. He was in bed 10 days in Belton Park Hospital Grantham....*". He was described as "Nerves are still shaky he says. He can walk 2 or 3 miles." Lieutenant Dealy was found to be unfit for General Service for 6 months & fit for light duty at Home for 4 months.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Dealy was discharged from Military Hospital at Grantham on 26th November, 1917.

The Record of Service form for the 26th November, 1917 for 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Dealy reads MB (Medical Board) fit for LD (light duty). He was given 14 days leave then to report to Staff Officer Aviation on 11th December, 1917 further Board 27th December, 1917.

The Medical Case Sheet for Lieutenant T. S. O. Dealy while he was in the Military Hospital, Belton Park, Grantham reads:

*Concussion. Lacerated wound of face. Fracture metacarpal bones left hand.*

17th/Oct/17 – When he was admitted on Oct. 17th, 1917, he was not unconscious but dazed and he was found to be suffering from the above injuries.

21/Oct/17 – Xray taken of hand and found that metacarpal bones were punctured. 1st 2nd 3rd. He was put on a hand splint.

4/Nov/17 – Splint taken off and massage and passive movements.

24/Nov/17 – Patient has progressed and is now quite able to travel. He still has massage. He states that his memory is not so good as it was.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was taken on strength of 30th Training Squadron, A.F.C. on 17th December, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Dealy was admitted to Prees Heath Military Hospital, Tern Hill on 18th December, 1917 – contusion to face. He was discharged on 1st January, 1918.

2nd Lieutenant Flying Officer (Pilot) Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was promoted to Lieutenant on 29th December, 1917.

Lieutenant Thomas Dealy was marched in to 6th Training Squadron from Hospital on 23rd January, 1918.

Lieutenant Thomas Dealy was on command at No. 2 School A. G. (Air Gunnery) Turnberry, Scotland from 6th Training Squadron A.F.C. on 4th February, 1918.

Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy, of School of Aerial Fighting (R.F.C.) was flying a Sopwith F.1 Camel – Serial No. B7418 when it went into a spin at 800ft, he tried to straighten out but failed & the plane spun into the ground.

Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy died on morning of 7th March, 1918 at Ayr, Scotland as a result of an aeroplane accident.

A Court of Inquiry was held into the death of Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy – *“The Court, having duly considered the evidence placed before them are of the opinion that the accident was due to an error of judgement on the part of the pilot of the Machine.”*

At his brother's request, Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was buried at 11.15 am on 11th March, 1918 in Stonyhurst College Burial Ground, Heapey, Lancashire, England – Plot number 3 (Western side of Church in College grounds) and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy - *Coffin was good polished oak with brass fittings. The deceased Officer was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack Flag. Band, Firing Part and Buglers, under the command of Lieut Hull, were supplied by the O.T.C. stationed at Stoneyhurst College, near Whalley. Prior to interment a Requiem Mass was Held in the College Church. A Choral Service was held at the graveside. The “Last Post” was sounded. Brother Officers of the deceased Officer present at the funeral were: 2/Lieut. Jacobs, F.W., A.I.F. 2/Lieut. Cuffe, R.T., R.F.C. Lieut Ough, A. H. R.F.C. and Lieut Davidson, W.L., U.S.A. all of whom are stationed at Ayr, Scotland. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

*Names of relatives present at the funeral – BROTHER – No. 2802 Pte Dealy, T. H. 43rd Bn, A.I.F. France.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Australia to obtain the fullest details possible of the death & burial of Lieutenant Dealy. The A/Adjutant of North Western Area Flying Instructors' School, Royal Air Force replied: *“This Officer reported to this Station, then No. 1 School of Aerial Fighting, for a course of Instruction. On the afternoon of March 7th, 1918, whilst flying a Sopwith Camel machine, he was endeavouring to get out of a spin, when the machine nose dived down to earth. Death was instantaneous, due to fracture of the Cervical Vertebrae. Both thigh bones were fractured also, and his face and brow contused. His body was buried at Stonyhurst College, near Clitherve Station, Lancashire, on 9.3.18, as requested by his Brother, now deceased.”*

