

**Cambridge City Cemetery,  
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3980 PRIVATE**

**N. W. HUMPHREY**

**12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**27TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 21**

*Till We Meet Again*

## Norman Washington HUMPHREY

Norman Washington Humphrey was born at South Hobart, Tasmania on 23rd May, 1895 to parents William John & Ellen Margaret Humphrey (nee Carter).

William John Humphrey, father of Norman Washington Humphrey, died in 1898 in Hobart, Tasmania.

Ellen Margaret Humphrey, widowed mother of Norman Washington Humphrey, married Alfred Chaffey on 19th October, 1912, in All Saints Church, Hobart, Tasmania.

Norman Washington Humphrey was a 20 year old, single, Labourer when he enlisted on 24th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3980 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Humphrey, 6 Denison Street, Hobart, Tasmania. Norman Humphrey stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Machine Gun Section 93rd Infantry. As Norman Humphrey was under the age of 21 years, parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Ellen Chaffey, widowed, remarried mother of Norman Humphrey, signed her consent on 24th August, 1915.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey was posted to Depot Company on 24th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 12th Reinforcements of 12th Battalion on 14th October, 1915.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on RMS *Orontes* on 24th November, 1915 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey was taken on strength of 12th Battalion at Serapeum on 17th March. 1916.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 29th March, 1916 on *Corsican*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 4th April, 1916.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey was wounded in action in France between 19th & 22nd August, 1916. He was admitted to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 22nd August, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to leg then transferred to No. 29 Ambulance Train. Private Humphrey was admitted to 26th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 23rd August, 1916. He was marked for transfer to England on 24th August, 1916 & embarked for England from Calais, France on 25th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Brighton*.

### 12th Battalion

The 12th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Half of the battalion was recruited in Tasmania, a quarter was recruited in South Australia, and a quarter from Western Australia. With the 9th, 10th and 11th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 12th Battalion returned to Egypt and, in March 1916, sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozieres, the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders and then returned to the Somme for winter.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

### War Diary – 12th Battalion

*19th August, 1916 – In the Field – H.Q. B & C Coys moved up to front line near MOUQUET FARM & took over from 4th Battalion. A & D Coys took up position in WIRE TRENCHES in reserve, enemy artillery active. C. Coy had few casualties moving in.*

*20th August, 1916 – In the Field - Improving existing trenches, enemy artillery active all day & same through night. Patrols sent out on right of our position also on left & centre up O.G.1. Enemy reported 150 yards up OG1 also on left about 40 yards from our position bomb fight between our patrols & the enemy on left.*

*21st August, 1916 – In the Field – Improving trenches knocked down by artillery fire, Lewis Gun broken by shell fire. B. Coy repelled an attack by about 150 enemy from R33.B5.5 2 casualties B Coy. Orders for attack on line trench R33B4.6 to 5.7 to R27.D9 1 exclusive. A & D Coys attacked in two waves & succeeded in reaching their objectives & consolidated same. 3rd wave went forward at 6.30 pm taking tools with them assisting in consolidating the line. Communication trenches were immediately started forward to new trench on left of position & OG1 also cleared out. Capt. Love, Lieut Newton wounded.*

*21st August, 1916 – In the Field – Consolidating new position & improving existing trenches & constructing communication trenches. Lieut Butler wounded & Lieut Hearps missing. Relieved by 24th Battalion at 8 pm.*

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Norman Washington Humphrey was admitted to General Hospital at Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England on 25th August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to leg – serious. He was reported to be dangerously ill on 26th August, 1916.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey died on 27th August, 1916 at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England. A Post Mortem was held by Captain W. Malden, Pathologist, on 28th August, 1916. *“Well nourished muscular man. Left leg amputated just above knee. Wound looks healthy. Thorax – Subcutaneous (?) emphisima particularly right side. Lungs – right many small collections of gas in vessels. Much adhesive pleurisy, some septic pneumonia. Left – same. Condition not so marked. Heart – endocardium right side much stained. Staining extended up pulmon. arteries into lungs. Left side – normal. Abdomen – Liver full of small gas bubbles. Kidneys – vessels injected septic nigrithis (?). Other organs normal.”* Cause of death from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wound to left leg & gas gangrene.

A death for Norman Humphrey, aged 21, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey was buried in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England – Grave site “D” 2488.

In April, 1920, Mrs E. M. Chaffey, of 410 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania, mother of the late Private Norman Washington Humphrey, was advised by Base Records that the remains of her late son had been exhumed from former site & re-interred in Grave No. 3477 Section “C”, Cambridge Cemetery, Cambridge, England. *“This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”*

Private Norman Washington Humphrey has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Mrs Ellen Margaret Chaffey, of 410 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania, mother of the late Private Norman Washington Humphrey, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight from 9th November, 1916.

Base Records contacted Mrs E. M. Chaffey, of 410 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania, mother of the late Private Norman Washington Humphrey, in June, 1921 asking if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself due to the “Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918” which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. and specifically asked if the late Private Humphrey’s father was still alive. Mrs Chaffey replied that she was the next-of-kin of the late Private Norman Humphrey as his father had died 20 years ago.

Private Norman Washington Humphrey was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Humphrey’s widowed, remarried mother - Mrs E. M. Chaffey, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent March, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Norman W. Humphrey – service number 3980, aged 21, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Humphrey and his wife Ellen Margaret Chaffey, of 410 Macquarie St., South Hobart, Tasmania.

Private N. W. Humphrey is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 66.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

N. W. Humphrey is remembered on the All Saints Anglican Church Honour Board located in All Saints Anglican Church, 339 Macquarie Street, South Hobart, Tasmania.



**All Saints Anglican Church Honour Board, South Hobart** (Photo from *Monument Australia* – Arthur Garland)

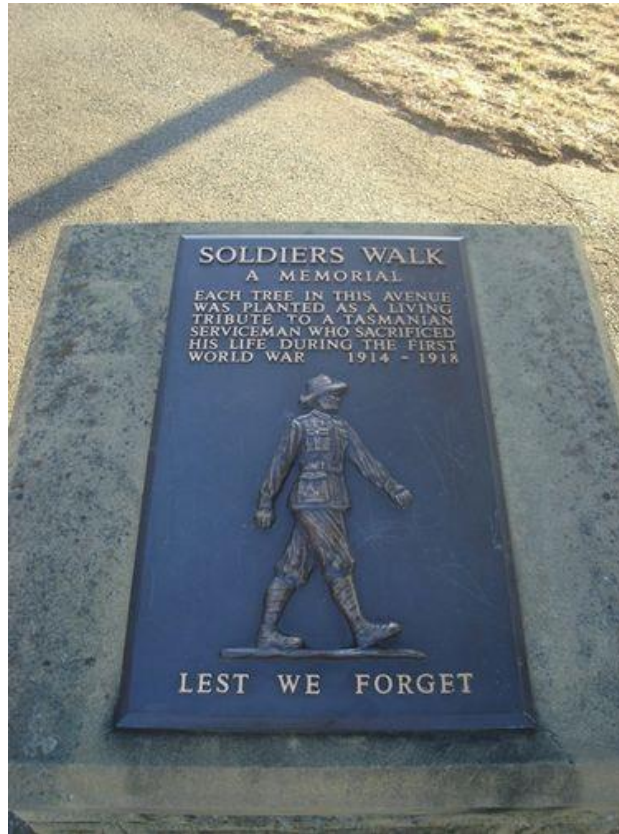
N. W. Humphrey is remembered on the Honour Board located in the Hobart Town Hall Foyer, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.



**Hobart Roll of Honour** (Photo from *Monument Australia* – Arthur Garland)

N. W. Humphrey is remembered with Tree #133 on The Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Queens Domain, Hobart, Tasmania. The Avenue comprises 513 trees planted in 1918 & 1918 to commemorate soldiers, mainly from Hobart, who died in World War 1.





The Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Hobart (Photos from Monument Australia)



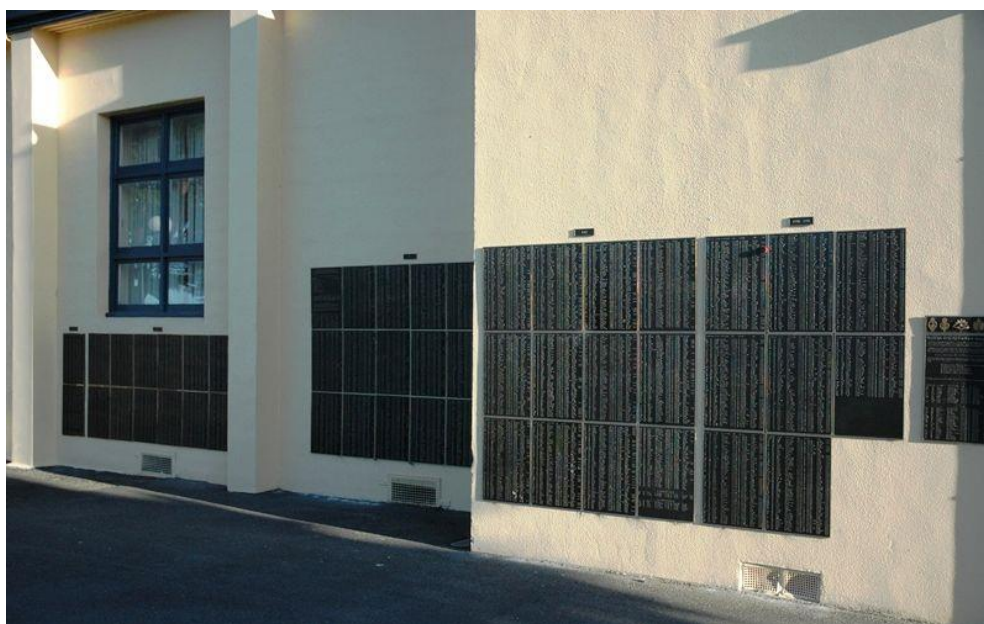
Norman W. Humphrey is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

