

**Earlham Road Cemetery,
Norwich, Norfolk
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6545 PRIVATE

C. S. MITCHELL

5TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

3RD OCTOBER, 1917 Age 25

*Dearlly Loved Son
Of Alex And Emily Mitchell.
"Our Dear Charlie"*

Charles Stewart (Charlie) MITCHELL

Charles Stewart Mitchell was born at Macorna, near Kerang, Victoria on 27th February, 1892 to parents Alexander & Emily Mitchell (nee Mills).

Charles Stewart Mitchell attended Macorna State School & Bendigo High School, Victoria.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of St. Kilda West listed Charles Stewart Mitchel, Civil Servant, of 291 Barkly Street, St. Kilda. His parents Alexander Mitchell, Independent Means & Emily Mitchell, Home Duties, were listed at the same address.

The 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of St. Kilda West listed Charles Stewart Mitchel, Civil Servant, of 293 Barkly Street, St. Kilda. His parents Alexander Mitchell, Independent Means & Emily Mitchell, Home Duties, were listed at the same address.

Charles Stewart Mitchell was a 24 year old, single, Public Servant from 293 Barkly Street, St. Kilda, Victoria when he enlisted on 11th May, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6545 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr A. Mitchell, of 293 Barkly Street, St. Kilda, Victoria. Charles Mitchell stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 ½ years with Senior Cadets (from 1908 to 1910).

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was posted to Sturt Street Depot on 11th May, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Australian Army Service Corps Reinforcements on 22nd May, 1916. Private Mitchell was admitted to Clearing Hospital at Broadmeadows from 5th to 8th June, 1916 for observation then discharged to duty. Private Mitchell was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 21st Battalion on 17th August, 1916.

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 2nd October, 1916 with the 5th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 16th November, 1916.

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was marched out from No. 3 Command Depot at Wool for Fovant on 21st November, 1916.

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 Charles Stewart Mitchell was marched in to 2nd Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire from Australia on 12th December, 1916.

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was promoted to Acting Lance Corporal (no date recorded).

Acting Lance Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell proceeded overseas to France via Southampton, from Durrington, on 20th August, 1917.

Acting Lance Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell reverted to rank of Private on marching in to 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 21st August, 1917.

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was taken on strength of 5th Battalion from 21st Reinforcements on 2nd September, 1917 in the field.

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was wounded in action on 20th September, 1917. He was admitted to 6th Australian Field Ambulance on 20th September, 1917 with gunshot wounds to buttock. He was transferred to 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 21st September, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train 18 the same day. Pte Mitchell was admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital at Wimereux, France on 21st September, 1917. He embarked on Hospital Ship *St. Denis* for England on 23rd September, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to buttock.

War Diary – 5th Battalion

20th September 1917

03.30 – All Companies were in position on taped lines. FORMATION, ADVANCE & CONSOLIDATION etc see “Narrative of Operations of 5th Bn. in attack delivered on 20th September, 1917” attached.

24.00 Bn. relieved by the 4th Bn, 1st A.I Bde and moved to HOOGE SUPPORT LINE.

21st September, 1917

Casualties were 3 Officer KILLED2 Officers WOUNDED AT DUTY....67 Other Ranks KILLED, 183 Other ranks WOUNDED. 12 Other ranks Missing...

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was admitted to Norfolk & Norwich War Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, England on 23rd September, 1917 with gunshot wounds to right buttock – severe.



Private Charles Stewart Mitchell died on 3rd October, 1917 at Norfolk & Norwich War Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, England from wounds received in action – gunshot wounds to right Buttock & Pelvic Abscess. Hospital Admission form states Pte Mitchell “died, due to peritonitis originating from pelvic abscess.”

A death for Charles Mitchell, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Norwich, Norfolk, England.

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was buried at 5 pm on 8th October, 1917 in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England – Section 26, Grave no. 243. From the burial report of Pte Private Charles Stewart Mitchell - Coffin was good, brass plate and handles. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The Gun Carriage, drawn by four horses, was supplied by the Royal Field Artillery. Chaplain Rev. John Hurley, St. Mark's, Norwich, officiated in accordance with the expressed desire of the late soldier, Mr Hurley having administered the consolations

of religion to Pte Mitchell while in Hospital, and a mutual confidence having sprung up between them. An oak cross to temporarily mark the grave, will be erected by the A.I.F.

