

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT COLONEL

W. F. EVERETT

6TH AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE

17TH AUGUST, 1915

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William Frank EVERETT

William Frank Everett was born in February, 1865 at Weyhill, Hampshire, England to parents George & Arabella Everett (nee Hanmer).

The 1871 England Census recorded William F. Everett as a 6 year old Scholar, living with his family at Hothorpe Hall, Hothorpe, Northamptonshire, England. His parents were listed as George Everett (Magistrate of Hampshire & Grazier of 47 acres employing 1 Labourer, aged 60, born Wiltshire) & Arabella Everett (aged 46, born London, Middlesex). William was the youngest of three children listed on this Census - Edwin H. Everett (Scholar, aged 8, born Weyhill, Hampshire), Georjiena J. M. Everett (Scholar, aged 7, born Weyhill, Hampshire) then William. Seven Servants were listed in the house including a Governess, Butler, Nurse, Cook, Housemaid, Under Nurse & Kitchenmaid.

William Frank Everett attended Wellington College, Berkshire, England from 1878 to 1880. He was in School House Orange.

The 1881 England Census recorded William F. Everett, Scholar, aged 16 (born Clanville, Hampshire) as a boarder at Streatham School, Clonnells, Hampshire, England.

George Everett, father of William Frank Everett, died on 23rd September, 1893 at Christchurch, Hampshire, England.

According to information supplied by his widow for the Roll of Honour, William Frank Everett came to Australia when he was about 18 years of age.

William F. Everett married Charlotte Hickson in 1894 in the district of Waverley, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Their marriage was registered in 1895.

Marriage Notice – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 22 December, 1894:

EVERETT-HICKSON – December 19, at St. Mary's Waverley, Wm. F. Everett, youngest son of the late George Everett, Bournemouth, England, and Ollera, New England, to Charlotte, eldest daughter of R. R. P. Hickson, The Pines, Bondi.

Births were registered in NSW for the following children of William F. & Charlotte Everett:

- Kathleen H. Everett – birth registered in 1895 in the district of Tenterfield.
- Jean C. Everett – birth registered in 1897 in the district of Tenterfield.
- Robert W. H. Everett – birth registered in 1901 in the district of Tenterfield.
- George E. N. Everett – birth registered in 1904 in the district of Armidale.
- Gwenda H. Everett – birth registered in 1907 in the district of Armidale. Death registered in 1907 in the district of Merewether.

Captain William Frank Everett, "B" Squadron, 5th Battalion, Australian Commonwealth Horse served in the South Africa 1899 -1902 (Boer War). He joined the Commonwealth Contingent for Service in South Africa in Sydney, NSW on 24th April, 1902. William Frank Everett was a 37 year old, Road Engineer with Public Works, NSW from "Yerrow" in Union Street, North Sydney, NSW.

Newspaper notice – *Evening News*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 9 May, 1902:

THE COMMONWEALTH HORSE

The establishment of the Fifth Battalion, Commonwealth Horse is now complete. In addition to the 493 officers, non-commissioned officers and men, there are a number of supernumeraries in camp, who, having passed the necessary tests, are being kept in readiness to fill any vacancies which may occur.....The officers who have been gazetted

have been posted to squadrons as under:- "B" Squadron – Captain William Frank Everett, Lieutenant John Douglas Bathgate....

From *The London Gazette* – 4 August, 1903:

The undermentioned Officers of the 5th Battalion Australian Commonwealth Horse are granted temporary rank in the Army whilst serving in South Africa, as follows, dated 22nd May, 1902:

To be Captains:-

Captain William Frank Everett

Newspaper notice – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 2 November, 1903:

MILITARY

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Second Lieutenant and Honorary Captain William Frank Everett, to be militia acting adjutant, provisionally, subject to passing the required examination.

Newspaper notice – *The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 13 June, 1906:

PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES

Melbourne, Monday - The following changes in connection with the military forces are gazetted:-.....6th Australian Light Horse Regiment (Australian Horse), Captain William Frank Everett, until February 28, 1907;

Newspaper notice – *Evening News*, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 10 June, 1907:

N.S.W. MILITARY

CHANGES AND PROMOTIONS

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Extension of Appointment of Militia Adjutant.

-6th Australian Light Horse Regiment (New England Light Horse): Major William Frank Everett, to September, 4, 1907.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett was Commanding Officer of 6th Australian (New England) Light Horse from 10th November, 1910.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett was Commanding Officer of 5th Australian (New England) Light Horse from 10th November, 1910. Tenure of command from 1st July, 1910 to 30th June, 1915.