### 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."*



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

2804	Pte	Healy	Keith	19.08.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Sorell	ANZAC
2842	Pte	Heas	Keith Doctor	19.08.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Queensdown	ANZAC
(409)	2nd Lt	Heaps	Alfred John	19.08.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Queensdown	ANZAC
1044	Pte	Heaswood	Edward Oscar	08.08.1918	24	18th Inf Bn	Ouse	ANZAC
1210	Pte	Heckraih	Cyril Alfred	14.11.1918	31	28th Inf Bn	Stidport	ANZAC
2360	Pte	Hefly	William John	13.08.1918	31	47th Inf Bn	Launceston	
3801	Pte	Henderson	John	09.08.1918	34	19th Inf Bn	Hobart	
3973	Pte	Henderson	James Andrew	25.12.1918	21	1st Pioneer Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
1839	Pte	Hinley	Charles Victor	19.08.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
1608	Pte	Hinchaw	Ralph	24.03.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Zeehan	ANZAC
2488	Pte	Hobart	William Ronald	02.08.1918	24	28th Inf Bn	Hobart	
	Capt	Heritage MG	Keith	25.07.1918	34	19th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
5737	Dvr	Hewitt	Benjamin Joseph	04.11.1918	21	10th Pz A Coy	Hobart	
611	Sgt	Higgins	Leslie James	14.11.1918	31	28th Inf Bn	Sage	ANZAC
2924	Pte	Hitchhills	Stephen Francis	04.08.1918	22	13th MG Coy	Richmond	
2764	Pte	Hitchmore	Richard	13.08.1918	31	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
179	Sgt	Hine	William Lionel	24.08.1918	28	21st Inf Bn	Dominion	ANZAC
1529	Dvr	Hirst	Arthur Poyntz	21.08.1918	19	4th Ammunition Coy	Wynyard	
3639	Pte	Hodge	Joshua Edward	08.08.1918	28	18th Inf Bn	Geelong	
673	Pte	Hodge	Clarence James	13.12.1918	20	4th Inf Bn	Beauregard	
2487	Pte	Hodges	John	29.07.1918	29	28th Inf Bn	Darwin	
902	Sgt	Hogarth	Charles Wilson	05.08.1918	33	28th Inf Bn	Wynyard	ANZAC
3971	Pte	Holden	Robert Schatzler	04.08.1918	19	62nd Inf Bn	Manly	
2849	Pte	Holtway	Walter	23.07.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Franklin	ANZAC
2034	Pte	Holmes	Laure Leonard	30.07.1918	20	28th Inf Bn	Nile	ANZAC
1111A	Pte	Holmes	Henry John	25.07.1918	20	2nd Pioneer Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
3294A	Pte	Horne	John William	03.09.1918	20	62nd Inf Bn	Longley	
4049	Sgt	Houman	Robert	18.11.1918	30	47th Inf Bn	Dumala	
3898	Pte	Howard	Thomas	27.05.1918	34	28th Inf Bn	Kempton	
611	Trof	Howard	Edmund John	04.08.1918	21	3rd Lt Horse Regt	Hobart	ANZAC
3474	Pte	Hubbard	Stanley Morgan	07.09.1918	19	62nd Inf Bn	Hobart	
3151	Pte	Hudson	Thomas Gordon	04.09.1918	27	62nd Inf Bn	Longford	
8229	Pte	Hughes	Joseph Henry	29.04.1918	30	INZEF CIB	Wynard	
3960	Pte	Humphrey	Norman W	27.08.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
1181	Pte	Hunt	Arthur Herbert	08.08.1918	29	18th Inf Bn	Ellendale	ANZAC
3140	Pte	Hunter	Stephen Morven	05.11.1918	21	62nd Inf Bn	Launceston	

