

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



7018 DRIVER

D. M. LAPISH

AUST. ARMY SERVICE CORPS

16TH FEBRUARY, 1919 AGE 24

He Served

His King And Country

Right Nobly

*CWGC Headstone for Driver D. M. Lapish is located in
Grave Plot # 55. C. 22. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Dudley Massey LAPISH

Dudley Massey Lapish was born at Ashfield, Sydney, NSW in 1895 to parents John George & Ellen Lapish (nee Stringer).

Dudley Massey Lapish attended Newington College & Sydney Grammar School, Sydney, NSW.

Dudley Massey Lapish was a 21 year old, Shipping Clerk from Holden Street, Ashfield, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Victoria Barracks, Paddington, NSW on 4th June, 1915 with the Divisional Train, 8th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 7018 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John Lapish of Holden Street, Ashfield, Sydney, NSW. Dudley Lapish had served 3 years with Militia prior to enlisting.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Runic (A54)* on 9th August, 1915. He was taken on strength with No. 1 Coy. AASC at Alexandria, Egypt on 16th September, 1915.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish proceeded to join West F. Force from Daba on 7th December, 1915. He was marched in from W.W.F. at Cide Bishr on 14th March, 1916. Driver Lapish embarked from Alexandria for Overseas in 25th March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 1st April, 1916. Driver Lapish was temporarily detached to 1st F.A. B. (Field Artillery Briagde) on 22nd August, 1916 & rejoined his Unit on 27th August, 1916.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was temporarily detached again to 1st F.A. B. on 15th October, 1916 & rejoined his Unit on 17th December, 1916.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was sent sick to Hospital on 17th December, 1916 & admitted to 5th Field Ambulance with Pharyngitis. He was transferred to Casualty Clearing Station on 19th December, 1916 & transferred to 36th C.C.S. Driver Lapish was transferred to 9th General Hospital at Rouen on 20th December, 1916. On 24th December, 1916 he was marked for transfer to England. Driver Lapish embarked for England on 24th December, 1916 on *Glenart Castle*.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was admitted to The Duchess of Connaught, Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Taplow, Buckinghamshire, England on 25th December, 1916 with Debility & Laryngitis. He was discharged on 6th February, 1917 & transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford where he was discharged on 9th February, 1917.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was sent on furlo from 9th February, 1917 to 24th February, 1917.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs & medically classified on 26th February, 1917 as B. 1. A. – fit for light duty only.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was marched out to ASC Training Depot at Parkhouse on 12th April, 1917 & marched out to Perham Detach. on 23rd April, 1917.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was admitted to OC. 1st S. General Hospital on 25th May, 1917 with Varicocles. He was marched in from Perham ASC Det. on 12th June, 1917 & marched out to Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 5th July, 1917.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was marched in from Warminster on 14th May, 1918. He was written up for an Offence on 16th May, 1918 – "Conduct to the prejudice of good order & Military discipline in that he was insolent to a non-commissioned officer." He was awarded 2 days Field Punishment.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish proceded overseas to France via Southampton from No. 4 Camp, Parkhouse Wiltshire on 29th May, 1918 to rejoin his Unit in France. He was marched in at ASC Base Depot at Havre on 30th May, 1918 & marched out to join his Unit on 2nd June, 1918. Driver Lapish rejoined his Company in the Field on 5th June, 1918. He was detached to 1st F.A. Bde on 2nd August, 1918 & rejoined from Detachment on 7th August, 1918. Driver Lapish was again detached to 1st F.A. Bde on 21st September, 1918 & rejoined from Detachment on 4th October, 1918.

Driver Lapish was attached to 1st Sec. 1st D.A.C. (temp) on 21st November, 1918 & rejoined No. 1 Coy. A.A.S.C. on 18th December, 1918.

Driver Lapish was marched out for the return to Australia on 29th January, 1919 & marched out for England from Havre, France on 3rd February, 1919. He disembarked on 4th February, 1919 & was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 5th February, 1919 with Influenza.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish died at 6.30 a.m. on 16th February, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Broncho-pneumonia.

