

Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England - War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



3053 PRIVATE

E. C. T. EGGELING

44TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

5TH MAY, 1917 Age 21

In Loving Memory

Of Our Dear Son

And Brother Ernie

Rest In Peace

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte E. C. T. Eggeling is located in Grave Plot # 242
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Ernest Christian Theodor EGGELING

Ernest Christian Theodor Eggeling was born at Coolgardie, Western Australia on 28th December, 1896 to parents Hainrith Christoph Theodor & Amy Marguerite Eggeling (nee Linnett).

(Note: "Theodor" spelling as listed on Roll of Honour information completed by his father. The Australian War Memorial, CWGC & National Archives have the name spelled as "Theodore")

Ernest Christian Theodor Eggeling attended school at Davyhurst, Western Australia.

Ernest Christian Theodor Eggeling was a 20 year old, single, Shop Assistant from Esperance, Western Australia when he enlisted on 28th December, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) at black Boy Hill, Western Australia. His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Henry Eggeling of Esperance, Western Australia. Ernest had previously served with Esperance Rifle Club.

As Ernest Eggeling 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. H. Eggeling & A. Eggeling both signed their consent.

Private Ernest Christian Theodore Eggeling was posted to "D Depot" on 28th December, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 44th Battalion.

Private Ernest Christian Theodore Eggeling (spelling as per Embarkation Roll), Service number 3053, embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Miltiades (A28)* on 29th January, 1917 with the 44th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital from 6th March until 12th March, 1917. Private Eggeling disembarked at Devonport, England on 27th March, 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.

Private Ernest Eggeling was marched in to A.I.F. Details at Fovant, Wiltshire on 28th March, 1917.

Private Ernest Eggeling was admitted sick to Fovant Hospital on 5th April, 1917 & discharged on 13th April, 1917, suffering from Influenza.

Private Ernest Eggeling was marched out from Fovant to 11th Training Battalion at Durrington on 18th April, 1917.

Private Ernest Eggeling was sent sick to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 24th April, 1917. He was reported to be seriously ill with Broncho-pneumonia on 26th April, 1917.

Private Ernest Christian Theodore Eggeling died at 4.45 p.m. on 5th May, 1917 from Measles & Broncho Pneumonia at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England.

A death for Ernest C. T. Egging, aged 20, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

Private Ernest Christian Theodore Eggeling was buried on 9th May, 1917 in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Grave number 242 (right of path).

From the burial report of Private Eggeling – *The deceased's friends from his Unit and Officers attended the funeral which was a full Military one. The service was conducted by the Rev. Buckley, partly at the Church of England Durrington – at the graveside with the Rev. Clarke was also present. A wreath was also placed on the grave.*

Private E. Eggeling requested in his Will, dated 29th April, 1917, his property to be left to his mother – Annie Margarate Eggeling.

A War Pension was granted to Annie Margaret Eggeling, mother of late Private Ernest Christian Theodor Eggeling, in the sum of 40/- fortnightly, granted from 9th July, 1917.

Private Ernest Christian Theodor Eggeling 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 Eggeling's father – Mr H. Eggeling (Scroll & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Ernest Christian Theodore Eggeling – service number 3053 as being 21 years old & served with 44th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Henry Christoph Theodore and Annie Margaret Eggeling, of Esperance Bay, Western Australia. Born at Coolgardie.

Private E. C. T. Eggeling is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 138.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Ernest Eggeling is remembered on the Esperance War Memorial, located in RSL Memorial Park, Dempster & James Streets, Esperance, Western Australia.



Esperance War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

E. C. Eggeling is remembered on the Esperance District Honour Roll, located in RSL Hall, Dempster Street, Esperance, Western Australia.



Esperance District Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Harry Frochter)

E. C. T. Eggeling is also remembered on the Norseman Roll of Honour located in the Foyer of the Norseman Town Hall, Prinsep & Ramsay Streets, Norseman, Western Australia.



Norseman Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials In Australia)

Ernest C. Eggeling is remembered with a Memorial Plaque (M 44A) on the Kings Park Honour Avenues. At the base of each commemorative tree is a plaque inscribed with details of the deceased: name, age, unit in which they served, nature of death, place of death, and who dedicated the plaque. Honour Avenue memorials commemorate service personnel who are listed at the State War Memorial, Kings Park. These soldiers enlisted in Western Australia, died overseas on active service, and were either buried overseas or have no known graves.