(41 pages of Pte Norman Washington Humphrey'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*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

HUMPHREY – Died of wounds in France on August 27, Private Norman Washington Humphrey, 12th Battalion, the dearly beloved son of Ellen Chaffey and the late William Humphrey, 410 Macquarie-street, in his 22nd year. He gave his life for King and Country.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 15 September, 1916) & (Daily Post, Hobart, Tasmania – 15 & 16 September, 1916)*

*& (The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 18 September, 1916)*

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### **THE ROLL OF HONOR**

#### **TWO CASUALTY LISTS RELEASED**

215th CASUALTY LIST

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

DIED (CAUSE NOT STATED)

PTE N. W. HUMPHREY, Hobart (Aug. 27, 1916)

*(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 19 September, 1916)*

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### **BEREAVEMENT NOTICES**

Mrs A. Chaffey, of 410 Macquarie-street, wishes to return her sincere thanks for the many kind expressions of sympathy, also cards and letters received during her recent sad bereavement in the death of her dearly beloved son, Private Norman Humphrey (died in France August 27, 1916, from gunshot wounds in legs, gas, gangrene). Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide paper please copy.

*(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 12 October, 1916)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

HUMPHREY – In loving memory of my dear son, Private N. W. Humphrey, who died in England of wounds received in France.

Died of wounds, says the cable,

That is all the tale they tell,

Of the brave young lad who loved us,

Of the son we loved so well.

How his life was spent we know not,

What his last word, look or thought,

Only that he did his duty,



Died as bravely as he fought.

-Inserted by his loving mother and step-father, E. and A. Chaffey.

HUMPHREY – In loving remembrance of our dear grandson, Norman Washington, who died of wounds received in France on August 27, 1916.

Far away from all who loved him,  
They gently laid him to rest;  
In a far away grave he is sleeping,  
One of God's bravest and best.  
Deeply mourned.

-Inserted by his loving grandmother and grandfather, H. and H. Carter.

*(Daily Post, Hobart, Tasmania – 27 August, 1917)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **Died on Active Service**

HUMPHREY – In loving memory of my dear son, Private N. W. Humphrey, who died in England of wounds received in France.

Died of wounds, says the cable,  
That is all the tale they tell,  
Of the brave young lad who loved us,  
Of the son we loved so well.  
How his life was spent we know not,  
What his last word, look or thought,  
Only that he did his duty,  
Died as bravely as he fought.

-Inserted by his loving mother and step-father, E. and A. Chaffey.

HUMPHREY - In loving memory of Private N.W. Humphrey, who died of wounds in the First Eastern General Hospital, England.

He passed away on an October day, never to return.  
He fell a hero in the fight, and wore the colours "Blue and White."  
There came a day when the roll was called, that he did not answer "Here ;"  
He sleep with his comrades his last long sleep, and died without a fear.  
Farwell my brother, your time is past,  
We loved you, Norman, while life did last,  
Great is our sorrow, but God knows best,  
He has taken our soldier brother home to rest.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister- in-law, H. and A. Humphrey.

HUMPHREY - In sad and loving memory of our dear nephew, Norman Washington Humphrey, who died of wounds in England received in France on 27th August, 1916, aged 21 years.

His warfare over, his battle fought,  
His victory won, though dearly bought;  
His fresh young life could not be saved-

He slumbers now in a soldiers grave,  
In Cambridge Borough Cemetery they have laid him.  
Somewhere in France he fell;  
Little we thought when we parted  
It was our last farewell.

Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Cecil and Minnie Carter.

HUMPHREY. - In loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Private Norman Washington Humphrey, who died of wounds received in France on August 27, 1916.

The Last Post has been sounded,  
He has laid aside his gun,  
And God has called him from us,  
Now his noble work is done.

Inserted by his loving aunt and cousin, Ethel Connor and Madelene Hill.

HUMPHREY - Sacred to the memory of our dear nephew, Private Norman Washington, died in England of wounds received in France on August 27, 1916.

Tread lightly over that sacred spot,  
For his aunt's love lies there;  
And on the grass that over him grows  
Let fall a silent tear.

Inserted by his loving aunt and uncle, Blanche and Will Westwood.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – 27 August, 1917)

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## IN MEMORIAM

### Died on Active Service

HUMPHREY - In loving memory of my dear son, Private Norman W. Humphrey, wounded at Pozieres. August 20, died First Eastern General hospital, Richmond, England, August 27, 1916, aged 21. For 21 years of a perfect love and the honour of being his mother,

I thank, Thee, Lord

Inserted by his loving mother and step father, E. and A. Chaffey.