Newspaper item – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW, Australia – 13 April, 1914:

AVIATION SCHOOLS

Armidale, Sunday

Colonel W. F. Everett, commanding officer of the 5th Light Horse, who has just completed nine months at the British Flying School, Salisbury, England, delivered a lecture to trainees in the Armidale Light Horse Drill Hall. The colonel stated that, during his stay at the school, not one accident had occurred, this showing the progress of aviation. He also pointed out the necessity for Australia to take definite steps regarding the establishment of aviation schools if the people intended to keep up with other countries in this modern branch of the service.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett was appointed to Remount & Veterinary Corps Headquarters, Intermediate Base Depot on 15th January, 1915.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England on 15th August, 1915.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett died on 17th August, 1915 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Tubercule of lung).

A death for William F. Everett, aged 50, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

A letter written by Arthur de W. Snowden, Temp. Capt. R.A.M.C., Royal Victoria Hospital Netley, on 10th February, 1916 reads: "*With reference to your letter numbers as above dated 9th February asking for a report relating to the death of Lieut. Colonel Everett, I have the honour to report that he died from pulmonary Tuberculosis, and that I am of opinion that although he had suffered some years previously from this disease, the attack which caused his death was due to the strain of his official duties in the Army and to the climate of Egypt where he was serving.*"

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett was buried on 20th August, 1915 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number "Officer's 1716" and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Newspaper item – *Bournemouth Guardian*, Bournemouth, Hampshire - 11 September, 1915:

KILLED, WOUNDED AND MISSING

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Lieutenant-Colonel William Frank Everett, who was invalided home and died two days after landing at Southampton, was the youngest son of the late George Everett, formerly of Bridge End, Bournemouth. He was educated at Wellington College and served in the 6th Australian Light Horse for several years and lastly in the Remount Department at Cairo.

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Probate details:

EVERETT, William Frank of Little Heave Gate, Crowborough, Sussex, died 17 August, 1915 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley Hampshire. Probate London, 16 September, to Charlotte Everett, widow and George Henry Everett, esquire. Effects £28,706 8s. 7d.

Newspaper item – *The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland - 21 September, 1915:

WILLS PROVED

Lieutenant-Colonel William Frank Everett, 6th Australian Light Horse, of Little Heave Gate, Crowbrough, Sussex, and of New South Wales, late of Wavertree, Cliftonville, Margate, who died at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, on the 17th August last, aged 50, left unsettled estate. Net personalty.....£27,979.

A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were sent to Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Everett's widow - Mrs Everett in England, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Everett, of 6th Australian Light Horse. No family details are listed.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett, Australian Forces, was remembered in the Dedication of the War Memorial which occurred on 24th October, 1922 to the Boys, Masters and servants of Wellington College, who laid down their lives in the War. No individual names are listed on the Memorial. Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett, Australian Forces, was also remembered in the Wellington College Year Book, 1922.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett is remembered on the Roll of Honour for Wellington College. The Year Book entry in 1922 reads:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM FRANK EVERETT, died on August 17th, having been invalided home from Egypt. He was in the Orange 1878 – 1880, and subsequently served for many years in the 6th Australian Light Horse. During the War he was posted to the Remount Department at Cairo, whence he was invalided home, dying at Netley two days after landing at Southampton.

At the funeral of Lt.-Col. W. F. Everett, at Netley on Aug. 20th, the High Commissioner for Australia was represented by Lt.-Col. Appleton, V.D. The escort, in charge of Capt. Townsend, firing party, and band, were provided by the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett is remembered in Wellington College's "The Golden Book" (Roll of Honour).



"The Golden Book" - Wellington College



Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 184.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(42 pages of Lieutenant Colonel William Frank Everett'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





William Frank Everett



Newspaper Notices

THE CASUALTY LIST

AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT

Died:-

COL. W. F. EVERETT, Remount Depot

(Army and Navy Gazette, London, England – 18 September, 1915)

LIEUT.-COL. EVERETT'S DEATH

Mr R. R. P. Hickson has heard by the last mail from his daughter in London particulars of the death of her husband, Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Everett. He had been ailing for some time in Egypt. Three days after his admittance into Netley military hospital he died of pleurisy and dysentery. He was given a military funeral. Mrs Everett has received a message from the King and Queen expressing their sympathy, and regretting the loss the army has sustained in the death of her husband.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 6 October, 1915)

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

117th Casualty List

NEW SOUTH WALES

Dead- Lieutenant-colonel W. F. Everett.

(Barrier Miner, Broken Hill, NSW – 30 November, 1915)

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire



NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY

This cemetery was used for many years for military burials from the Royal Victoria Hospital. The graves include those of 721 casualties from the First World War and 36 of the Second World War, comprising servicemen and women from the following countries:

United Kingdom	558	Undivided India	5
Australia	49	Belgium	15
Canada	42	Poland	1
New Zealand	12	Austria	1
South Africa	6	Germany	68

The Cross of Sacrifice alongside this plot was erected after the First World War.

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IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF THESE GRAVES

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Everett's Private Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by FrankGrant – Find a Grave)





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery