

**All Souls Cemetery,
Kensal Green, London, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3315 LANCE CPL.

H. E. HAYDON

55TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH FEBRUARY, 1917

Herbert Ernest HAYDON

Herbert Ernest Haydon was born at Wentworthville, Sydney, NSW in 1893 to parents Henry & Catherine Haydon (nee Batchelor).

Catherine Haydon, mother of Herbert Ernest Haydon, died on 23rd November, 1913

Herbert Ernest Haydon was a 22 year old, single, Printer from Drew Street, Mays Hill, Parramatta, NSW when he enlisted at Warwick Farm, NSW on 20th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3315 & his religion was Baptist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr H. Haydon, of Drew Street, Parramatta, NSW.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was posted to Depot Battalion on 6th September, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 3rd Battalion on 8th October, 1915.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 2nd November, 1915 with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was taken on strength with 3rd Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 5th February, 1916.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was transferred to 55th Battalion from 3rd Battalion on 13th February, 1916.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon embarked from Alexandria on 19th June, 1916 on *Caledonian* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was sent to School of Instruction (Gas) on 2nd September, 1916 & rejoined his Unit on 5th September, 1916.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was sent to Lewis Gun School on 2nd December, 1916 & rejoined his Unit on 10th December, 1916.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was On Leave of Absence from 13th January, 1917.

55th Battalion

The 55th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 12 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the A.I.F. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 3rd Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 3rd, the 55th was predominantly composed of men from New South Wales. The battalion became part of the 14th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 30 June 1916, the battalion entered the frontline trenches for the first time on 12 July and fought its first major battle at Fromelles a week later. The battle was a disaster, resulting in heavy casualties across the division. Although in reserve, the 55th was quickly committed to the attack and eventually played a critical role, forming the rearguard for the 14th Brigade's withdrawal. Despite its grievous losses the 5th Division continued to man the front in the Fromelles sector for a further two months.

After a freezing winter manning trenches in the Somme Valley, in early 1917 the 55th Battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was admitted to Military Hospital, Fulham, England on 27th January, 1917 while on leave to UK – cause – N.Y.D. (not yet determined).

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon died at 12.33 am on 9th February, 1917 at Military Hospital, Fulham, Hammersmith, England from Cerebro Spinal Fever.

A death for Herbert E. Haydon, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Fulham, London, England.

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was buried on 13th February, 1917 in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Soldiers Grave No. 22 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A letter was written from Base Records on 19th April, 1920 to Mr H. Hayden, Drew Street, Mays Hill, Parramatta, NSW, father of the late Pte H. E. Haydon, advising that the remains of his son had been exhumed from the former site & re-interred in Grave No. Section 173, Grave No. 11, Kensal Green Cemetery, London. The letter stated that “This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”

Private Herbert Ernest Haydon was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Haydon’s father – Mr H. Hayden, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal H. E. Haydon – service number 3315, of 55th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

(Note: There is no reference in the Service Record file of Pte Haydon of being promoted to Lance Corporal. The Australian War Memorial records him as the rank of Private. The CWGC has listed Pte Haydon as the rank of Lance Corporal & as such he has that rank engraved on his CWGC headstone).

H. Haydon is remembered on the Pitt Row Public School Roll of Honour, which is located in what is now Parramatta West Public School, corner Auburn and Franklin Streets, Parramatta, NSW.



Pitt Row Public School Roll of Honour

H. Haydon is remembered on the Parramatta & District Roll of Honour, located in Parramatta Town Hall, Church Street Mall, Parramatta, NSW.



Parramatta & District Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)



Private H. E. Haydon is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 160.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(40 pages of Private Herbert Ernest Haydon'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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Private Herbert Ernest Haydon

Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

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Honour and fame from no condition rise;

Act well your part, there all the honour lies. – Pope.

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O God of Battles, give us grace to see
 Behind our grief Thy hand,
And in Thy talking hence our soldier lad,
 O let us understand
'Tis life not wasted, but given in defence
 Of Britain's own free land."

Inserted by his shopmates, employees of Pratten Bros.

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(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 17 February, 1917)

CASUALTIES

SICK AND WOUNDED

273rd LIST ISSUED

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

L. Cpl. H. E. HAYDON, Parramatta

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 20 February, 1917)

MORE HEROES

Three deaths from these districts are included in the 273rd casualty list, issued on Sunday. Pte W. Thomas, of Granville, is reported to have died of wounds on February 1 and Pte C. Ackling, of Homebush, on the 2nd. Lce.-Cpl. H. E. Haydon, of Parramatta, died of illness on the 9th instant.....

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 21 February, 1917)



PTE. WILLIAM THOMAS HYDE
(second son of Mrs. Mary Hyde, of Lidcombe), who died of meningitis, contracted in Liverpool Camp.



L. CORP. H. E. HAYDON,
son of Mr. H. Haydon, May's Hill, who died February 9 in Fulham Military Hospital from meningitis.



PRIVATE WILLIAM THOMAS,
brother of Mrs. Evans, Clyde. Killed in action.



