

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



58787 PRIVATE

ALLAN ERNEST EVANS

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT

20TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 19

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Allan Ernest EVANS

Allan Ernest Evans was born at Petersham, New South Wales on 22nd January, 1899 to parents Ernest Wesley & Agnes Ellen Evans (nee Henderson).

Allan Ernest Evans attended Ryde Public School, NSW.

Allan Ernest Evans was a 19 year old, single, junior Clerk from Ryde, New South Wales when he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 20th May, 1918. His Service number was 58787 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr E. W. Evans of Quarry Road, Ryde, New South Wales. As Allan Evans 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. E.W. Evans & A. E. Evans both signed their consent.

Private Allan Ernest Evans was posted Recruits Depot pm 20th May, 1918. He was transferred to 1st Infantry Depot Battalion "C" Company at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 26th June, 1918.

Private Allan Ernest Evans embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Borda (A30)* on 17th July, 1918 with the 10th (NSW) Reinforcements. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea on 5th August with conjunctivitis & discharged on 6th August, 1918. Private Evans disembarked at London, England on 27th September, 1918.

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 Allan Ernest Evans was marched in to 12th Training Battalion in England on 27th September, 1918. He was allotted to Reinforcements of 13th Battalion whilst at 12th Training Battalion on 27th September, 1918.

Private Allan Ernest Evans was admitted to Group Hospital at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 13th October, 1918 with influenza then transferred to Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 15th October, 1918 with "*Pneumonia (seriously ill)*." Private Evans was reported seriously ill with Pneumonia on 16th October, 1918.

Private Allan Ernest Evans died at 2.30 p.m. on 20th October, 1918 at Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire, of pneumonia. He was aged 19 years & 9 months.

A death for Allan E. Evans was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire. (Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

Private Allan Ernest Evans was buried in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England on 24th October, 1918 at 3 p.m. – Back Row, Grave Plot #4.

From the burial report of Private Allan Ernest Evans – Coffin was good, Elm with Brass Mounts – *Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin, draped with the Australian flag was borne to the graveside on a gun carriage, preceded by a Firing Party and Band of 12th Training Battalion. Six of deceased's comrades acted as Pall Bearers; three Officers and fifty N.C.O.'s and men of the deceased's unit were in attendance as mourners. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Private Allan Ernest Evans requested in his Will that the whole of his property & effects be given to his father – Ernest Wesley Evans of Quarry Rd, Ryde, N.S.W.

Private Allan Ernest Evans was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (July, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (November, 1922) were sent to Pte Evans's father – Mr E W Evans of Quarry Road, Ryde, NSW.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Allan Ernest Evans – service number 58787, aged 19, of 10th Australian Reinforcement. He was the son of Ernest Wesley Evans and Agnes Ellen Evans, of Quarry Rd, Ryde, New South Wales.

Private A. E. Evans is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(58 pages of Private Allan Ernest Evans' 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





Private Allan Ernest Evans



Newspaper Reports

DEATHS

EVANS- Died of pneumonia, October 20, in England, Allan Ernest, dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. W. Evans of Quarry Road, Ryde. Called to higher service.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Saturday 2 November, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOR

EVANS – October 20, 1918, in England, from pneumonia, Allan Ernest, dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs E, W. Evans, Quarry Road, Ryde, aged 19 years and 9 months.

Called to higher service.

Inserted by his loving mother, father, sister and brothers.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – Saturday 2 November, 1918)

“OF THE BOYS”

Private Allan Ernest Evans, eldest son of Mr and Mrs E. W. Evans, of Quarry road, Ryde, died in England on the 20th ult. of pneumonia. The young soldier contracted the disease on the voyage over.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 9 November, 1918)

On Active Service

EVANS – In loving memory of my dear friend, Pte Allan E. Evans, 10th Gen. Ser. Reinf. died of pneumonia in England, October 20, 1918, aged 19 years and 9 months. Inserted by his friend Alma.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 October, 1919)

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 A. E. Evans 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)



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)

Photo of Private A. E. Evans' Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



(Photo taken c March, 1919)

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

Back row, left to right: 55821 Private (Pte) Alfred Alwin Dreckow, 32nd Battalion (Bn), died 19 October 1918; 3712 Pte Thomas Cass, 10th Bn, died 17 August 1918; 3764 Pte William Joseph Arnold, 31st Bn, died 2 July 1918; Captain Roy Allan Sillar, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 30 June 1918; 1993A Pte Sydney Ross, 18th Bn, died 31 May 1918.

Front row: 1666 Sergeant Percy Robert Knowles, 9th Australian Light TM Battery, died 30 January 1918; 1995 Pte Thomas James Skipper, 51st Bn, died Fovant Military Hospital 7 January 1918; 687 Pte John Thomas Wehrmann, 32nd Bn, died 3 November 1917; 3462 Pte William Joseph Park, 60th Bn, died 23rd September 1917; 1725 Pte William Ernest Riley, 60th Bn, died 22 May 1917.



Compton Chamberlayne War Graves (Photo from CWGC)

Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations



British Soldier



Irish Soldier



Australian Soldier

Front Row	Grave		Middle Row	Grave		Back Row	Grave	
Public	1		Oliver	1			1	
Public	2		Knowles	2		Public	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
Public			Public				13	
Public			Public				14	
Public						Walsh	15	
							16	
						Hooper	17	
							18	
						Larkin	19	