A letter was sent on 19th April, 1920 from Base Records to Mr A. Mitchell, 293 Barkley Street, St. Kilda, Victoria, father of the late Private C. S. Mitchell, advising that *"now in receipt of further advice which shows that his remains have been exhumed from the former site, and re-interred in Grave No.679, Section 54, Norwich Cemetery, Norwich. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain."*

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Emily Mitchell, mother of the late Private Charles Stewart Mitchell, in the sum of 14/- per fortnight from 12th December, 1917.

Information provided by his father – Alexander Mitchell for the Roll of Honour regarding his son - Private Charles Stewart Mitchell *"This soldier was wounded once & though the wound was severe, he persuaded his comrades to dress the wound. He carried on & was fatally wounded the second time. After his death, the papers came through recommending him for Serjeant, showing that he gained 2nd highest marks in the Training School at Tidworth, England."*

Private Charles Stewart Mitchell was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Mitchell's father – Mr A. Mitchell, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles Stewart Mitchell – service number 6545, aged 25, of 5th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Alexander and Emily Mitchell, of 293 Barkly Street, St. Kilda, Victoria, Australia.

Private C. S. Mitchell is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 44.



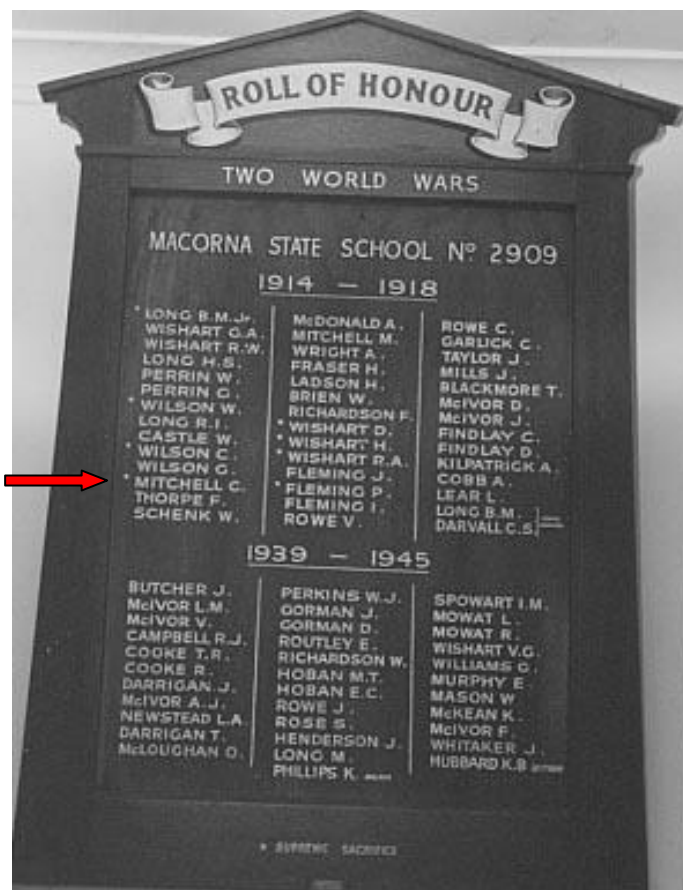
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The St. Kilda Cenotaph, located in Catani Gardens, Jacka Boulevard, St. Kilda, Victoria does not list individual names.



St. Kilda Cenotaph (Photo from Monument Australia)