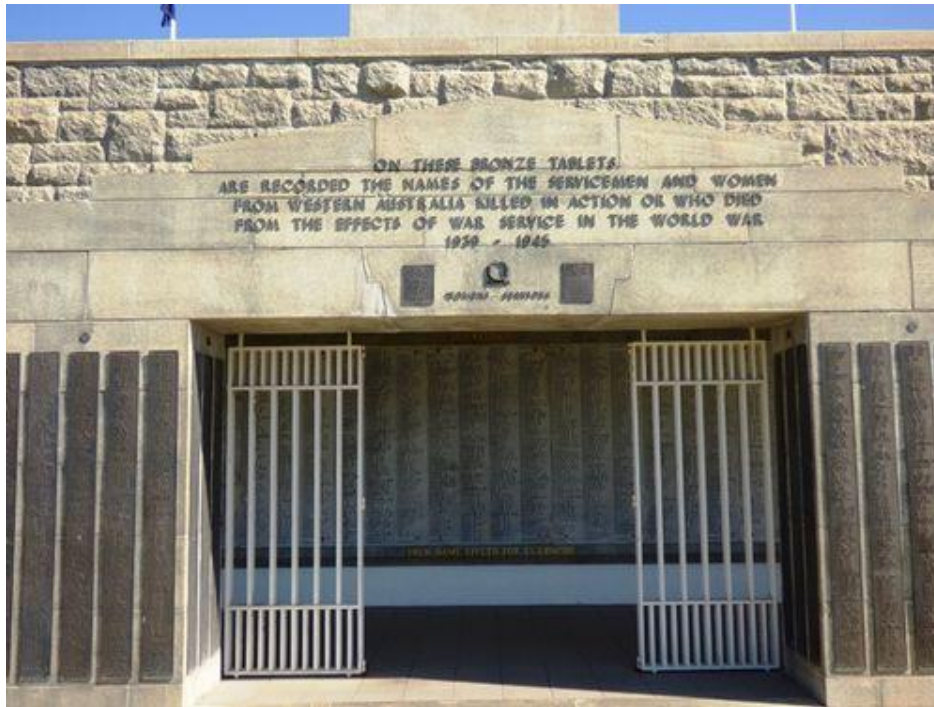
(Photos from Kings Park Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority)

E. C. T. Eggeling is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park



The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



44th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

(54 pages of Private Ernest Christian Theodor Eggeling'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

NORSEMAN RECRUITS

Norseman, Dec. 21.

During the past few days five additional recruits have enlisted locally, four of whom – Messrs. L. N. Sinclair, E.C.T. Eggeling, J.B. Orr and F.C. daw- hailed from, Esperance.....

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia Tuesday 26 December, 1916)

W.A. CASUALTIES – 301st Official List

DIED OF ILLNESS

Private E.C.T. EGGELING, Esperance

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia Monday 21 May, 1917)

NORSEMAN - ROLL OF HONOUR

The list of local casualties in the A.I.F. is higher than ever before....

Private E. C. Eggeling, of Esperance, who died of pneumonia in England, only enlisted here a few months ago.....

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia Tuesday 29 May, 1917)

DEATHS

EGGELING - On May 5th, on his -way to the front, Private Ernest Eggeling, in his 21st year.

He never shunned his country's call.

He gave his life, he gave his all.

Memories of his upright ways.

Will linger with us all our days.

— For six years a faithful employee of W. E. Hughes & Co., Esperance.

EGGELING - Died in England from, pneumonia, on May 5th, 1917, Ernest C. T. Eggeling, aged 20 years. Member of the A.I.F., son of Mr. H. and Mrs. A. Eggeling, of Esperance.

Beloved by all who knew him.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia Tuesday 29 May, 1917) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, W.A., Tuesday 5 June, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

EGGELING - In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Ernest C. T. Eggeling, of the 44th Battalion, died in England, 5th May, 1917; aged 20 years and 4 months.

No loved ones stood around him,
 To bid a fond farewell;
No word of comfort could we give
 To dear Ernie, we loved so well,
Too far away your grave to see,
 But not too far to think of thee.

-Inserted by his loving mother, father, brothers and sisters.

(*Western Argus*, Kalgoorlie, W.A., Tuesday 7 May, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

EGGELING - In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Ernest Eggeling, died in Fargo Military Hospital, England, on the 5th May, 1917.

 In life we loved him dearly,
 In death we do the same.

-Inserted by his loving mother, father, brothers and sisters, Elsie, Henry, Fred, Gladys and Ray, Norseman.

(*Kalgoorlie Miner*, Western Australia Wednesday 5 May, 1920) & (*Western Argus*, Kalgoorlie, W.A., Tuesday 11 May, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

EGGELING - In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Ernest Eggeling, died in Fargo Military Hospital, England, on the 5th May, 1917.

Over in England our sad hearts roam
To a lonely grave so far from home.
Sleep on, my darling, take thy rest,
We miss you most who loved you best.

—Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters, Norseman.

(*Kalgoorlie Miner*, Western Australia Thursday 5 May, 1921)

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 E. C. T. Eggeling does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In Loving Memory Of Our Dear Son And Brother Ernie Rest In Peace

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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 by Dave Healing 2013)*

Photo of Private E. C. T. Eggeling's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



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Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo from CWGC)*