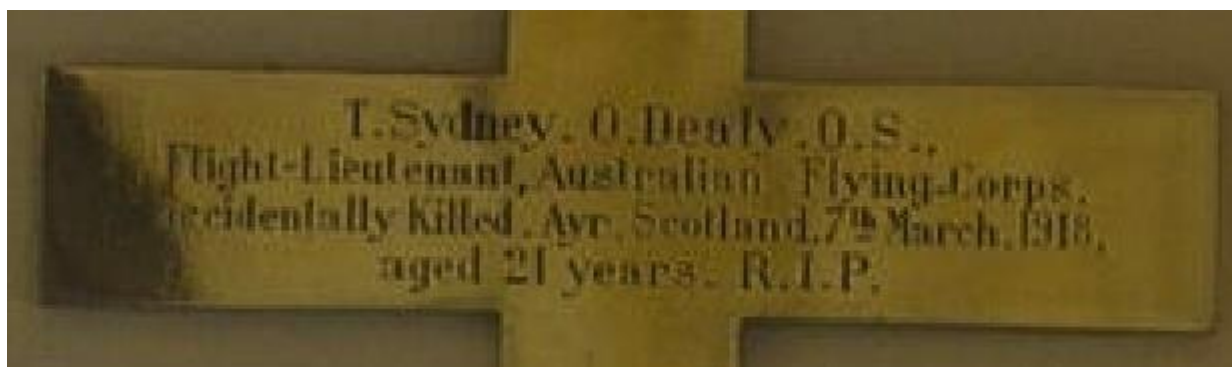
Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lieutenant Dealy's mother – Mrs A. M. Dealy in France, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque despatched to London in December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant T. S. O. Dealy, of Australian Flying Corps. No family details are listed.

A Memorial to Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy hangs inside St. Laurence's Catholic Church, Buxton Street, North Adelaide, South Australia.



**Memorial to Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy** (Photo by Kevin Cameron)



Lieutenant T. S. O. Dealey is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 187.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

T.S.O. Dealy & his brother F. H. O. Dealy are both remembered on the Roseworthy Agricultural College Roll of Honour, located at Roseworthy Agricultural College, Mudla Wirra Road, Roseworthy, South Australia.

(Red arrow – T.S.O. Dealy & yellow arrow – F. H. O. Dealy)



(Photo from Monument Australia – State Library of South Australia)

A memorial window was erected at Stonyhurst College, Blackburn, Lancashire, England in honour of Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy & his brother Francis Henry Ough Deal who both were killed in 1918.



**Dealy brothers Memorial Window**

Lt. T. S. O. Dealy is remembered on the Stonyhurst College War Memorial.

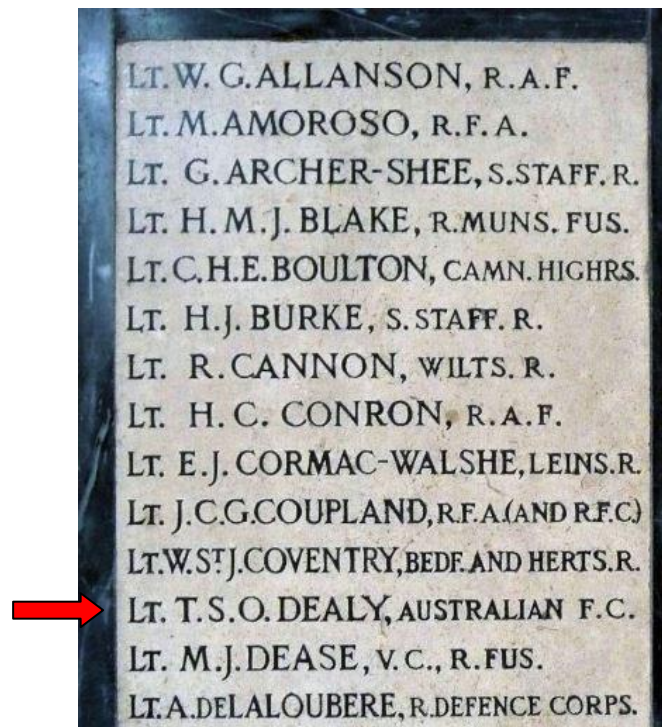


**The Stonyhurst College War Memorial**



### The Stonyhurst College War Memorial

(Photos by Imaginativename)





Lieutenant T. S. O. Dealy is commemorated as a member of the Catholic Soldiers' Association in the Chapel of St George and the English Martyrs, Westminster Cathedral (Roman Catholic), London. The chapel contains the Cathedral's War Memorial.



**Chapel of St George and the English Martyrs, Westminster Cathedral** (Photo by User:FA2010)

(72 pages of Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



**Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy**

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

DEALY – Killed in Ayr, Scotland, through an aeroplane accident, on the 7th March, Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy, Australian Flying Corps, second son of Thomas Kirkman Dealy, head master of Queen's College, Hongkong, and Mrs Dealy, 45 Brougham place, North Adelaide, aged 21 years. R.I.P.

(*The Express and Telegraph*, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 March, 1918) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 March, 1918)

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### **Casualties**

Lieutenant THOMAS SYDNEY OUGH DEALY, A.F.C., who was accidentally killed on March 7th, aged 21, was the younger son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Kirkman Dealy, of Hong Kong and Brougham Place, Adelaide.