C. Mitchell is remembered on the Macorna State School Honour Roll, located in Macorna Hall, Macorna, Victoria.

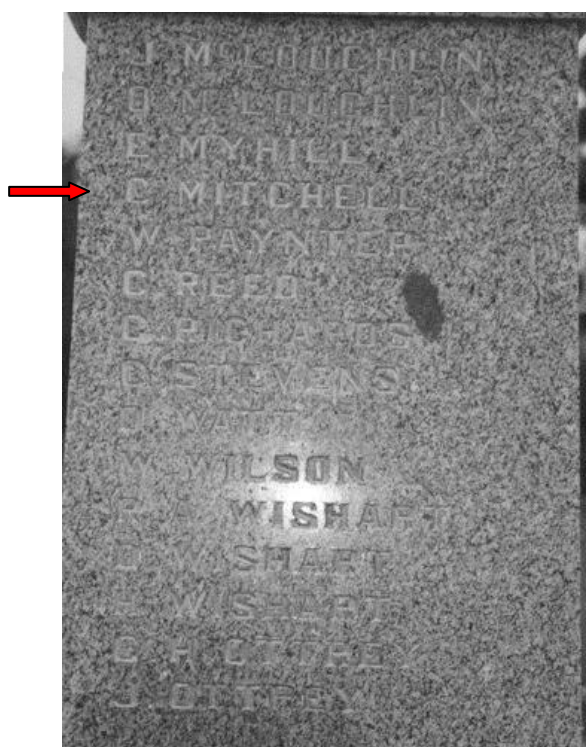


Macorna State School Honour Roll (Photo from Victorian Heritage Database)

C. Mitchell is remembered on the Macorna War Memorial, located on Pyramid Road, Macorna, Victoria.



Macorna War Memorial (Photos from Victorian Heritage Database)



(44 pages of Pte Charles Stewart Mitchell'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





Private Charles Stewart Mitchell



Corporal C. S. MITCHELL

“Died of gunshot wounds on 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, Charles Stewart Mitchlel, 5th Battalion, A.I.F (late of City Court, Melbourne), beloved son of Alexander and Emily Mitchell, of 293 Barkly-street, St. Kilda (late f Macorna and Bendigo).”



CORPORAL CHARLES S. MITCHELL

Ob. 3.10.17

Born on the 27th February, 1892, Charles Mitchell was appointed junior teacher at School 877, Bendigo, in 1907. He resigned in 1913 to enter the clerical division of the Crown Law Department. He was employed in the Court of Petty Sessions, Melbourne, as Assistant Clerk of Courts until his enlistment in April, 1916. He sailed on the 2nd October of that year. Word came that he was wounded in the right leg on 23rd September, and on the 11th October came the news of his death. His immediate official superior at the City Court says that he was at all times willing, steady, and absolutely trustworthy; and his former head teacher testified to his industry, honesty, and faithfulness.



*Corpl. Charles Stewart Mitchell,
5th Battalion. (2nd Infantry Brigade),
Died of Wounds, 3rd October,
1917.*

*Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell and Family
desire to return their heartfelt thanks
for your kind sympathy.*

*Silverdale,
Barkly Street,
St. Kilda.*

Sympathy Reply Card from parents of Charles Stewart Mitchell



Newspaper Notices

DIED ON SERVICE

MITCHELL – A tribute to the loving memory of Charles Stewart Mitchell, who died of wound on October 3, at Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, loving friend of Mr and Mrs Alfred Harlem and family, and comrade of Signaller Ellis Harlem in France, and Corporal B. Harlem, on active service abroad.

He like a soldier fell.

MITCHELL – Died of gunshot wounds on 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion A.I.F. (late of City Court, Melbourne), beloved son of Alexander and Emily Mitchell, of 293 Barkly street, St. Kilda (late of Macorna and Bendigo), and loved brother of Bell, Tam, Emmie and Alma.

“Noble in life and death.”

MITCHELL – Officially reported died of wounds in Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, 6545, Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell, loved friend of Nellie Robertson, of 80 Bridport street, Alert Park, late of Bendigo.

“So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.”

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 October, 1917)

For Freedom's Cause

MITCHELL – Died of wounds on 3rd October, 1917, in the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell, Fifth (5th) Battalion, loved friend of Nellie Robertson, of 80 Bridport street, Alert Park (late of Bendigo).

MITCHELL – Died of wounds on 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell, Fifth (5th) Battalion, late of City Court, Melbourne, beloved youngest son of Alexander and Emily Mitchell, of 293 Barkly street, St. Kilda (late of Macorna and Bendigo), and brother of Mrs King, Alec, Emmie and Alma.

“Noble in life and death.”