A death for D. Lapish, aged 34, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Driver Lapish contains a letter from Registrar for Commanding, First Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny, which reads:

"re 7018 Dvr. Lapish D. Aust. ASC. O.T.B. This man was admitted from the Overseas Training Brigade of this area, diagnosed as Influenza. After being in this hospital for 13 days he died on the 16th February at 6.30 a.m. from Broncho-pneumonia. Dvr. Lapish was buried on the 18th February in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny."

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was buried on 18th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny – Grave no. 55. From the burial report of Driver Lapish - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Australian Command Depot. Six Australians supported the Pall. The remains were followed by 2 Officers and about 80 N.C.O.'s and Men who were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish requested in his Will dated 21st July, 1917 that all his Estate be left to his mother – Ellen Lapish.

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish was entitled to 1915 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Lapish's father – Mr J. Lapish (sent September, 1921 & November, 1922).

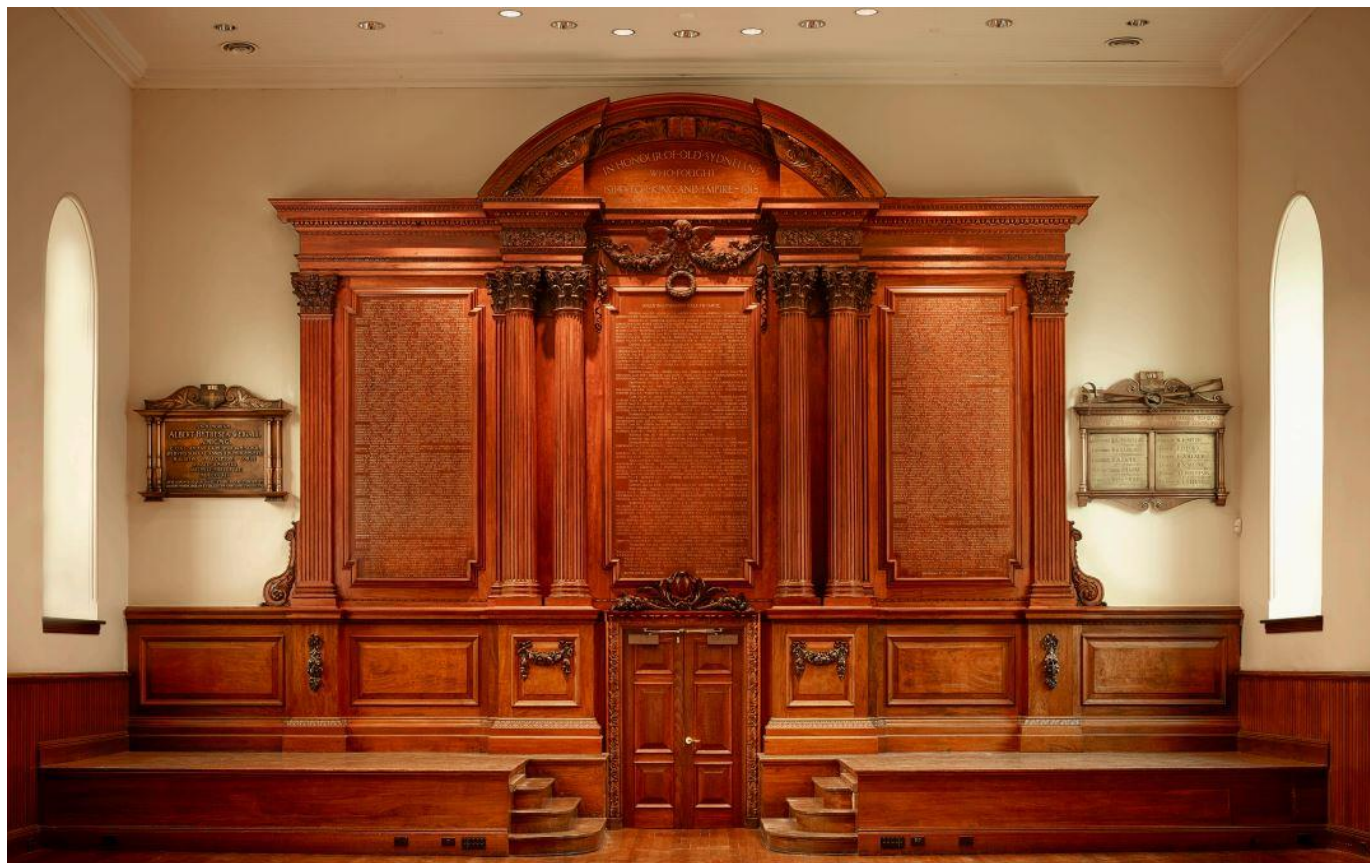
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Dudley Massey Lapish, 7018, of 1st Div. Train. Australian Army Service Corps, A.I.F.. He was the son of John and Ellen Lapish of 20 Park Avenue, Ashfield, Sydney, NSW.

