

**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire,
England - War Graves**

World War 1



Lest We Forget



891 PRIVATE

M. MONTGOMERY

40TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27TH JANUARY, 1917

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte M. Montgomery is located in Grave Plot # 164
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Michael MONTGOMERY

Michael Montgomery was born at Runnymede, Tasmania on 30th July, 1887 to parents Hugh and Catherine Montgomery (nee McCarthy). His birth was registered in Richmond, Tasmania.

Hugh Montgomery, father of Michael Montgomery, died on 21st September, 1901 at Sorell, Tasmania, aged 58.

Catherine Montgomery, mother of Michael Montgomery, died on 11th February, 1913 at Richmond, Tasmania, aged 75. Both parents were buried in St. John's Church Cemetery, Richmond, Tasmania.

Michael Montgomery was a 28 year old, single, Farmer from Buckland, Tasmania when he enlisted on 7th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his brother - Joseph Montgomery of Buckland, Tasmania.

Private Michael Montgomery, Service number 891, embarked from Hobart, Tasmania on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 1st July, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Brigade, 40th Infantry Battalion, "D" Company & disembarked at Devonport, England on 22nd August, 1916.

40th Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 40th Battalion was Tasmania's contribution to the strength of the division and it joined the Victorian-raised 37th, 38th and 39th Battalions to form the 10th Brigade.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

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 Michael Montgomery was admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford, Wiltshire on 13th November, 1916. He was admitted to Military Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire on 26th January, 1916 with Tuberculosis.

Private Michael Montgomery died at 5.45 p.m. on 27th January, 1916 at Military Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire from (1) Syphilis Tubercular, (2) Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Michael Montgomery, aged 28, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire, England.

Private Michael Montgomery was buried on 29th January, 1916 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number 164 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Michael Montgomery 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 Private Montgomery's eldest brother – Mr Joseph Montgomery (sent August, 1922 & September, 1922) as both parents were deceased.

A letter had previously been sent to Mr Joseph Montgomery, from Base Records, dated 1st August, 1922, stating that they had previously written asking for the name & address of the eldest surviving brother & no reply had been received. The matter was being held open for 21 days & if no reply had still not been received the War Medal etc. belonging to Late Private Montgomery would be sent to Untraceables section. Mr Joseph Montgomery replied a fortnight later stating he had previously replied & that he was the eldest surviving brother.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Michael Montgomery – service number 891, of 40th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Hugh and Bridget Montgomery. Born at Runnymede, Tasmania.

Private M. Montgomery is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 133.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia



M. Montgomery is remembered on the Richmond War Memorial, located in front of the Old Town Hall, Bridge Street, Richmond, Tasmania.



Richmond War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride: Greg Scott (above) & Arthur Garland (below))



M. Montgomery is remembered on the Municipality of Richmond Roll of Honour, located in Old Richmond Town Hall, Bridge Street, Richmond, Tasmania.



Municipality of Richmond Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

Michael Montgomery 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. "