(Bendigo Advertiser, Bendigo, Victoria – 24 October, 1917) & (Bendigonian, Bendigo, Victoria – 25 October, 1917)

DIED FROM WOUNDS

CORPORAL C. S. MITCHELL.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell, late of Bendigo and Macorna, have received private and official intimation that their youngest son, Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell, died of wounds in the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, on 3rd October, 1917. He was attached to the Fifth (5th) Battalion. Corporal Mitchell was formerly a teacher at the Violet-street State School, and was well known as a promising and enthusiastic cricketer. For several years he had been employed in the City Court, Melbourne, as licensing clerk, and his genial disposition gained for him the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact, and his loss is keenly felt. Corporal Mitchell was engaged to be married to Miss Nellie Robertson, formerly very well known in Bendigo.

(Bendigo Advertiser, Bendigo, Victoria – 24 October, 1917) & (Bendigonian, Bendigo, Victoria – 25 October, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

863 in 347TH LIST

Died of Wounds

Pte C. S. MITCHELL, St. Kilda

(The Bendigo Independent, Bendigo, Victoria – 30 October, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

MITCHELL – A tribute to the memory of Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell (Charlie), died of wounds in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. (Inserted by the choir and members of the South St. Kilda Congregational Church, Mitford and Barkly streets, St. Kilda.

MITCHELL – A tribute to the memory of Bro. Corporal C. S. Mitchell, died of wounds, 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England. (Inserted by the "Thornbury Billikens.")

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 October, 1917)

(Note – "The Thornbury Billikens", were a popular local amateur theatrical group.

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MITCHELL—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England.

"Father, in Thy gracious keeping
Leave we now our dear one sleeping"

—(Inserted by his loving father, mother, brother, and sisters, of 293 Barkly street, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL.—In proud and loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell (Charl), 5th Battalion, wounded in battle of Polygon Wood, Ypres, 20th September, 1917, died Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, on the 3rd October, 1917.

"Manly, unselfish, and brave;
To live in the hearts of those you love is not to die. "

—(Inserted by his loving sisters. Emmie and Alma, of 293 Barkly street, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, loving uncle of little Jean and wee Charlie.

"We doubt not that one so true,
There must be other nobler work to do. "

—(Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Belle and Alec McKenzie King, and family, Cohuna.)

MITCHELL.—A loving tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Corporal Charles S. Mitchell, late of 5th Battalion, died of wounds (received in France) 3rd October, 1917.

He has laid aside his gun and sword,
And has gone to claim his just reward.

—(Inserted by all at "Roths," Barkly street, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Cpl. Charles Stewart Mitchell, died of wounds, 3rd October, 1917, in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, England.

Sadly missed.

—(Inserted by his loving fiancée, Nellie Robertson, Albert Park.)

MITCHELL.— In memory of Corporal Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Batt., who died of wounds Oct. 3, 1917, loved comrade of Sergeant Fred Simcocks, France.

"He died as he lived.—a man."

MITCHELL.—A tribute to the memory of Cpl. Charles Mitchell, who died of wounds received in France, October 3, 1917. (Neil and Madge Allsop.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 October, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

MITCHELL – In loving memory of my dearest pal, Charlie (Corporal C. S. Mitchell, 5th Battalion), who died of wounds received in the Battle of Polygon Wood, 20/9/17.

"He lived as he died – a man."

- R. E. Ball (on active service)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 October, 1918) & (Bendigonian, Bendigo, Victoria – 17 October, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MITCHELL— In fond and loving remembrances of our dear son and brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England. Dearly loved and sadly missed.

— Inserted by his loving father, mother, brother, Alec and sister Alma. 293 Barkly street, St. Kilda.

MITCHELL— In loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England, loving uncle of Jean and Charlie. Duty nobly done.

We doubt not that for one so true

There must be other nobler work to do.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Belle and Alec McKenzie King.

MITCHELL.— In proud and loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell (Charl) 5th Battalion, wounded in battle of Polygon Wood, Ypres. 20th September, 1917, died Norwich and Norfolk Hospital on the 3rd October, 1917.

Time cannot heal our aching hearts,

Nor from our memory tear

The face and form we love so well

Will dwell forever there.

— Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Emmie and Irwin Maguire, Walmer Lodge, Thackeray-street, St. Kilda.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 October, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MITCHELL – in fond and loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England.

“A beautiful life, nobly given.

