

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



4410 SAPPER

E. MYTTON

3RD AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLERS

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1919

*CWGC Headstone for Sapper E. Mytton is located in
Grave Plot # 92. M. 5. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Edward MYTTON

Edward John Mytton was born at Troedyrhiw, Glamorganshire, South Wales in 1887 to parents Thomas & Mary Mytton. His birth was registered in December quarter 1887 in the district of Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan.

The 1891 Wales Census listed Edward John Mitton as a 3 year old living with his family at Kings House, a 4 roomed dwelling, at Lower Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales. His parents were listed as Thomas Mitton (Labourer, aged 36) & Mary Mitton (aged 29). Edward was one of 7 children listed on this Census – Jessie Mary (Scholar, aged 16), Elizabeth Ann (Scholar, aged 9), Thomas Arnold (Scholar, aged 7), Alfred Meredith (Scholar, aged 5) then Edward, George Henry (aged 2) & Frank (aged 1).

The 1901 Wales Census listed Edward J. Mytton as a 13 year old Coal Hewer living with his family at 20 Cottrell Street, Lower Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales. His parents were listed as Thomas Mytton (aged 46) & Mary Mytton (aged 39). Edward was one of 9 children listed on this Census – Jessie M. (aged 20), Thomas A. (Coal Hewer, aged 17), Alfred M. (Coal Hewer, aged 15) then Edward, George H. (aged 12), Frank (aged 11), Gordon C. (aged 7) Lucy M. (aged 8) & Richard M (aged 6).

The 1911 Wales Census listed Edward Mytton as a 23 year old Surface Labourer living with his family at 82 Moy Rd, Aberfan, Lower Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan, Wales which was a 6 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Thomas Mytton (No Occupation, aged 56) & Mary Mytton (aged 50). Thomas & Mary Mytton had been married for 31 years, having had a total of 11 children, 2 children were deceased. Edward was the eldest of 6 children listed on this Census – George Mytton (Colliery Hauler - Underground, aged 22), Gordon Mytton Colliery Lampman - Surface, aged 19), Richard Mytton (Colliery Engine Driver – below ground, aged 17), Lucy Mytton (at Home, aged 18) & Albert Mytton (at School, aged 8) Also listed was a 23 year old Boarder – John Morgan (Colliery – Hewer – underground).

Edward Mytton, aged 25, Labourer, was a passenger on *Orama* which departed the port of London on 14th February, 1913. From details supplied for the Roll of Honour (completed by next-of-kin) it was recorded that Edward Mytton came to Australia when he was 23 years old.

Thomas Mytton, father of Edward Mytton, died on 24th September, 1915 at his home - 82 Moy Rd, Aberfan, Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan. Thomas died of acute bronchitis, rheumatism, gangrene of toes. Gordon, his son, was present at the death which happened at home. Thomas is described on his death certificate as formerly a colliery hitcher below ground.

Edward Mytton stated he was a 26 year old, single, Miner from Meekatharra, Western Australia when he enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 4th February, 1916 with the Mining Corps – No. 6 Tunnelling Company of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 4410 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Mary Mytton, South Wales, England. (The address was later amended to 80 Moy Road, Aberfan, South Wales).

Sapper Edward Mytton embarked from Fremantle on HMAT *Warilda* (A69) on 1st June, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th July, 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.

Sapper Mytton was absent without leave from 24.00 on 3rd August, 1916 to 14.00 on 7th August, 1916. He was awarded 4 days C.B. (Confined to Barracks) & forfeited a total of 6 days' pay.

Sapper Mytton proceeded overseas to France from Perham on 28th August, 1916. He was marched in to 2nd A.D.B.D. in France on 30th August, 1916 & marched out to 1st Anzac Reinforcements on 12th October, 1916.

Sapper Mytton joined 1st Anzac Entrenching Battalion from Base on 16th October, 1916 & was then attached to 1st Canadian Tunnelling Company on 26th October, 1916.

Sapper Mytton was taken on strength in the field with 3rd Australian Tunnelling Company on 3rd December, 1916 when he ceased to be attached to 1st Canadian Tunnelling Company.

Sapper Mytton was written up for a Crime on 21st March, 1917 – absent at fatigue duty – awarded 4 days Field Punishment No. 2.

Sapper Edward Mytton was wounded in action – Shell Gas on 10th April, 1918 and transferred to 23rd Casualty Clearing Station. He was then transferred to 7th General Hospital at St. Omer & admitted on 10th April, 1918. He was transferred to A. T. 19 on 15th April, 1918 & then on 16th April, 1918 transferred to 2nd Canadian General Hospital. Sapper Mytton was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *St. David* on 22nd April, 1918 & admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital at Birmingham, England on 23rd April, 1918. He was transferred to 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 31st May, 1918 & discharged to No. 4 Command Depot at Hurdcott on 19th June, 1918.

