

**The Rosary Catholic Churchyard,
Midleton, County Cork,
Republic of Ireland
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



34423 GUNNER

A. A. HALEY

2ND BDE. AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

25TH DECEMBER, 1918 Age 26

Ambrose Augustine HALEY

Ambrose Augustin Haley was born at St. Helen's, Tasmania on 7th December, 1892 to parents Thomas and Mary Ann Haley (nee Fox).

Ambrose Augustine Haley attended St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, Victoria.

The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Bass, subdivision of Portland, Tasmania listed Ambrose Augustine Haley, Clerk of St. Helens.

Newspaper Article – Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 7 November, 1916:

The Exemption Courts

St. Helens

A sitting of the Exemption Court was held at St. Helens on Saturday before Mr E. L. Hall, Commissioner.

.....An application by Ambrose Augustin Haley was withdrawn, he having volunteered for the A.I.F. and proceeded to Claremont.

Exemption until March 31, 1917, was granted to Rupert Martin Haley, Natal Bernard Haley and Joseph Haley.....

Ambrose Augustine Haley was a 24 year old, single, Accountant from St. Helens, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 7th November, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 34423 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Thomas Haley, of St. Helens, Tasmania. Ambrose Haley stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 1 year with Senior Cadets in Victoria.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was posted to Field Artillery at Claremont, 6th Military District on 7th November, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Field Artillery Reinforcements at Maribyrnong, Victoria on 10th January, 1917. Gunner Haley was transferred to 12th Reinforcements of 15th Field Artillery Brigade on 13th March, 1917.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ascanius (A11)* on 11th May, 1917 with the Field Artillery Brigade, March, 1917 Reinforcements. He was hospitalised while at Sea from 29th June, 1917 until 30th June, 1917 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 20th July, 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.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 21st July, 1917.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 18th September, 1917 from R.B.A.A. at Larkhill.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 19th September, 1917. He was marched out to 1st Divisional Artillery on 21st September, 1917

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was taken on strength of 1st D.A.C. (ex 12/15th F.A.B.) from A.G.B.D. on 24th September, 1917.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was transferred to 2nd F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade) from 1st D.A.C. on 5th October, 1917 & taken on strength of 2nd F.A.B. in Belgium on 5th October, 1917.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was wounded in action in France on 11th October, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 11th October, 1917 with gunshot wounds to left arm then transferred to 17th Casualty Clearing Station. Gunner Haley was then transferred & admitted to 7th Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, France on 12th October, 1917. He was reported still on Hospital in 15th December, 1917. Gunner Haley was

reported still in Hospital on 1st February, 1918. He was discharged to No. 6 Convalescent Depot at Etaples on 23rd February, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to left arm. Gunner Haley was transferred to 5th Convalescent Depot at Cayeux on 26th February, 1918. Due to a query – it was reported that Gunner Haley was still a patient at 5th Convalescent Depot on 1st May, 1918. Gunner Haley was transferred to 17th Convalescent Depot on 5th May, 1918. Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was discharged to Base Depot from Hospital on 8th June, 1918 & was marched in to A.G.B.D. on 9th June, 1918. He was marched out from to A.G.B.D. on 25th August, 1918 & rejoined his Unit in France on 31st August, 1918.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was sent to Hospital sick on 27th September, 1918 & admitted to 20th Australian Casualty Clearing Station with deafness. He was transferred & admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 29th September, 1918 & invalided to England on 3rd October, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Essequibo*.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was admitted to Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, England on 4th October, 1918 with slight deafness.

Mr T. Haley, father of Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley, was advised on 19th November, 1918 that his son was dangerously ill but his condition was stationary.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley died at 9.50 am on 25th December, 1918 at Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, England from Carcinoma of Pancreas, Lungs, Spleen & other organs.

A death for Ambrose A. Haley, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Chichester, Sussex, England.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was buried on 30th December, 1918 in The Rosary Catholic Churchyard, Midleton, County Cork, Republic of Ireland (South-west plot, West side main path) & has a private headstone he shares. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley - *Coffin was Elm. The deceased soldier was interred privately by relatives residing in County Cork, England. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives and friends present at the funeral – Warrant Officer Haley (brother), War Records Section, Horseferry Road, London and Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Haley's father - Mr T. Haley, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley– service number 34423, aged 26, of 2nd Battery, Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Thomas and Mary Ann Haley, of St. Helens, Tasmania.

Gunner A. A. Haley is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 12.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Haley is remembered on the Roll of Honour for St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, Victoria.