Dearly loved and sadly missed”

-(Inserted by his loving father, mother, brother Alex and sister Alma, 293 Barkly street. St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL – In proud and loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell (Charl), 5th Battalion, wounded in battle of Polygon Wood, Ypres, 20th September, 1917, died Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, on the 3rd October, 1917.

A beautiful memory left behind,

Of a loving brother, so true and kind;

We have lost, but heaven has gained

One of the best the world contained.

-(Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Emmie and Irwin Maguire, 24 Meredith street, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL – In loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, England.

“Faithful unto death.”

-(Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Belle and Alex, McKenzie King, 88 Marine parade, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL – A tribute to memory of our late Captain (Charles Stewart Mitchell), who on 4th October, 1917, died of wounds received in the battle of Polygon Wood, France on 20th September, 1917. (Inserted by the members of St. John's Congregational Church Cricket Club, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL - In loving memory of my fiancée, Corporal Chas. S. Mitchell, died of wounds, 3rd October, 1917, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Ever remembered

- (Inserted by Nellie Robertson, Hawthorn.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 October, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MITCHELL.- In proud and loving memory of our dear brother Charles Stewart Mitchell, who died at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on October 3, 1917.

Too dearly loved to ever be forgotten.

Every day a loving; memory.

-(Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Belle and Alec McKenzie King and little Charlie and Jean. "Waimana," 88 Marine parade, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL.- In fond and loving remembrance of our dear son and brother. Charles Stewart Mitchell, 5th Battalion, who died of wounds 3rd October, 1917, at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital England.

You are part of our lives, you are one with us,
So close in our hearts you dwell.
So proud and fond are our thoughts of you,
Our boy we loved so well.

-(Inserted by his loving father, mother, brother Alec, and sister Alma. 203 Barkly street, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL - In proud and loving memory of our dear brother, Charles Stewart Mitchell (Charl), 5th Battalion, wounded in battle of Polygon Wood, Ypres. 20th September. 1917, died Norwich and Norfolk Hospital on the 3rd October, 1917.

There's a vision comes at nightfall,
Haunting memories of other years.
And the face that was filled with goodness,
As we view it through our tears.

-(Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Emmie and Irwin Maguire, 24 Meredith street, St. Kilda.)

MITCHELL. -In loving memory of my dear fiancé, Charles Stewart Mitchell, who died of wounds in Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on 3rd October, 1917.

"Dearly loved and sadly missed."

-(Nellie Robertson, Hawthorn.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 October, 1921)

Memorial notices were also placed in *The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria papers for the following years:

1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943

Charles Stewart Mitchell is remembered on his parents' headstone in St. Kilda Cemetery, Victoria – Wesleyan, Compartment D, Grave 161A.



In Loving Memory Of
ALEXANDER MITCHELL
Who Died At St. Kilda 28TH April, 1935
Aged 76 Years

Also His Son

CHARLES STEWART MITCHELL

5TH Batt. A.I.F.