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

ANZAC	7100	Pte	McCreghan	Patrick	22.03.1917	34	40th Inf Bn	Sorell
	719	Pte	McDermott	Frederick John	03.02.1917	24	40th Inf Bn	Zeehan
	803	Pte	McDonald	Findley Norman	16.10.1917	42	15th MG Coy	Ramsgate
	862	Pte	McDougall	Wallace Carlyle	07.06.1917	24	40th Inf Bn	
	3075	Pte	McDougall	John Henry Gregg	13.10.1917	19	40th Inf Bn	Ringarooma
	456	Sgt	McGee	Lewis VC	12.10.1917	28	40th Inf Bn	Avoca
	6845	Pte	McGinley	William Henry	08.08.1917	20	12th Inf Bn	Macquarie Plains
	3191	Pte	McGinley	Walter	11.04.1917	25	15th Inf Bn	Macquarie Plains
	1903	Pte	McGivern	Charles Gordon	13.10.1917	19	40th Inf Bn	Launceston
	886	Pte	McGuinness	Frederick Fabion	07.06.1917	21	40th Inf Bn	Carnarvon
	882	Pte	McGuire	Arthur Horton	29.11.1917	29	40th Inf Bn	Thirlstane
		Lt	McInnes	Samuel Alexander	01.02.1917	38	40th Inf Bn	Hobart
	2851	Pte	McKenna	William	29.11.1917	37	40th Inf Bn	Launceston
	2940	Pte	McKenzie	Richard George W	08.04.1917	31	12th Inf Bn	Campania ANZAC
	54071	Pte	McLoughlin	George	24.11.1917	0	NZEF CIB	New Norfolk
	2365	Pte	McMahon	James Ambrose	02.10.1917	31	40th Inf Bn	Red Hills
	2073	U/Cpl	McMaster	John	28.09.1917	36	15th Inf Bn	Claremont ANZAC
	5379	Gnr	McPartan	Thomas Patrick	16.06.1917	22	3rd Fd Arty Bde	Sandy Bay
	396	Pte	McPherson	John Duncan	06.04.1917	31	12th Inf Bn	Abbotsham ANZAC
	18090	Gnr	McQueen	John Hutton	21.10.1917	21	5th Fd Arty Bde	St Helens
	(241)	Lt	Meagher	Norman R Thomas	04.10.1917	22	40th Inf Bn	Sandy Bay
	4540	Pte	Mears	Clarence William	17.02.1917	25	12th Inf Bn	Granton
	6484	Pte	Medcraft	Oscar William	06.04.1917	20	12th Inf Bn	Barrington
ANZAC	3176	Cpl	Mehegan	Thomas William J	25.10.1917	25	8th Inf Bn	Westbury
ANZAC	6315	Pte	Menzie	Frederick Bertram	07.09.1917	22	12th Inf Bn	New Norfolk
	1911	Pte	Metcall	Leslie John	07.06.1917	23	40th Inf Bn	Deloraine
ANZAC	6770	Pte	Michael	Hugh William	15.04.1917	27	12th Inf Bn	Glengarry
	6585	Pte	Mildon	Frederick George	06.10.1917	24	12th Inf Bn	Mt Nicholas
	4342	L/Cpl	Miles	George	18.02.1917	22	12th Inf Bn	Launceston
ANZAC	150	Cpl	Millhouse	Claude Edward	06.04.1917	25	12th Inf Bn	Hobart ANZAC
	1031	Pte	Millington	Joseph Henry	30.01.1917	23	40th Inf Bn	Sorell
ANZAC	235	Pte	Mitchell	Arthur Francis	14.02.1917	20	40th Inf Bn	Ringarooma
ANZAC	461	Pte	Monks	Walter Thomas	01.04.1917	24	51st Inf Bn	Hobart
ANZAC	891	Pte	Montgomery	Michael	27.01.1917	29	40th Inf Bn	Richmond
	2482	Pte	Montgomery	Alexander	01.03.1917	19	12th Inf Bn	Braxholm ANZAC
		Capt	Montgomery MID	Albert Barr	17.08.1917	26	BEF Infantry Regt	Launceston
	446	Pte	Moore	Robert	20.09.1917	25	8th Inf Bn	Zeehan ANZAC
	482	Pte	Moore	Arthur Robert	01.04.1917	19	51st Inf Bn	Launceston
	1115	L/Cpl	Moran	Davitt James	12.10.1917	29	40th Inf Bn	Glengarry
	889	Pte	Moran	Charles Francis	07.06.1917	20	40th Inf Bn	West Tamar
	5747	Pte	Morey	Wilfred Sydney	07.06.1917	42	40th Inf Bn	Spring Bay
		Maj	Morgan	Princ Jacob	04.04.1917	23	6th Fd Arty Bde	Launceston ANZAC
ANZAC	1548	Gnr	Morgan	Stanley Roy	11.04.1917	28	10th Fd Arty Bde	Strahan
	463	L/Cpl	Morris	Gerald	03.01.1917	19	40th Inf Bn	Macquarie Plains
	452	Pte	Morse	Hervey Ira	28.02.1917	24	12th Inf Bn	Deloraine ANZAC
	4853	Pte	Moss	John Robert	19.09.1917	27	12th Inf Bn	Latrobe
	31324	Pte	Mott	Thomas Tasman	27.07.1917	24	NZEF WIB	Recherche Bay
	596	Pte	Muldoon	Francis James P	28.09.1917	22	29th Inf Bn	Beaconsfield
	18474	Dvr	Mulligan	Alfred	02.10.1917	21	14th Fd Arty Bde	Hobart
	553551	Pte	Mullins	James	14.10.1917	25	BEF Rifle Regt	Oatlands
	5748	Pte	Mumford	Thomas William	15.04.1917	35	12th Inf Bn	Deloraine
ANZAC	(59)	Lt	Mumery MC & Bar	Clarence Tasman	20.10.1917	22	8th Inf Bn	Zeehan ANZAC
	884	Pte	Munro MM	Thomas Hildred	17.10.1917	20	52nd Inf Bn	St Helens
	2935	Pte	Murphy	Frank	07.06.1917	19	49th Inf Bn	Alionah
	6322	Pte	Murray	Lindley Valentine	27.02.1917	22	12th Inf Bn	North Motton ANZAC
	6323	Pte	Murray	Horace Victor	05.05.1917	19	12th Inf Bn	Beaconsfield
ANZAC	368	CSM	Musket	Robert John	28.02.1917	21	12th Inf Bn	Huonville
	2265	Pte	Naylor	Urmoston Alexander	16.10.1917	35	52nd Inf Bn	Penguin ANZAC
	559	Pte	Neaves	Benjamin Erlaigh	16.07.1917	20	52nd Inf Bn	Penguin ANZAC
ANZAC	3500	Pte	Newitt	Frederick John	07.10.1917	22	22nd MG Coy	Richmond
	6773	Pte	Newman	Francis Reginald	10.06.1917	35	52nd Inf Bn	Newtown
ANZAC	574	L/Cpl	Nibbs	Richard Thomas	15.04.1917	23	12th Inf Bn	St Marys
ANZAC	23084	Pte	Nicholls	Claud Lynton	12.10.1917	22	40th Inf Bn	Port Sorrell
	3579	Pte	Nichols	Oscar Alva	12.10.1917	0	NZEF CIB	Longford
	4553	Pte	Nicholson	Alfred	01.11.1917	25	47th Inf Bn	Pyengana
	7814	Cpl	Norquay	Edward P Gofton	28.09.1917	23	52nd Inf Bn	St Helens
	8989	Cpl	Norris	Walter James	13.10.1917	28	40th Inf Bn	Dosenstow
				Wilfred John	29.03.1917	27	52nd Inf Bn	Claremont