(*Flight Global*. March 14, 1918)

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### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

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(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 & 14 March, 1918) & (*The Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 March, 1918) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 March, 1918)

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### **386th CASUALTY LIST**

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Killed, Result of Accident

Lieut. T. S. O. Dealy, North Adelaide (killed 7/3/18, result of accident)

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 23 March, 1918)

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### **THE LATE LIEUT. DEALY**

Lieut. T. S. O. Dealy, of the Australian Flying Corps, who was killed while flying in Scotland on March 6, at one time resided in Adelaide. He was at Stonyhurst from 1905 to 1913. As his home is in China, where his father is in the Government service, the rector of Stonyhurst arranged to have the funeral at the College, where the body arrived on March 7 with an escort of the R.F.C. A solemn dirge was sung on Sunday afternoon, and a sermon preached by Father W. Bartly, S.J., C.F., a close friend of the deceased. The burial took place on Monday, after a High Mass of Requiem, celebrated by the rector, which was attended by representatives of the American and Australian Flying Corps and the R.F.C. A firing party of the College O.T.C. gave the last salute at the graveside, and the buglers of the Corps sounded the Last Post. Lieut. Dealy had been vice-captain of the school during his last year, and had visited the College only the week before his death. Mrs Dealy, mother of Lieut. Dealy, lives at Brougham Place, North Adelaide. She has the sympathy of the many friends that her boy made during his residence in Adelaide after leaving Stonyhurst. He had been studying at Roseworthy College before volunteering for the front. His brother, Frank, is now serving at the front in France with the A.I.F. – R.I.P.

(*Southern Cross*, Adelaide, South Australia – 24 May, 1918)

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

DEALY – On the 7th March, 1918, on active service, as the result of an aeroplane accident at Ayr, Scotland, Thomas Sydney Ough, Flight Lieutenant, Australian Flying Corps, the younger son of Thomas Kirkman Dealy, Head Master Queen's College, Hongkong, and of Mrs Dealy, Brougham Place, North Adelaide, South Australia, aged 21 years. Interred at Stonhurst College, near Blackburn. – "R.I.P."

*(Sheffield Independent, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England – 10 September, 1918)*

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## IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE

DEALY – Lieut. T. S. O. Dealy, who was killed in aeroplane accident on 7th March, 1918.

*(Saturday Journal, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 March, 1925) & (Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 March, 1925) & (The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 March, 1925)*

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## THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

DEALY – Lieut. T. S. O. Dealy, who was killed in aeroplane accident on 7th March, 1918.

*(Saturday Journal, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 March, 1926)*

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DEALY – Lieut. T. S. O. Dealy, who was killed in aeroplane accident on 7th March, 1918.

*(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 March, 1927) & (Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 12 March, 1927)*

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## THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

DEALY – Lieut. T. S. O. Dealy, who was killed in aeroplane accident on 7th March, 1918.

*(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 March, 1928)*

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## Stonhurst College Burial Ground, Heapey, Lancashire, England.

Stonhurst College Burial Ground, Heapey, Lancashire contains only 1 Commonwealth War Grave – that of Lieutenant T.S.O. Dealy.



**Stonhurst College with Tennis Courts & beyond St. Peter's Church** *(Photo by Philip Platt)*



**St. Peter's Church** (Photo by Peter Bennett)



**Graves beside St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst College & marked grave of Lieut T.S.O. Dealy**  
(Photo by Karl and Ali)

Photo of Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy's Private Headstone in Stonyhurst College Burial Ground, Heapey, Lancashire, England.



*(Photos courtesy of Peter Bennett)*



*Of Your Charity*

*Pray*

*For The Soul OF*

***T. S. O. DEALY***

*Lieut A.F.C.*

*Killed While Flying At Ayr*

*Scotland March 7, 1918*

*Aged 21 Years*

*R.I.P.*

**Connected to Lieutenant Thomas Sydney Ough Dealy:**

Brother – Lance Corporal F. H. O. Dealy was killed in action 26th August, 1918 near Suzanne, Somme, France. He was buried in Suzanne Military Cemetery No. 3, Some, France.



**Suzanne Military Cemetery No. 3, Somme, France** *(Photo from CWGC)*

**ROLL OF HONOUR**

DEALY - Killed in action in France, Monday, 26th August, 1918, Lce.-Cpl. Francis Henry Ough Dealy, 43rd Battalion, A.I.F. elder and only surviving son of Thomas Kirkman Dealy, formerly headmaster of Queen's College, Hong Kong, and of Mrs Dealy, 45, Brougham Place, North Adelaide, South Australia, aged 23 years 3 months. "R.I.P."

*(Sheffield Independent, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England – 30 September, 1918)*



**Memorial for Lance Corporal F. H. O. Dealy in St. Peter's Church burial ground, Stonyhurst College,  
Stonyhurst, Lancashire, England**

*(Photos from War Memorials Online – Philip Platt)*