St. Patrick's College, Ballarat – Roll of Honour (Photo courtesy of St. Patrick's College Archives)

A. Haley is remembered on the St. Helen's War Memorial located in Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania.



St. Helen's War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)

Ambrose Augustine Haley is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever. "



7987	Pte	Forster	Charles Walter	23.09.1918	19	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
	Maj	Foster MID	John Askin	23.08.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Campbelltown	ANZAC
793	Pte	Fowler	Roydon Ivory	05.06.1918	24	6th Inf Bn	Launceston	
6735	Pte	Fox	Thomas John	20.09.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
7168	Saprt	Freckleton	John	01.09.1918	47	3rd Tunnel Coy	Hobart	
2856A	Pte	Freeman	Thomas	23.08.1918	33	7th Inf Bn	Hobart	
36211	Gnr	French	Robert Ralph	04.09.1918	32	3rd Fd Arty Bde	Westbury	
3471	Pte	Frier	James Youle	28.05.1918	23	26th Inf Bn	Hobart	
8832A	Pte	Frith	Roy	19.08.1918	21	23rd Inf Bn	Launceston	
9564	Gnr	Frith	Arthur William	13.08.1918	26	6th Fd Arty Bde	Launceston	
3650	Pte	Frost	Hubert Oscar	30.08.1918	22	26th Inf Bn	Launceston	
6275	Pte	Furnage	Thomas Greer R	10.03.1918	27	12th Inf Bn	Deloraine	
(4053)	Lt	Gaby VC	Alfred Edward	11.08.1918	26	28th Inf Bn	Scottsdale	
380	Pte	Gale	Francis Leopold	30.08.1918	20	40th Inf Bn	Elliot	
7494	Pte	Gale	Alexander Jack	26.03.1918	26	40th Inf Bn	Burnie	
	Capt	Gard	Joseph Henry	31.07.1918	32	11th Inf Bde HQ	Hobart	
6740	Pte	Gardiner	John James Russell	24.04.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Kindred	
2027	Pte	Garwood	George Harold	08.08.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Westbury	ANZAC
637	Pte	Gilham	Arthur Herbert	10.08.1918	30	9th Inf Bn	Launceston	
45852	Pte	Gill	David Roy	30.09.1918	25	NZEF WIB	Scottsdale	
4314	Pte	Glover	George Frederick	25.08.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Tunnel	
3259	Pte	Goldsmith	Charles Montague	28.03.1918	22	40th Inf Bn	Waratah	
1461	Pte	Goodall	James	15.04.1918	20	6th Inf Bn	Westbury	ANZAC
666	Dvr	Goodwin	Harold Gladstone	12.08.1918	27	40th Inf Bn	Kempton	
4796	Dvr	Goss	Walter Nicholas	18.04.1918	20	110 How Bty FA	Hobart	
1854	Cpl	Goss	Albert Robert	30.08.1918	33	40th Inf Bn	Rainon	
3325	Pte	Gossage	Richard	02.12.1918	35	40th Inf Bn	Shellfield	
(4827)	Lt	Goulies	Frederick Charles	11.06.1918	27	26th Inf Bn	Lilydale	
14604	Dvr	Gower	William Howard	04.11.1918	23	5th Fd Arty Bde	Latrobe	
1611	Pte	Grant MM	Robert John	05.07.1918	29	15th Inf Bn	Queenstown	ANZAC
1523	Pte	Graver	Arthur Albert	17.04.1918	23	1st MG Bn	Spreyton	ANZAC
2552	Pte	Gray	Oberlin Herbert	24.08.1918	27	3rd Fd Amb Coy	Bruny Island	ANZAC
7277	Pte	Greatbatch	Norman	10.09.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Nubeena	
6564	Pte	Greene	Henry Cecil	08.01.1918	26	12th Inf Bn	Marrawah	
3327	Pte	Greenland	Percy Robert	17.07.1918	28	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
15240	Dvr	Greenlaw	Robert Murray	11.06.1918	31	51st Inf Bn	Woodbridge	
44367	Lt	Gregory	Sydney Vincent	25.08.1918	36	NZEF CIB	Colbrook	
6277	Pte	Grey	Steve William	17.04.1918	41	12th Inf Bn	Smithton	
3621	Pte	Griffiths	Ralph Arnold	27.07.1918	20	40th Inf Bn	Deloraine	
4792	Pte	Griffiths	Leslie John	24.04.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Middleton	
3/1512	Pte	Grills	Frank Alfred	25.08.1918	30	NZEF Med Corps	Westbury	
(996)	Lt	Grubb	William Edward K	28.03.1918	29	40th Inf Bn	Stanley	
395	Pte	Grundy	Thomas Clifton	13.11.1918	26	40th Inf Bn	Ulverstone	
2628	Pte	Hales	William John	25.04.1918	28	67th Inf Bn	New Norfolk	ANZAC
34423	Gnr	Haley	Ambrose Augustine	25.12.1918	26	2nd Fd Arty Bde	St Helens	
890	Pte	Hall	Harold Lesley	02.09.1918	25	26th Inf Bn	Latrobe	ANZAC
1116	Pte	Hancock	Phillip Henry	27.04.1918	30	26th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
634	Pte	Hardman	Bertie	03.02.1918	21	40th Inf Bn	Brighton	
35338	Pte	Hardy	Ira St Clair Ernest	25.08.1918	26	14th Fd Arty Bde	Don	
4311	Pte	Hardy	James Charles	10.04.1918	32	31st Inf Bn	Deloraine	
112	Pte	Hardy	Edwin	05.06.1918	33	3rd Fd Coy Engrs	Hobart	ANZAC
1102	Pte	Harper	George	24.05.1918	25	26th Inf Bn	Scottsdale	ANZAC
2909	RSM	Harper DCM	William John	23.03.1918	32	32nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
2028	Sgt	Harper MM	Collin	30.09.1918	24	26th Inf Bn	Derby	ANZAC
2827	Pte	Harris	Harold Norman	09.09.1918	20	4th MG Coy	New Norfolk	
2828	Pte	Harris	William Henry	17.02.1918	29	24th MG Coy	New Norfolk	
505	Pte	Harris	John	24.04.1918	27	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
2770	Pte	Harris	Arthur James	09.04.1918	29	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
4048	Pte	Harrison	Morton	05.04.1918	22	47th Inf Bn	Mole Creek	
5043	Pte	Harvey	John Ballour	29.09.1918	25	40th Inf Bn	Cygnal	
7499	Pte	Hawkes	Harold Aaron	24.04.1918	19	12th Inf Bn	New Norfolk	
15432	Tpr	Hawkasford	Horace	24.10.1918	28	AAMC	Hobart	
(8487)	Lt	Hay	Charles William	08.04.1918	31	8 Trng Sqn AFC	Huon	
1631	Pte	Hayes	Theophilus Trevil	28.03.1918	20	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	



