

# Sutton Veny War Graves

## World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



**54233 PRIVATE**

**A. C. McPHERSON**

**34TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**11TH OCTOBER, 1918 AGE 32**

*Redeemed With*

*The Precious Blood Of Christ*

*Is It Well With Thee*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte A. C. McPherson is located in  
Grave Plot # 363. E. 15. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Angus Cameron McPHERSON

Angus Cameron McPherson was born in Sydney, NSW on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1886 to parents John & Jeannie McPherson (nee Fulton). His birth was registered in 1886 as Angus C. MacPherson. Angus's parents' marriage was registered in Sydney in 1886 as MacPherson. Angus McPherson had served 3 years with Scottish Rifles.

Angus Cameron McPherson married Olive May Walker on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1913 in Sydney, NSW.

A birth was registered in 1913 in the district of Manly, NSW for Angus C. McPherson – parents Angus C. & Olive M. McPherson. Agnes Olive McPherson was born in 1915. Two other children were born – Mary & Ruby McPherson.

Angus Cameron McPherson was a 32 year old, married Motor Driver from Manly, NSW when he enlisted at Manly, NSW on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1918 with the 6<sup>th</sup> (N) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 54233 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs O. M. McPherson of 8 Pittwater Road, Manly, NSW.

Private Angus Cameron McPherson embarked from Sydney on SS *Field Marshal* on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1918. Pte McPherson was appointed Acting Lance Corporal on board on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1918. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 with Influenza. He disembarked at London, England on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1918.

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.

McPherson's rank reverted to Private. He was marched in from Australia to 9<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion at Fovant, Wiltshire & allotted to Reinforcements of 34<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

Pte McPherson was transferred to Artillery Details on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 & marched out to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Heytesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Angus Cameron McPherson was admitted to the Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 with Influenza & Pneumonia. He was transferred to Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 9<sup>th</sup> October seriously ill with Pneumonia.

Private Angus Cameron McPherson died at 08.00 on 11<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for Angus O. McPherson, aged 32, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Angus Cameron McPherson was buried on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 363. From the burial report of Pte McPherson - *Coffin was good polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Union Jack being borne to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party and Band. Six of Deceased's Unit comrades acted as Pall-bearers. Two Officers and about seventy N.C.O.'s and Men of the deceased's Unit attended as Mourners. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U. K. were represented.*

Pte Angus Cameron McPherson requested in his Will dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1918 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his wife - Olive May McPherson.

Pte Angus Cameron McPherson was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte McPherson's widow – Mrs O. M. McPherson (sent July 1921 & November, 1922).

Private A. C. McPherson is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 124.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

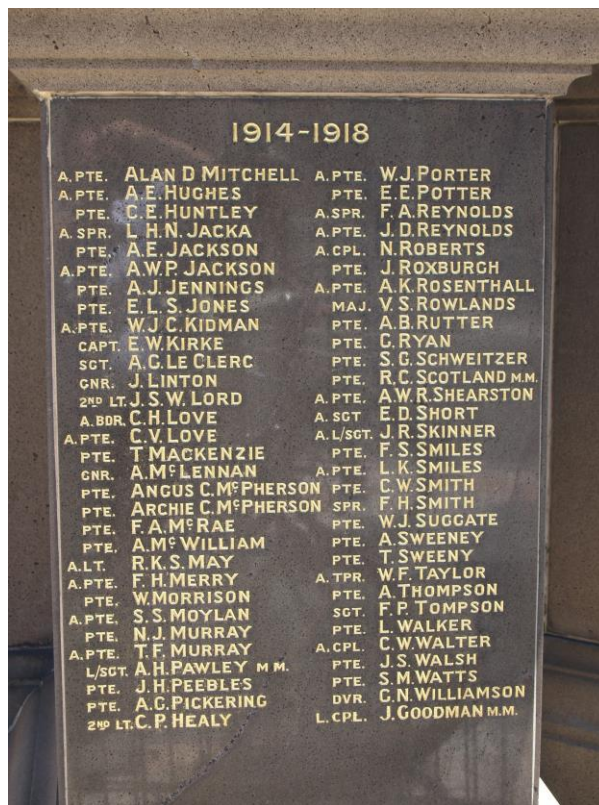
A. McPherson is also remembered on the Manly Soldiers Memorial Hall Honour Roll (Manly Fisho's) 52 Raglan Street, Manly, NSW.



Manly Soldiers Memorial Hall Honour Roll (Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW – Frank Sheldon)



Angus C. McPherson & his brother Archie C. McPherson are remembered on the Manly ANZAC War Memorial located on the corner of The Corso & Belgrave Street, Manly, NSW.



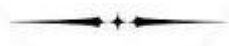
### Manly ANZAC War Memorial

*(Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW – David Roden. Updated photographs by Peter Levarre-Waters & Elaine Hartman)*

The CWGC lists Private Angus McPherson, 54233, of 34th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of John and Jean McPherson; husband of O. M. McPherson of 8 Pittwater Rd, Manly, New South Wales.

(63 pages of Pte Angus Cameron McPherson'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) & National Archives.*



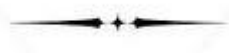
#### \*\*Connected to Angus Cameron McPherson:

(Younger Brother) – Private Archibald Colin McPherson, 3198, 56<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A.I.F. Enlisted 1915. Died of wounds 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1918, aged 26. (Wounded in action twice). Buried Section - B10. Grave No. 531. Birmingham (Lodge Hill) Cemetery.





**Pte Angus Cameron McPherson**



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **DOUBLE CASUALTY LIST**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

##### **DIED – OTHER CAUSES**

Pte Angus Cameron McPherson, Manly

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – Tuesday 26 November, 1918)*

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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 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)*

A letter from Base Records to Mrs O. M. McPherson of 8 Pitt Water Rd, Manly, dated 26<sup>th</sup> July, 1921, advised that a communication from the Defence Department concerning an inscription that could be placed on her late husband's Headstone in the Churchyard of Sutton Veny had not yet been replied to. The letter advised that if no reply was received within 21 days, it would be taken as indicating that no further action was required.

Pte Angus Cameron McPherson does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Redeemed With The Precious Blood Of Christ Is It Well With Thee*

Photo of Private A. C. McPherson'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)*