Died Of Wounds In England

3RD October 1917

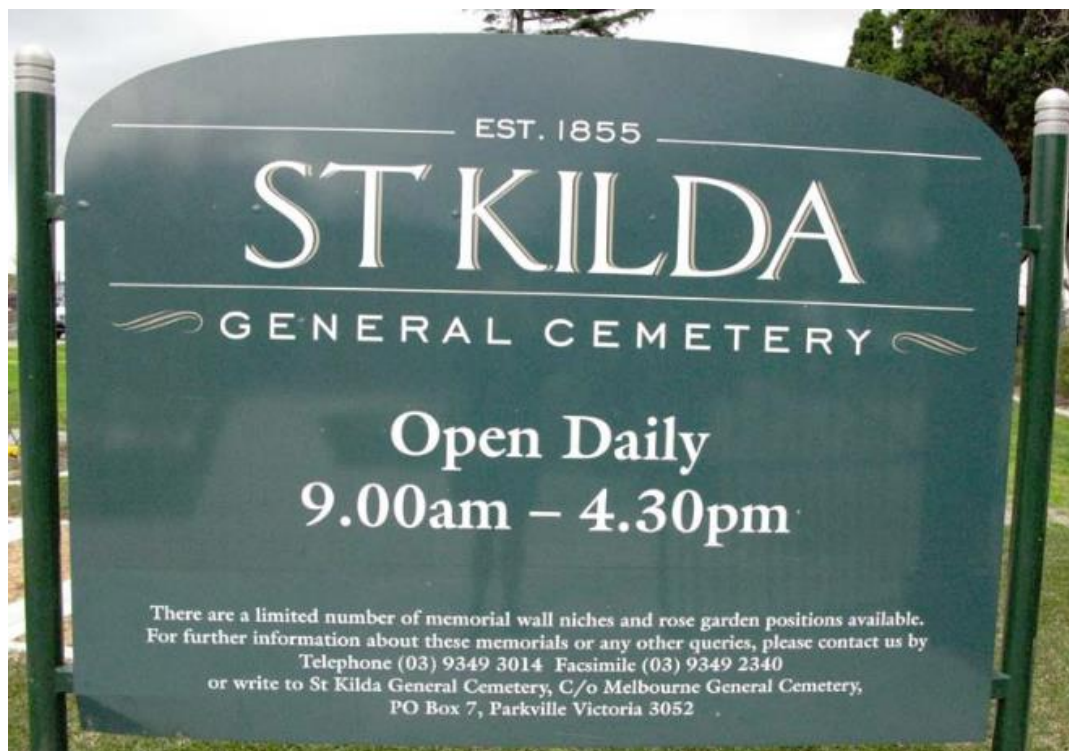
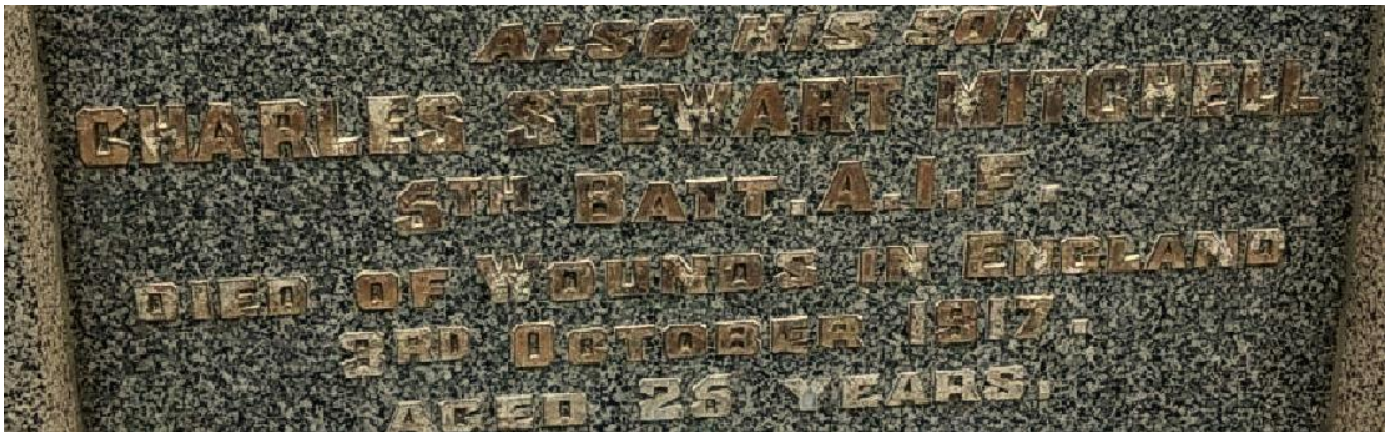
Aged 25 Years

EMILY

Loved Wife & Mother Of Above

Died 7TH May 1944

Sweet Memories



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)

Private C. S. Mitchell does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Dearly Loved Son Of Alex And Emily Mitchell.

"Our Dear Charlie"

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich contains 533 Commonwealth War Graves.

The cemetery was laid out in 1856 and casualties of the South African War were buried in the oldest part. Nearly half of the 1914-1918 burials are to be found in two military plots; one in the North-Eastern part and the other in the Western part of the burial ground. Ground immediately adjoining the latter was reserved for service burials of the 1939-1945 War and is now combined with it to form the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 War Graves Plot. The Cross of Sacrifice, which honours the servicemen of both Wars who are buried in the cemetery, stands in the plot, and carved upon two of the panels of its base are the dates 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. There are now nearly 350, 1914-1918 and nearly 200, 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site. In addition, a special memorial is erected to one soldier buried among civilian air raid victims in a grave on which it was not possible to erect a headstone.