(43 pages of Private Michael Montgomery'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 Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR – CASUALTY LIST – No. 271

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

Died (Cause Not Stated)

Pte M. Montgomery (Buckland) 27/1/17

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – Friday 9 February, 1917)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

In the 272nd casualty list published last Thursday, appeared the name of Private M. Montgomery, followed by the sad intelligence that he had died of illness on January 27. Private Montgomery was a native of Runnymede, and joined the A.I.F. early last year, leaving Tasmania on July 2. He was a prominent member of the Runnymede Football Club in Hodgson trophy matches, and an athlete of no mean order. He also played for the local club in the White trophy competition. On July 31, 1909, against Nugent, for the Hodgson trophy, he played a great game, and, during the last quarter is one of the best football contests ever witnessed on the Runnymede recreation ground, was one of the most prominent men on the field. As an athlete his best performance was at the Runnymede Athletic Club's sports meeting on March 19, 1910, when he won the Sheffield Handicap (130yds.), and District race (180yds.), was second in the quarter-mile and Dr. Clark's Handicap (130 yds.), and tied for second place, in the high jump.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 21 February, 1917)

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 Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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 M. Montgomery does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Durrington Cemetery contains burials of both wars. The 204 First World War burials were mostly from nearby Larkhill Camp. Many of the graves are of Australian servicemen and there is a separate Australian memorial in the cemetery. The Second World War burials number 22. In addition to the war graves, there are a number of post-war service graves in the cemetery, mostly of the Royal Air Force.

(Information from CWGC)



Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013; below from CWGC)*



Photo of Private M. Montgomery's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



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