

**Western Necropolis Cemetery,
Glasgow, Scotland
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5381 PRIVATE

C. D. MYERS

21ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

3RD NOVEMBER, 1918 Age 26

In The Bloom Of His Life

God Claimed Him

Heathcote, Vic.

Charles Daniel MYERS

Charles Daniel Myers was born at Brunswick, Victoria in 1892 to parents John Daniel and Isabella May Myers (nee Moss)

Charles Daniel Myers married Eva Warren in Victoria in 1913. A birth was registered in 1914 for Albert Charles Myers, son of Charles & Eva Myers. A birth was registered in 1915 for Edith Isabel Myers, daughter of Charles & Eva Myers.

The 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Echuca, subdivision of Heathcote, Victoria listed Charles Daniel Myers, Labourer & his wife Eva Myers, Home Duties, of Heathcote.

Charles Daniel Myers was a 24 year old, married, Driver from 85 Rankin Road, Kensington, Victoria when he enlisted on 22nd March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) under the name Charles Denial Myers. His service number was 5381 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Eva Myers, of 85 Rankin Road, Kensington, Victoria.

Private Charles D. Myers was posted to "C" Company, 22nd Depot Battalion on 5th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements, 19th Battalion at Broadmeadows then transferred to 14th Reinforcements of 21st Battalion at Royal Park on

Private Charles D. Myers embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) on 28th July, 1916 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 21st Infantry Battalion, 14th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th September, 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 D. Myers proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on S. S. *Victoria* on 16th November, 1916 from 6th Training Battalion.

Private Charles D. Myers was marched in from England to 2nd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 17th November, 1916.

Private Charles D. Myers joined 21st Battalion in France on 2nd December, 1916.

Private Charles D. Myers was sent to Hospital sick on 5th February, 1917 & rejoined his Unit on 8th February, 1917.

Private Charles D. Myers proceeded on furlough to England from France on 4th October, 1917 & returned from furlough on 17th October, 1917.

Private Charles D. Myers was reported with his Unit on 26th June, 1918.

Private Charles D. Myers was wounded in action on 1st September, 1918 but remained on duty. The War Diary of 21st Battalion for 1st September, 1918 has the Battalion in Mt. St. Quentin area.

21st Battalion

In early May 1917, the battalion fought at Bullecourt, and then in October participated in the 3-kilometre advance that captured Broodseinde Ridge, east of Ypres. Like the rest of the AIF the battalion saw out the year recuperating from the trials of the Ypres sector.

After helping to blunt the German spring offensive of April 1918, the 21st battalion participated in the battles that would mark the beginning of Germany's defeat ' Hamel, Amiens and Mont St. Quentin. The fighting for Mont St Quentin resulted in the battalion's only Victoria Cross, awarded to Sergeant Albert Lowerson.

Like many Australian battalions, the 21st could barely muster a company after the 1918 offensive. It was ordered to disband and reinforce its sister battalions. In response, the men of the 21st mutinied on 25 September 1918. By the end of that day, the order was withdrawn, and the battalion fought its last battle at Montbrehain on 5 October. The

following day it became the last Australian battalion to withdraw from active operations on the Western Front. The 21st Battalion was disbanded on 13 October 1918.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Charles D. Myers was transferred to 24th Battalion on 13th October, 1918 & taken on strength of 24th Battalion, "D" Company the same day.

Private Charles D. Myers proceeded on leave to England on 23rd October, 1918.

Private Charles D. Myers was admitted to Maryhill Military Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland on 29th October, 1918 whilst on leave from France.

Private Charles D. Myers died at 10.45 pm on 3rd November, 1918 at Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland from Erysipelas (acute infection typically with a skin rash).