Tasmania Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

(49 pages of Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley'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) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley



Newspaper Notices

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr Thomas Haley, of St. Helen's, received a private cable from London stating his son, Gunner A. A. Haley, had been wounded in the arm slightly.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 24 October, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Tasmanian Casualties

Wounded in Action -Gunner A. A. Haley, St. Helens

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 15 December, 1917)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr Thomas Haley, of St. Helen's, has received word from the Base Records Office that his son, Gunner A. A. Haley, was admitted to the Graylingwell War Hospital on October 4, suffering from deafness. A further cable was received to-day, stating that his son was dangerously ill, condition stationary, further progress report expected. His many friends hope to hear that he will soon be out of danger.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 23 November, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Tasmanian Casualties

ILL

Gnr. A. A. HALEY, St. Helens (previously reported wounded)

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 3 December, 1918)

Deaths

HALEY – On the 25th December, at Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, England, Gunner Ambrose A. Haley, dearly-loved eldest son of Thomas and M. A. Haley, St. Helens, aged 26 years. R.I.P. (Melbourne papers please copy).

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 3 January, 1919) & (Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – 4 January, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

HALEY – On December 25, at Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, England, Ambrose A. Haley, dearly loved eldest son of Thomas and M. A. Haley, St. Helens, aged 26 years. R.I.P. Melbourne papers please copy.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 4 January, 1919)

St Helens

LATE A. A. HAYLEY, A.I.F.

