

**Dumbarton Cemetery,
Dunbartonshire, Scotland**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6120 PRIVATE

R. MARSHALL

37TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

3RD OCTOBER, 1918

Robert MARSHALL

Robert Marshall was born in Sydney around 1885 to parents Robert Henry Marshall & Sarah Cook Marshall (nee Stewart).

Sarah Cook Marshall, mother of Robert Marshall, died in 1914 & her death was registered in the Sydney suburb of Marrickville.

Robert Henry Marshall, father of Robert Marshall, died in 1915 & his death was registered in the Sydney suburb of Ashfield.

Robert Marshall was a 31 year old, single, Motor Driver/Chauffeur from "Edna" Salisbury Road, Camperdown, NSW when he enlisted on 19th June, 1916 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 22nd Infantry Battalion, 17th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6120 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mary Stewart Graham of Rydalmere, Sloan Street, Summer Hill, NSW.

Private Robert Marshall was posted to "H" Company, Dubbo Depot Battalion on 23rd June, 1918. He was transferred to 22nd Battalion at Liverpool, Sydney on 25th August, 1918.

Private Robert Marshall embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Argyllshire (A8)* on 30th October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 10th January, 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.

Private Robert Marshall was marched in from Australia on 11th January, 1917.

Private Robert Marshall was admitted to Parkhouse Hospital, Larkhill, Wiltshire on 30th January, 1917 from 6th Training Battalion. He was discharged & marched in to 6th Training Battalion at Larkhill on 19th March, 1917.

Private Robert Marshall was transferred from 22nd Battalion at Larkhill to 67th Battalion at Windmill Hill on 29th April, 1917.

Private Robert Marshall proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 25th August, 1917 to reinforce 37th Battalion.

Private Robert Marshall was marched in from England to 3rd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 26th August, 1917.

Private Robert Marshall was marched out to his Unit from Rouelles on 31st August, 1917 & taken on strength of 37th Battalion on 1st September, 1917 in the field.

Private Robert Marshall was sent to Hospital sick on 12th October, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance on 13th October, 1917 with Gastritis then transferred & admitted to 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Pte Marshall was transferred & admitted to 56th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 14th October, 1917. He was invalided to England on 9th November, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Stad Anterpin*.

Private Robert Marshall was admitted to No. 1 Military Hospital, Canterbury, England on 9th November, 1917 with inflammation of stomach. He was transferred to No. 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford on 4th December, 1917.

Private Robert Marshall was discharged from Hospital & granted furlo from 19th December, 1917 to 2nd January, 1918 & then to report to Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.

Private Robert Marshall was marched in from furlo to No. 1 Command Depot on 3rd January, 1918 & medically classified as B1 A3 (Fit for Overseas Training Camp in two to three weeks).

Private Robert Marshall was marched in to Overseas Training Battalion on 12th January, 1918.

Private Robert Marshall proceeded overseas to France from Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire via Southampton on 7th February, 1918.

Private Robert Marshall was marched in from England to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Rouelles on 8th February, 1918. He was marched out to join his Battalion on 10th February, 1918 & rejoined 37th Battalion in the field on 14th February, 1918.

Private Robert Marshall proceeded to Rest Camp on 16th August, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 26th August, 1918.

Private Robert Marshall was wounded in action on 1st September, 1918. He was admitted to 9th Field Ambulance on 1st September, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to left knee and was transferred the same day to 53rd Casualty Clearing Station. Pte Marshall was transferred to 6th General Hospital at Rouen, France pm 1st September, 1918. He was invalided to England on 8th September, 1918 on the Hospital Ship *Essequibo*.

Private Robert Marshall was admitted to 2/1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England on 9th September, 1918.

Mrs M. Graham, next-of-kin – sister of Private Robert Marshall was advised on 30th September, 1918 that he was dangerously ill.

Private Robert Marshall died at 10.40 am on 3rd October, 1918 at 2/1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England from wounds received in action – gunshot wounds to left knee & gastric ulcer haemorrhage perforation.

A death for Robert Marshall, aged 33, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

Private Robert Marshall was buried on 7th October, 1918 in Dumbarton Cemetery, Scotland – Plot number B. E. 372 and is included on the Stewart family headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Pte Robert Marshall - *Coffin was good Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Bearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from friends and relations. The Last Post was sounded at the graveside, and the burial service was conducted by the Rev. W. Stephen. An oak cross will be erected over the grave by the A.I.F. Names of relatives and friends present at the Funeral – Brother – No. 4474 Pte Lawrence Marshall, 17th Bn.; Uncle and Aunt – Mr & Mrs Alex Lawrence, Ardyne Gibson Street, Dumbarton and many others.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Robert Marshall contains a letter from Matron Marion Thomas, of 2/1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, which reads: *“Pte Marshall died in 2/1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham in October 3rd. He had suffered from Gastric Ulcer and he severe haemorrhage. He was buried in Scotland according to arrangements made by his uncle, so that the Military Funeral which would have been given here was not provided. As far as I can get to understand, Pte Marshall did not leave any message for his relatives, and he died quite peacefully and without pain.”*

Pte Robert Marshall requested in his Will, dated 15th July, 1917, that his personal estate be bequeathed to his nephews Robert Bruce Graham “Rydalmere” Sloane St, Summer Hill, Sydney & Robert George Marland “Warrenilla” Waratah Avenue, Randwick, Sydney.