Private Charles D. Myers was buried on 8th November, 1918 in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland – Plot number N. 9 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Charles D. Myers - *Coffin was white pine covered with black cloth. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted with beautiful flowers sent from:- Friends, Mrs W. Watson and H. Hubbard of Glasgow. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev. H. McNaught officiated. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives and friends present at the funeral - Friends, Mrs W. Watson and H. Hubbard of Glasgow.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Charles Daniel Myers contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the fullest details possible into the death and burial of Pte C. D. Myers. A reply was sent from W. M. Elliott, Physician-Superintendent, Ruchill Fever Hospital, Glasgow which reads "Pte Myers was admitted to this Hospital from Maryhill Military Hospital, Glasgow, on 29th Oct, '18 and he died on 3rd Nov. '18. He was buried in the Western Necropolis, Glasgow, and the funeral was a Military one. His death was due to Erysipelas and Cellulitis of face and Cancrum Oris. On the day following the patient's death a letter was sent to his wife in Australia giving the details."

Base Records contacted Mrs E. Myers, of Bald Hill, Heathcote, Victoria, widow of the late Private Charles D. Myers, in February, 1920 stating that it was noted the her late husband No. 5381 Private Charles Denial Myers, 24th Battalion, in signing his Will which had now come to hand from A.I.F. Headquarters, London, gave the name Charles Danial Myers. Base Records requested that Mrs E. Myers complete a Statutory Declaration with the facts. Mrs E. Myers completed a Statutory Declaration on 10th March, 1920 stating that her husband's correct name was Charles Daniel Myers. Base Records advised 3rd Military District in April, 1920 that the records had been amended.

Mrs Eva Burgess, remarried widow of the late Private Charles D. Myers, wrote to Base Records in October, 1922 asking if she was entitled to a Bronze Medallion on behalf of her first husband's two children. Mrs Burgess stated she had remarried & her new address was 48 William Street, Box Hill, Victoria.

Private Charles Danial Myers requested in his Will, dated 3rd June, 1917, that all his real and personal esate be bequeathed to Mrs E. Myers, Heathcote, Victoria.

Private Charles Daniel Myers was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Myers' widow - Mrs Eva Myers/Burgess, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent February, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles Daniel Myers – service number 5381, aged 26, of 21st Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Daniel and Isabella Myers; husband of Eva Myers, of Heathcote, Victoria, Australia. Born at Brunswick, Victoria.

Private C. D. Myers is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 94.



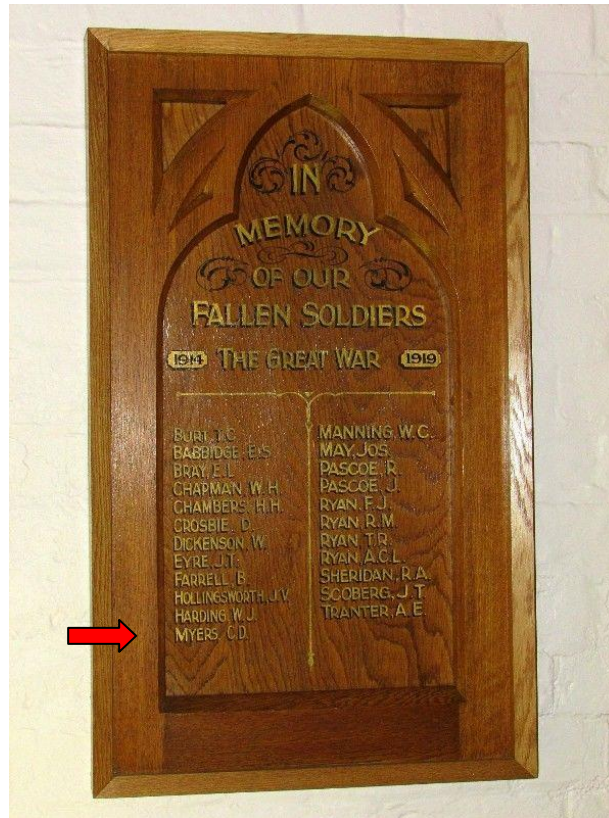
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

C. Myers is remembered on the Heathcote Memorial Higher Elementary School tablet located on the outside of the school building at Heathcote Primary School, 31 Herriott Street, Heathcote, Victoria.