Australia sorrows profoundly to-day over her “unreturning brave,” and nowhere is that sorrow deeper or more lasting than in out-of-the-way settlements, where people are wont to live out all their lives in one place, and the members of the community are so few in number that the loss of but one of them come home to all. Sad as is the fate of those who fell fighting, still sadder seems the passing of those who, having endured the long ordeal, and even tasted of victory died from sickness ere they could take ship for the far distant land to which their thought were ever turning. Among these last was the subject of the present notice, who died in the Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, England, on Christmas Day last. Born at St. Helen's 26 years ago, Mr Haley completed his education at St. Patrick's College, Ballarat, where he earned distinction as an athlete, particularly on the running path. Returning to St. Helen's at the

age of 18 years, he entered the extensive business carried on there by his father, Mr T. Haley, and soon became the latter's right-hand man. Several years ago he commenced the study of music under Mr J. H. Barber, of the London Conservatorium; and after this tuition became a flautist of unusual excellence. He was also in the first flight as a footballer and a lawn tennis player. At the outbreak of the war, Mr Haley was eager to enlist but could not be spared at the time, and yielded to the wishes of his family. However, two years ago, all objections being removed he joined the Artillery and went to England. From thence onward to the close of the war, with two absences owing to wounds, he served on the western front, and saw plenty of fighting. After the armistice he was stricken down with tuberculosis, which proceeded rapidly to a fatal termination. Fortunately his younger brother, Mr Urban Haley, military staff clerk headquarters, France, who had enlisted at the same time as he did, was with him during his last illness. Mr Haley's family, who are amongst the oldest and most highly regarded residents in North Eastern Tasmania, have the sympathies of the whole of the Coast.

(North-Eastern Advertiser, Scottsdale, Tasmania – 24 January, 1919)

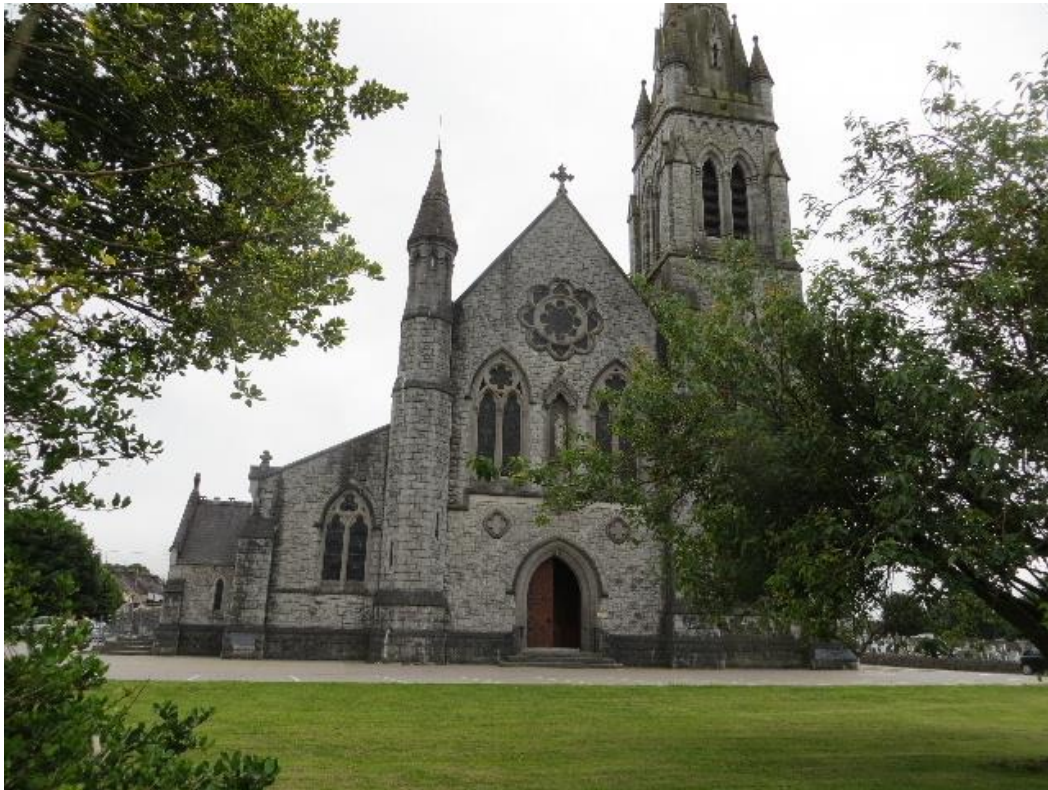
PERSONAL MENTION

At the last meeting of the Portland Council the Warden (Councillor J. W. Trelloggen) made sympathetic reference to the death of Private A. A. Haley, who had enlisted from St. Helens, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to his relatives.