L. CORP. H. E. HAYDON,
son of Mr. H. Haydon, May's Hill, who died February 9 in Fulham Military Hospital from meningitis.

(The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Parramatta, NSW – 24 February, 1917)

N.S.W. HONOR ROLL.



L.-CPL. H. E.
HAYDON,
of Westmead,
died of illness.



L.-CPL. H. E.
HAYDON,
of Marrickville,
ill in hospital.



SAPPER M. E.
DOYLE,
of Lakemba,
died of wounds.



SERGEANT J. J.
POWELL,
of Paddington,
died of wounds.



L.-CPL. H. E.
HAYDON,
of Westmead,
died of illness.

Lance-Corporal H. E. ("Bert") Haydon, of Westmead, is officially reported dead from cerebro-spinal meningitis. He enlisted in September, 1915 and sailed with the 11th Reinforcements, 3rd Battalion, on November 2, 1915. After five months in Egypt he was drafted into the 55th Battalion, and participated in the Big Push.....

(*Evening News*, Sydney, NSW – 28 February, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

HAYDON – A tribute to the memory of my dear son and our brother, Lance-corporal H. E. (Bert) Haydon, who died in hospital in England. Inserted by his father, sister, and brother-in-law, H, H., E., and V. S.

HAYDON – In loving memory of our brother, Lance-corporal H. E. Haydon, who died in England, February 9, 1917. Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Hilda and Will, Wilton.

HAYDON – In memory of Private H. E. Haydon, A.I.F., died of illness at Fulham Hospital, England, February 9, 1917. Inserted by his dear friend, Dorothy.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 9 February, 1918)

Herbert Ernest Haydon is remembered on his Parents' headstone in Mays Hill (Pioneer) Cemetery, NSW.



In Loving Memory

of

CATHERINE

Beloved Wife Of

HENRY HAYDON

Who Died 23rd Novr. 1913.

Aged 66.

On Christ The Solid Rock I Stand.

Also HENRY HAYDON

Beloved Husband Of The Above

Who Died 17th Augt. 1932

Aged 85.

Also LANCE COPL. HERBERT ERNEST HAYDON

Youngest Son Of The Above

Died in England On Active Service

9th Feby. 1917, Aged 23 Years.



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. 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)

A letter from Base Records, dated 15th July, 1921, to Mr H. Hayden, Drew Street, Mays Hill, Parramatta, NSW, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late Pte H. E. Haydon, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private. H. E. Haydon does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

(Information from CWGC)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green *(Photo by Rodney Burton)*



Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green *(Photo by Chris Doran)*

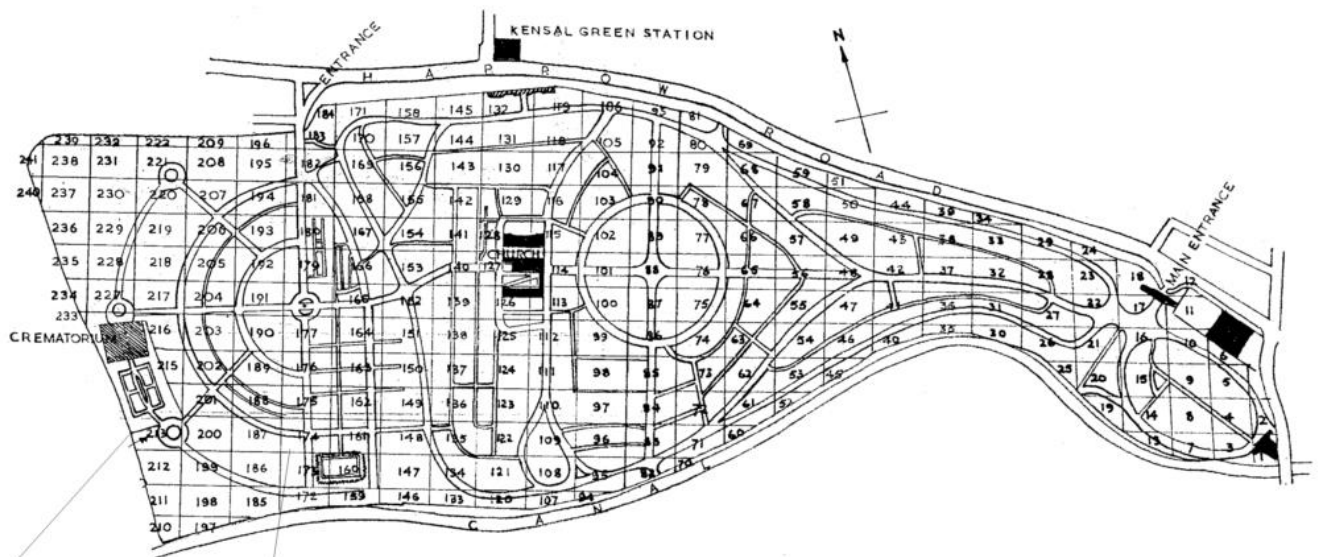
Photo of Lance Cpl. H. E. Haydon's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



(Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)



Sect. 213 : Main U.K. and N.Z. Plot.
 Sect. 173 and 174 : Main Dominion Plot