Heathcote Memorial Higher Elementary School tablet (Photo from Monument Australia – Tim Fitzgerald)

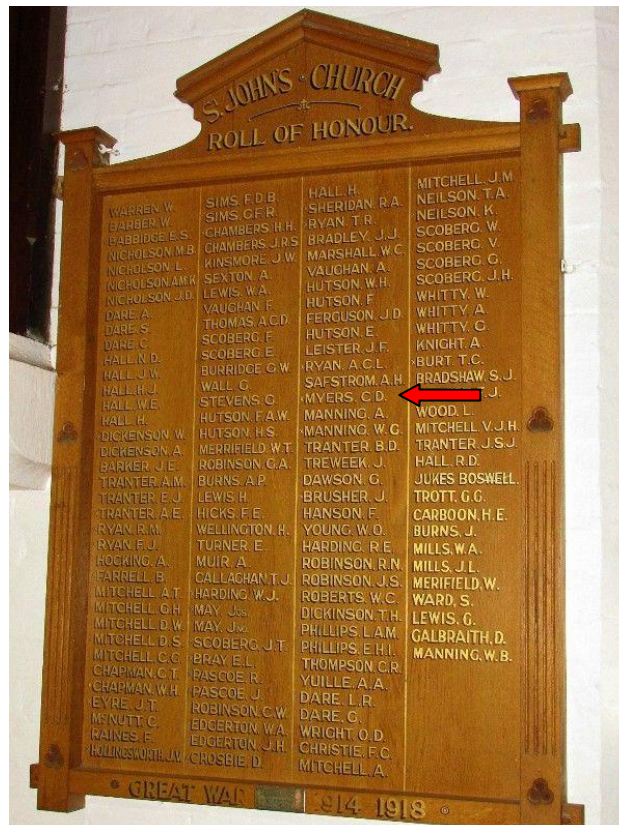
C. D. Myers is remembered on the Fallen Soldiers Honour Roll in St. John's Anglican Church, 165 High Street, Heathcote, Victoria.



Fallen Soldiers Honour Roll in St. John's Anglican Church, Heathcote

(Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

C. D. Myers is remembered on the Honour Roll (for those who served in World War 1) in St. John's Anglican Church, 165 High Street, Heathcote, Victoria.



Honour Roll in St. John's Anglican Church, Heathcote *(Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)*

(75 pages of Pte Charles Daniel Myers' 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



Newspaper Notices

DIED ON SERVICE

MYERS – Death officially reported Private C. D. Myers, on the 3rd November, at Ruchild Hospital, Glasgow, of erysipelas, dearly loved husband of Eva Myers, and father of Albert and Edith, Heathcote.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 November, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

VICTORIAN LIST

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Pte C. C. MYERS, Heathcote, 3/11/18 (Illness)

(Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MYERS – In sad and loving memory of my dear husband and our dear daddy, Private C. D. Myers, No. 5381, 21st Battalion, died of illness in Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, on 3rd November, 1918, aged 26 years.

Oh, how much we loved him,
We miss him more each day;
But God, our Father, called him,
To his heavenly home away.

Not lost from memory, not lost from love,
Only sleeping in heaven above.

-Inserted by his loving wife and family, Heathcote.

MYERS – In sad and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private C. D. Myers, 21st Battalion, died of illness Glasgow, Scotland, on 3rd November, 1918, aged 26.

To-day o'er the sea our sad thoughts roam
To where our dear boy lies far from home;
Although his dear face we cannot see,
We hold him dear in our memory.
And with the morn his angel face does smile,
To us, who loved him so, but since have lost awhile.

-Inserted by his loving mother, father, brothers and sisters, 85 Rankin-road, Kensington.

MYERS – In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Private Charles D. Myers, 21st Battalion, died of illness on 3rd November, 1918, whilst on furlough in Scotland, buried with full military honors in the Western Necropolis, Maryhill, Glasgow.