(World, Hobart, Tasmania – 30 January, 1919)

The Rosary Catholic Churchyard, Midleton, County Cork, Republic of Ireland

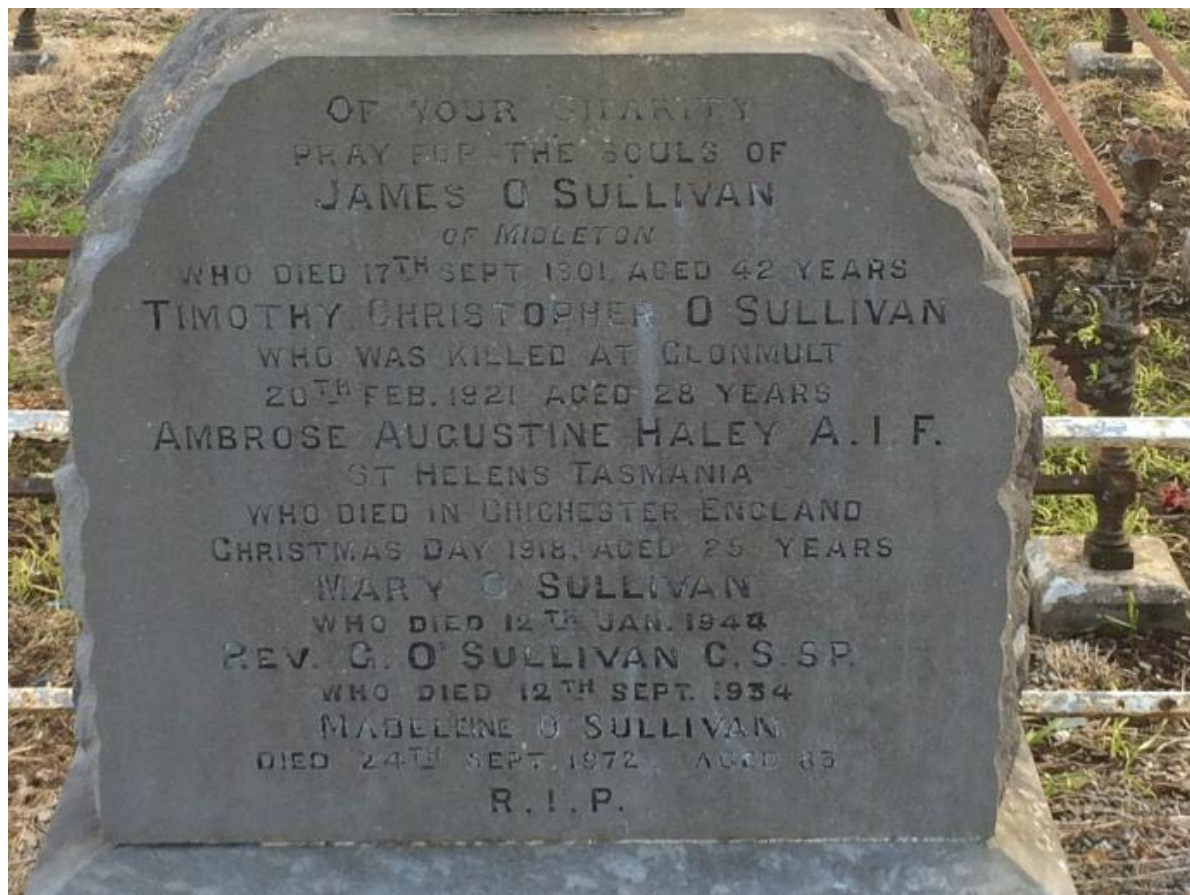
The Rosary Catholic Churchyard, Midleton contains 7 Commonwealth Commission War Graves – 5 from World War 1 & 2 from World War 2.



The Rosary Catholic Churchyard, Midleton (Photo below by Dave Pickersgill)



Photo of Gunner Ambrose Augustine Haley's Private Headstone in The Rosary Catholic Churchyard, Midleton, County Cork, Republic of Ireland.



(Photos courtesy of Daniel Shiels)



Of Your Charity

Pray For The Souls Of

JAMES O SULLIVAN

OF Midleton

Who Died 17TH Sept 1901, Aged 42 Years

TIMOTHY CHRISTOPHER O SULLIVAN

Who Was Killed At Clonmult

20TH Feb. 1921, Aged 28 Years

AMBROSE AUGUSTINE HALEY A.I.F.

St Helens Tasmania

Who Died In Chichester England

Christmas Day 1918, Aged 25 Years

MARY O SULLIVAN

Who Died 12TH Jan. 1944

REV G. O' SULLIVAN C.S.SP.

Who Died 12TH Sept 1934

MABELEINE O SULLIVAN

Died 24TH Sept. 1972, Aged 85

R.I.P.