Driver D. M. Lapish is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Dvr. D. M. Lapish is remembered on the Sydney Grammar School Honour Board (centre panel), located at Sydney Grammar School, College Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW.



Sydney Grammar School Honour Board (Image courtesy of Sydney Grammar School)



L A I D L E Y , C A P T . W . S . M C ~ L A N G W E L L , P T E . S . ~ L A P I S H , D V R . D . M . ~ L A R N A C H , G N R . G M
L E G G E , S G T . H A ~ L E G G O , G N R . E N C ~ L E V Y , C A P T . M B . M C ~ L I N D E M A N , M J R . F W ~ L I N E D A L E , T P R . W . J
L L O Y D , S G T . A V R . ~ L L O Y D , L I E U T . R . S . ~ L O R D , P T E . B . S . ~ L U S C O M B E , P T E . K . T



D. Lapish is also remembered on the Newington College World War 1 Honour Roll located at 200 Stanmore Road, Stanmore, NSW.



Newington College World War 1 Honour Roll

(Photos from War Memorials Register NSW – David Roberts)



(52 pages of Driver Dudley Massey Lapish'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives.



Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR

LAPISH – Died on active service abroad, of bronchial pneumonia on February 16, 1919, Driver Dudley Massey Lapish, 1st Aust. Army Service Corps, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Lapish, Glenara, Holden Street, Ashfield, after nearly four years of active service.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Friday 28 February, 1919 & Saturday 1 March, 1919)

The friends of Miss Lapish, mistress of the Infants Department of the Hay Public School, will learn with regret of the death of her brother, Driver Dudley Lapish, on the eve of sailing for Australia. The cause of Driver Lapish's death was broncho-pneumonia. The deceased soldier, who was the youngest son of Mr. W. J. Lapish, of Ashfield, was in the First Australian Army Corps. He saw three years and nine month's service, taking part in the operations against the Senussi in Egypt before being sent to France. He was twice wounded, on the last occasion so severely that he had to spend nearly twelve months in hospital. He was one of those sent to the Rhine after the signing of the armistice. His death, just as he was about to leave England for his home, is particularly sad, and has evoked great sympathy for his relatives. At their meeting yesterday the Red Cross Society decided to send, a letter of sympathy to their fellow member, Miss Lapish, on her bereavement.

(The Riverina Grazier, Hay, NSW – Friday 28 February, 1919)

* Note – Driver Lapish's Service Record file does not indicate that he was wounded at all.

ROLL OF HONOUR

LAPISH – Died on active Service abroad of bronchial pneumonia, on February 16, 1919, Driver Dudley Massey Lapish, 1st Aust. Army Service Corps, sincere friend of Mr and Mrs W. Westman and family, 118 Frederick Street, Ashfield.

LAPISH – Died on active Service abroad of bronchial pneumonia, on February 16, 1919, Driver Dudley Massey Lapish, 1st Aust. Army Service Corps, sincere friend of Florence Kenway, Edward Street, Concord.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Saturday 1 March, 1919)

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 St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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)

Driver Dudley Massey Lapish does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

He Served His King And Country Right Nobly

Photo of Driver D. M. Lapish's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*