The winds of heaven blow softly
O'er that quiet, lonely spot,
And 'midst the changing scenes of life,
Dear brother, you are not forgot.

-Loving sister and brother and niece, Irene, Patrick, Kensington.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MYERS – In fond and loving memory of Private Charles D. Myers, dearly loved husband of Eve, father of Albert and Edith, died of illness in Scotland on the 3rd November, 1918.

Safe folded on his Saviour's breast,
He passed into eternal rest;
This day recalls sad memories
Of loved one gone to rest.

-Inserted by his wife and children.

MYERS – In sad memory of our dear son and brother, Charles D. Myers, who died in Scotland on 3rd November, 1918.

In our home you are fondly remembered.

-Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

MYERS – In fond and loving memory of our dearly loved brother, Private Charles D. Myers, died of illness in Scotland on the 3rd November, 1918.

Time changes many things,
But memory, like the ivy, clings,
Ever remembered.

-Inserted by loving sister and brother, A. P. Ferrero.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MYERS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private C. D. Myers, No. 5381, 21st Batt., who died while on active service on 3rd November, 1918.

So proud and fond are our thoughts of you,
So close to our hearts you dwell;
Almost it seems you are with us still,
By the strength you of our love held well,
We do not forget sweet memories of you,
Every hour of the day has its store.

-Inserted by his loving mother, I. Myers

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MYERS – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Charles Myers, died of illness whilst on furlough in Scotland on 3rd November, 1918.

A tender chord of memory
Is softly touched to-day,
For deep in our hearts there's a memory
Of a loved one passed away.

-(Inserted by his loving sister, G. Patrick and family, Pascoevale).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1924)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MYERS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private C. D. Myers, who died in Scotland, 3rd November, 1918. Ever Remembered.

-Mother.

MYERS – In loving memory of our dear brother, Private C. D. Myers, A.I.F., who died whilst on furlough in Scotland. Ever Remembered.

-Inserted by his loving sister, G. Patrick and family, Pascoe Vale.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1925)

IN MEMORIAM

MYERS – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte Charles D. Myers, died 3rd November, 1918, at Maryhill, Glasgow, after three years' active service.

Our dear son is sleeping his last long sleep,
And his grave we may never see;
But some kind hand in that distant land
May plant a small flower for me.

-Inserted by his loving parents, 544 Macaulay-road, Kensington.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 November, 1928)

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. D. Myers does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland

The Western Necropolis is a large cemetery complex north of Glasgow City Centre. Adjoining this site are the following large cemeteries: Glasgow Lambhill and Glasgow St Kentigerns Cemetery, all three are separate but adjoin each other. Glasgow Garnet Hill Hebrew Burial Ground and Glasgow Crematorium Memorial is also at this site.

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Glasgow was one of the ports of embarkation for the British Expeditionary Force in 1914 and several military hospitals opened in the city during the First World War, including the 3rd and 4th Scottish General (1,200 beds each), and the Merryflats War Hospital (500 beds). Battalions of a number of Scottish regiments had their headquarters at Glasgow during both wars, most notably the Highland Light Infantry. The Clydeside shipyards were targeted by German bombers during the Blitz, and Glasgow suffered a particularly ferocious attack on the night of 13/14 March 1941 when many civilians and servicemen were killed.

Glasgow Western Necropolis contains 355 First World War burials, many of them grouped together in Section P, with a small group of Australian graves in Section N. A screen wall near the main entrance carries the badges of the regiments represented in Sections P and H. The 124 Second World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery, although there are two among the earlier war graves in Section P. Also in this group are two inter-war service burials and two German war graves.

There are 11 Australian Soldiers from World War 1 buried in Western Necropolis Cemetery.

(Information from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland (Photo from CWGC)



Some of the Australian Headstones in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland (Photo from CWGC)

Pte C. D. Myer's headstone shown with red arrow

Photo of Private C. D. Myers' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Western Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, Scotland.



(Photo from Ben – Find a Grave)