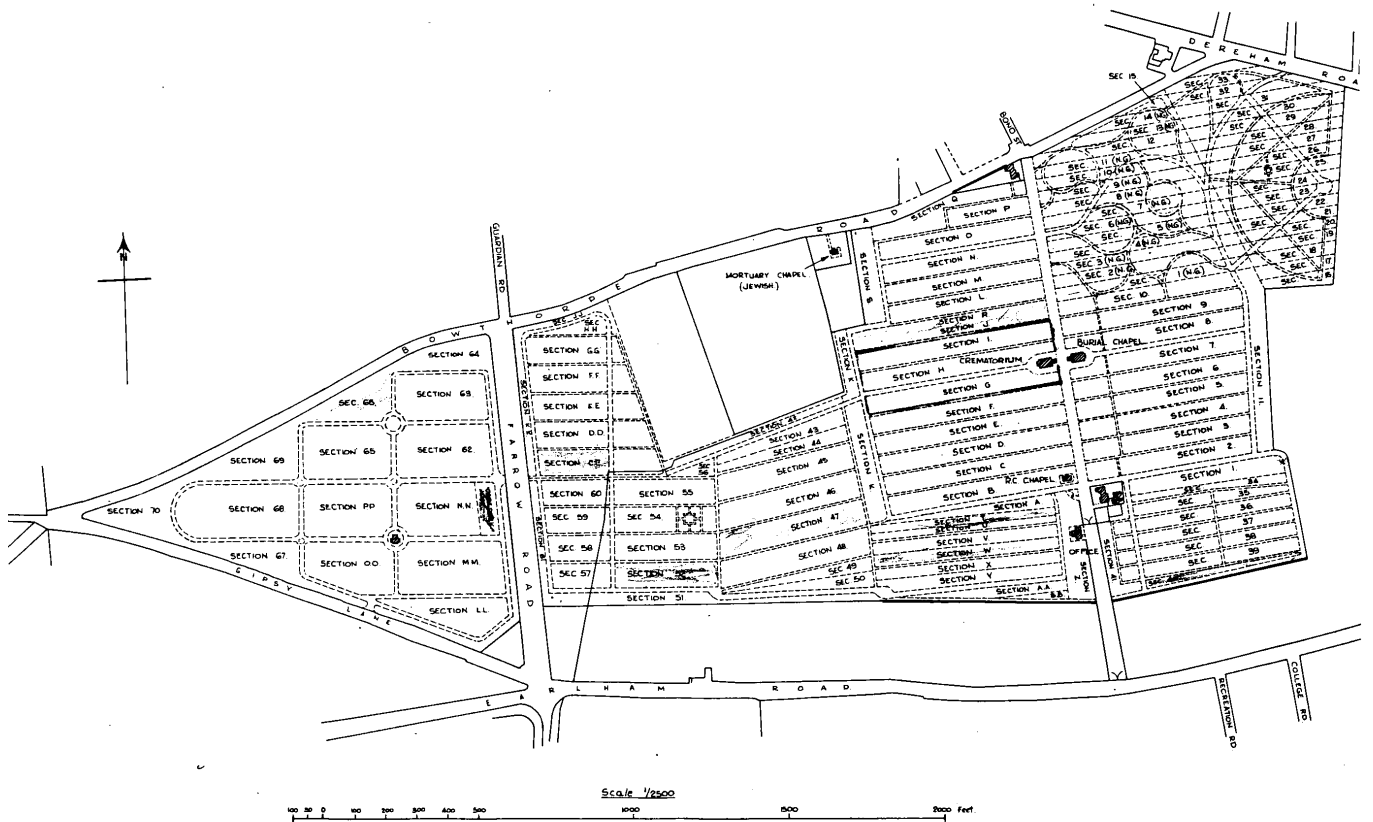
(Information & photo from CWGC)



Photo of Private C. S. Mitchell's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England.



(Photo by Jennifer Hart – Find a Grave)



Map of Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

