

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2911 PRIVATE

C. W. FERROW

57TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

28TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 45

*IN LOVING MEMORY
OF MY DEAR HUSBAND
MAY HE REST IN PEACE*

Charles William FERROW

Charles William Ferrow was born in Ashfield, Sydney, NSW in 1873 to parents James Charles & Margaret Sarah Jane Ferrow.

Charles William Ferrow attended Christian Brothers School at Parramatta, NSW.

Charles Ferrow married Annie Teresa Moran in 1897 in the district of Newtown, Sydney, NSW. They had 3 children John F. (born 1902), Joseph W. (born 1904) & Kathleen L. M. (born 1908).

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Camden, subdivision of Kingswood, NSW listed Charles William Ferrow, Painter & his wife Annie Ferrow, domestic duties, from Kingswood.

Charles William Ferrow was a 44 year old, married, Painter from Katoomba, New South Wales when he enlisted on 16th June, 1916 at Bathurst, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His Service Number was 2911 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Annie Teresa Ferrow, Leichhardt St, Katoomba, NSW. Charles Ferrow stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served for 7 years with 2nd Regiment (now disbanded).

Private Charles William Ferrow was posted to "A" Company, Depot Battalion at Bathurst, NSW on 16th June, 1916. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 57th Battalion at Bathurst on 28th September, 1916. Private Ferrow was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 57th Battalion at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 8th October, 1916.

Private Charles William Ferrow embarked from Sydney on the HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 3rd November, 1916 with the 57th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th January, 1917.

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 Charles William Ferrow was marched in to 15th Training Battalion - "A" Company at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 10th January, 1917.

Private Charles William Ferrow was admitted to the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 25th January, 1917 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined).

Private Charles William Ferrow died at 8.40 p.m. on 28th February, 1917 aged 44, of acute bronchitis – (cardiac failure), after spending 35 days in the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire.

A death for Charles W. Ferrow, age 45, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

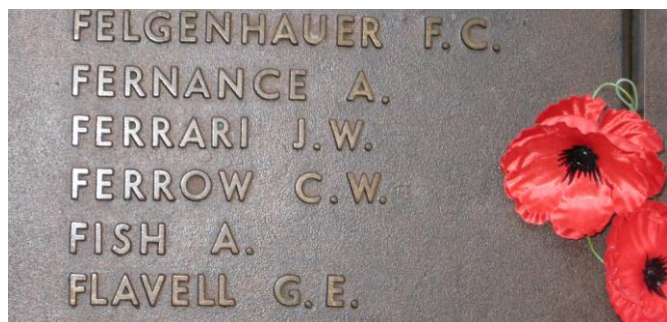
Private Charles William Ferrow was buried in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England on 3rd March, 1917 – Middle Row, Grave Plot # 12.

A War Pension was granted to Annie Farrow, of "Clyvdale", Leichhardt Street, Katoomba, Widow of the late Private Charles William Ferrow, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 6th May, 1917. A Pension was also granted to Joseph William Farrow, son of the late Private Charles William Ferrow, in the sum of £1 per fortnight from 6th May, 1917.

Private Charles William Ferrow was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a theatre of war. A Memorial Scroll (December, 1921) & Memorial Plaque were sent to Pte Ferrow's widow – Mrs Annie Ferrow (July, 1922) of Austral St, Penhurst, NSW.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles William Ferrow – service number 2911, aged 45, of 57th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James Charles and Margaret Sarah Jane Ferrow, husband of Annie Ferrow, of 8 Austral St., Penhurst, New South Wales.

Private C. W. Ferrow is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 163.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

C. W. Ferrow is remembered on Katoomba's Roll of Honour Board located in the Blue Mountains City Council Administration Building, Civic Place, Katoomba, NSW.



Katoomba's Roll of Honour Board

(Photo from Register of War Memorials NSW – Patrick Williams and Callum Geeves)

Private Charles William Ferrow is also remembered on the [Penrith City Council's website](#) Memories of War – Penrith District Roll of Honour 1914-1919.

(49 pages of Private Charles William Ferrow'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

Roll Of Honour – Died – Other Causes

New South Wales – Ferrow, C. W., of illness

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania & *The Argus*, Melbourne – Friday 16th March, 1917)

The Casualty List

The casualty list as regards to Penrith soldiers at the front, is being, we regret to say, augmented per recent returns....

Private C. W. Ferrow, Katoomba, (late of Kingswood) is also reported as having died of illness.

(*Nepean Times*, Penrith, NSW – 17 March, 1917)

Soldier Children's Bursaries

At the last meeting of the Bursary Endowment Board, war bursaries were granted to Joseph W. Ferrow, son of Private Charles W. Ferrow, of Katoomba, who died through illness while on active service;.....

The board is empowered to award war bursaries only to children of soldiers who have been incapacitated or have died through active military service.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – Friday 15th June, 1917)

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 C. W. Ferrow does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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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 C. W. Ferrow's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone at 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	
	<i>Public</i>	1	 Oliver	1		1	
	<i>Public</i>	2	 Knowles	2	<i>Public</i>	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
	<i>Public</i>		 <i>Public</i>				13
	<i>Public</i>		<i>Public</i>				14
	<i>Public</i>					Walsh	15
							16
						Hooper	17
							18
						Larkin	19

Charles William Ferrow is remembered on a headstone in Rookwood Catholic Cemetery & Crematorium, Sydney, NSW. [Section Grave Mortuary 1 Area: T Row: 46 Grave: 667 contains the burials of Margaret S. J. Diamond, aged 52, (buried 4th March, 1903) & Frances Ferrow, aged 50 (buried 13th October, 1925).]



Rookwood Catholic Cemetery & Crematorium (Photo by jlong – Find a Grave)



CHARLES WILLIAM FERROW

Eldest Son Of The Above

Died on Active Service

28TH Feby. 1917

Aged 48 Years