HUMRHREY In loving memory of Private N. W. Humphrey, who died of wounds In England, received In France on 27th August, 1916, aged 21 years. "His duty nobly done." Inserted by his uncle and aunt, Cecil and Minnie Carter.

HUMPHREY - In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Norman Humphrey, wounded at Pozieres August 20, died First Eastern General Hospital, Richmond, England, August 27, 1916, aged 21 years.

Far from the roar of the cannon,  
From hardships, toil, and pain,  
Sleep on in peace, dear brother,  
Till the "bugle" sounds again.

Inserted by his loving brother and sister in law, H. and A. Humphrey.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – 27 August, 1918)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Died on Active Service** (Note – the left handside of the page has been cut off – so words are missing)

HUMPHREY - In loving memory of our dear nephew, Norman W. Humphrey, who died and of wounds received in France August. 1916. Aged 21 years.

Gone, but not forgotten.

Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, C. and M. Carter.

HUMPHREY - In loving memory, of my son, Private Norman Washington died Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, England, August 27, 1916, aged 21.

\_\_\_\_\_ cheery sunny countenance  
\_\_\_\_\_ not from memory fade,  
\_\_\_\_\_ when my heart is sore for you  
\_\_\_\_\_ em to hear you say: ..  
\_\_\_\_\_ not your heart, dear mother.  
\_\_\_\_\_ will meet on the Eternal Day.

Inserted by his loving mother and step father Ellen and Alf. Chaffey.

HUMPHREY.- In loving memory of our dear Private Norman Humphrey. Wounded at Pozieres August, 20. 1916, died Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, August 27, 1916, aged 21 years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Midnight our brother heard at cry;  
\_\_\_\_\_ soldier boy. cast aside your muddy uniform,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and put on the spotless  
\_\_\_\_\_ which you have won." It was \_\_\_\_\_

Inserted by his loving brother and sister \_\_\_\_\_ and Alice Humphrey.

HUMPHREY - In loving memory of our dear \_\_\_\_\_ Private Norman W. Humphrey, died of wounds on August 27, received at \_\_\_\_\_ on August 20, 1916.

\_\_\_\_\_ thy birthplace; now thy labour's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ attained at last the longed for  
\_\_\_\_\_ see'st the Vision Splendid, unions of the Blest.  
\_\_\_\_\_ art ours; safe in His Home Who \_\_\_\_\_ thee.  
\_\_\_\_\_ beyond with us with Him Who thee.  
\_\_\_\_\_ our brave hero, Norman.

Inserted by his loving aunt and uncle \_\_\_\_\_ and Will Westwood.

(*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania – 27 August, 1919)

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\*\*\*Notices were also placed in 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932.

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### 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 18th July, 1921, to Mrs E. M. Chaffey, of 410 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her son, the late Private N. W. Humphrey, 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 N. W. Humphrey does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Till We Meet Again*

### **Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England**

Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge (known locally as Newmarket Road Cemetery) contains 1,019 Commonwealth War Graves – 186 from World War 1 & 833 from World War 2.

The 1st Eastern General Hospital, with 1,173 beds, was posted to Cambridge during the First World War, initially at the Leys School and Trinity College, later in huts. The First World War burials in Cambridge City Cemetery are mostly in two plots, one in the southern part of the burial ground, known as the Dominion Plot, and the other on the northern boundary. The Cross of Sacrifice stands on the western border of the Dominion Plot, while in the centre of the other is a memorial cross of Portland stone which was erected by private subscription. The Second World War graves are also mainly in two War Graves Plots with a few others scattered throughout the cemetery. The general Service plot was established in 1940, and the Air Force plot in 1942 for the burial of casualties from the Air Force stations set up in the eastern counties during the war. These included Bomber Command bases in Lincolnshire and fighter stations in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Stone of Remembrance, which was unveiled by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder in July 1951, stands near the centre of the Air Force plot. Cambridge City Cemetery contains 181 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 829, (inclusive 3 unidentified), from the Second World War. The cemetery also contains four non-war service burials and ten war graves of other nationalities.

*(Information & photos from CWGC)*





Photo of Private N. W. Humphrey's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.



*(Photo by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)*



**Cross Of Sacrifice** (Photo from CWGC)



**Entrance to Cambridge City Cemetery & Map (below)** (Photos by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)

# Cambridge City CEMETERY