Base Records contacted Mary S. Graham, sister of the late Private Robert Marshall, on 6th May, 1921 enquiring 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. Mrs Graham replied that she was the next of kin & eldest relative as “father, mother & elder brother deceased, sister in India. Brother in Vancouver, also brother in Sydney. Mrs Graham also enquired into receiving the Star Badge. Base Records replied that with regret that the 1914-15 Star would not be issued in account of the services of the late Private Robert Marshall as he did not arrive in a Theatre of War prior to the 31st December, 1915. Base Records also advised Mrs Graham that they would like the name & address of the eldest surviving

brother of Private Robert Marshall "*in keeping with the instructions under the Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act of 1918 brothers have prior claims to sisters unless there are good and sufficient reasons for varying the procedure.*"

Base Records then wrote to Mr Charles Marshall, eldest surviving brother of the late Private Robert Marshall, a Printer on RMS Niagara, with house address of Fire Station, Circular Quay, Sydney, enquiring if he had "*any objections to deceased's War Medals, etc., being handed over to his sister, Mrs M. S. Graham, who was nominated as next-of-kin. You have prior rights in keeping with the instructions under the Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act of 1918.*" Charles Marshall replied to Base Records on 13th June, 1921 stating that he would like Base Records to forward all belongings (of late Pte Robert Marshall) to his sister Mrs M. S. Graham.

Private Robert Marshall was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Marshall's sister - Mrs M. S. Graham (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private R. Marshall – service number 6120, of 37th Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

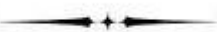
Private R. Marshall is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 128.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(83 pages of Pte Robert Marshall'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



[Connected to Private Robert Marshall:](#)

Younger brother - Pte Lawrence Marshall, 4474, 17th Battalion. Enlisted 3rd January, 1916. Embarked from Sydney 9th April, 1916. Wounded in Action on 2 occasions. Returned to Australia on 20th November, 1918 for discharge – Gunsot wounds to left leg. Entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal.



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

MARSHALL – Died of wounds in Military Hospital, Birmingham, October 3, 1918, Pte Robert Marshall, Lewis Gunner, 37th Batt., dearly-loved brother of Charlie, Jack, Laurie (on active service), Mrs Harrie Marland, of India and Mrs John Graham, of Sloane-street, Summer Hill.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 19 October, 1918)

438th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte ROBERT MARSHALL, Summer Hill

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 31 October, 1918)

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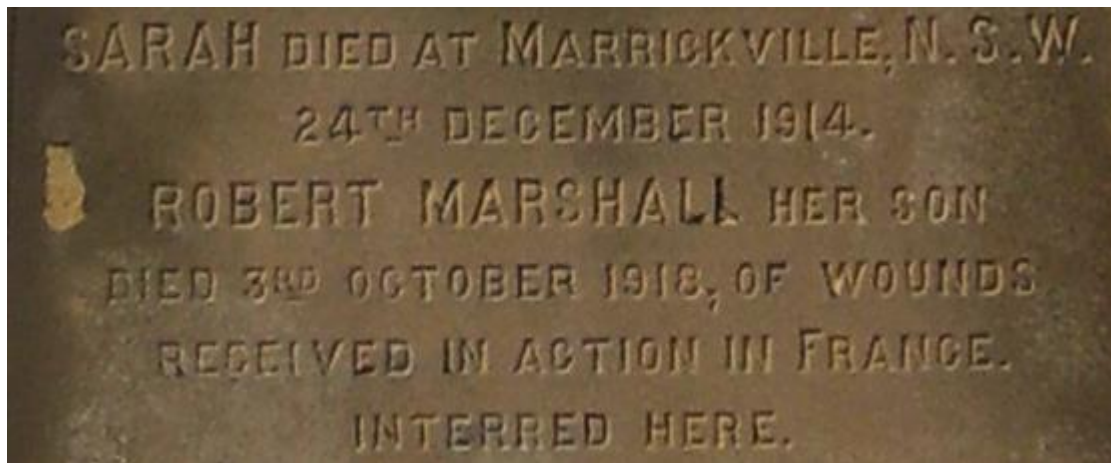
Dumbarton Cemetery contains 56 Commonwealth War Graves – 17 relate to World War 1 & 39 relate to World War 2.



Dumbarton Cemetery, Dunbartonshire

Photo of Pte Robert Marshall's name on the Stewart Family Headstone in Dumbarton Cemetery, Dunbartonshire, Scotland.





Dumbarton Cemetery, Dunbartonshire *(Photo by Lairich Rig)*

In Loving

Memory

Of

CHARLES STEWART,

Died 16th July 1896, Aged 79 Years.

MARY SANDS McNAIR *His Wife,*

Died 28th January 1888, Aged 69 Years.

Also Their Family

ELIZABETH *Died at Kirren*

11th Octr 1867, Aged 14 Years.

MARY *Died at Denny*

1st June 1894, Aged 43 Years.

HELEN *Died at Prestwick 22nd May 1902.*

SARAH *Died at Marrickville, N.S.W.*

24th December 1914.

ROBERT MARSHALL *Her Son*

Died 3rd October 1918, Of Wounds

Received In Action In France.

Interred Here.

JAMES ANDREW *Beloved Husband Of*

CHARLOTTE STEWART

Died At Dumbarton 28th July 1920.

The Above

CHARLOTTE STEWART

Died At Dumbarton 28th January 1934

CHARLES STEWART *Only Son Of*

CHARLES And MARY STEWART

Died At Dunedin N.Z.