Sapper Mytton was sent sick to Group Hospital on 20th June, 1918 with Influenza & marched back in to No. 4 Command Depot on 6th July, 1918.

Sapper Mytton was absent without leave from 16th August to 12.10 pm on 17th August, 1918. This was dismissed at Hurdcott on 20th August, 1918.

Sapper Mytton was marched out to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 27th September, 1918.

Sapper Mytton proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 1st November, 1918 & marched in to A.G.B.D. at Rouelles on 2nd November, 1918. He was marched out to his Unit on 3rd November, 1918 & rejoined 3rd Tunnelling Company in the field on 8th November, 1918.

Sapper Mytton was transferred to England on 9th May, 1919 & marched in on 11th May, 1919 to No. 4 Group.

Sapper Mytton was to be returned to Australia on *Konigan Louise* but did not embark.

Sapper Mytton was sent sick to Hospital at Bulford, Wiltshire on 17th June, 1919 & admitted with VD the next day to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital. He was discharged to No. 2 Group at Bulford on 15th September, 1919 after a period of 90 days.

Sapper Edward Mytton was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 15th September, 1919.

Sapper Edward Mytton died at 8 p.m. on 19th September, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of double Pneumonia.

A death for Edward Mytton, aged 32, was registered in the September quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Sapper Edward Mytton was buried on 22nd September, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 94. From the burial report of Sapper Mytton - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Sapper Mytton was given a military funeral. A Firing Party was present consisting of 13 other ranks from No. 2 Group and the last post was sounded by a bugler. The coffin was covered with the Australian flag. Mrs Mary Mytton – mother of the late Sapper Mytton was in attendance at the funeral.*

A letter was written to Base Records from Miss E. Ostle of 18 Rheola Street, West Perth requesting information regarding Sapper Mytton & whether he had sailed from England, or was discharged. Base Records replied dated 31st October, 1919 advising Miss Ostle that Sapper Edward Mytton had died.

Sapper E. Mytton is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 27.



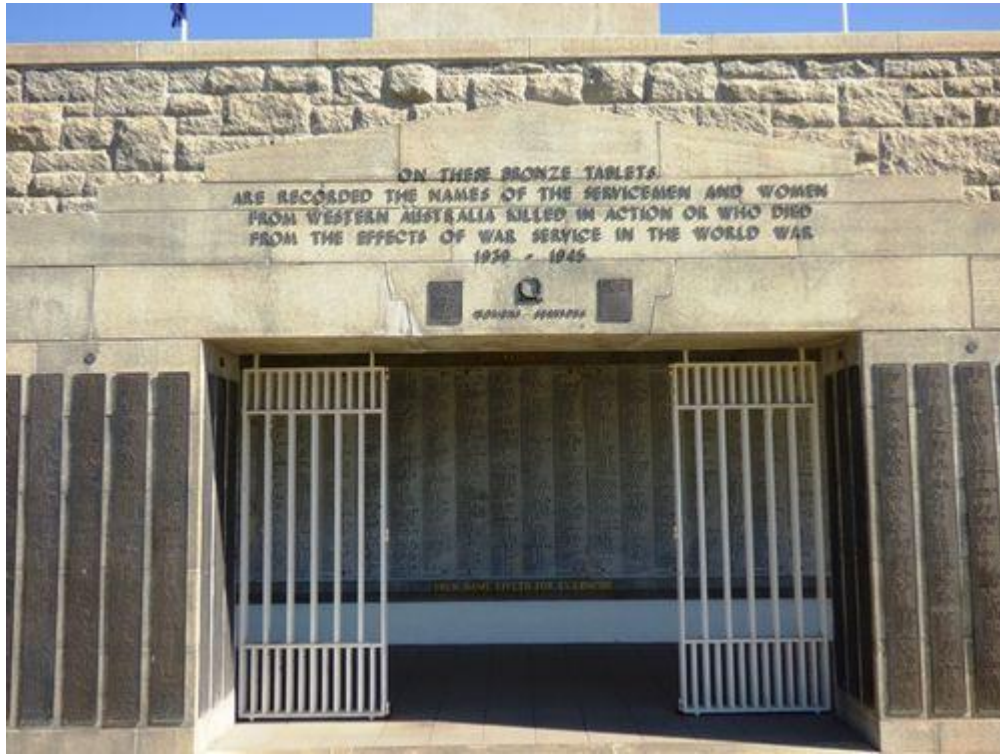
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. Mytton is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park



The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)

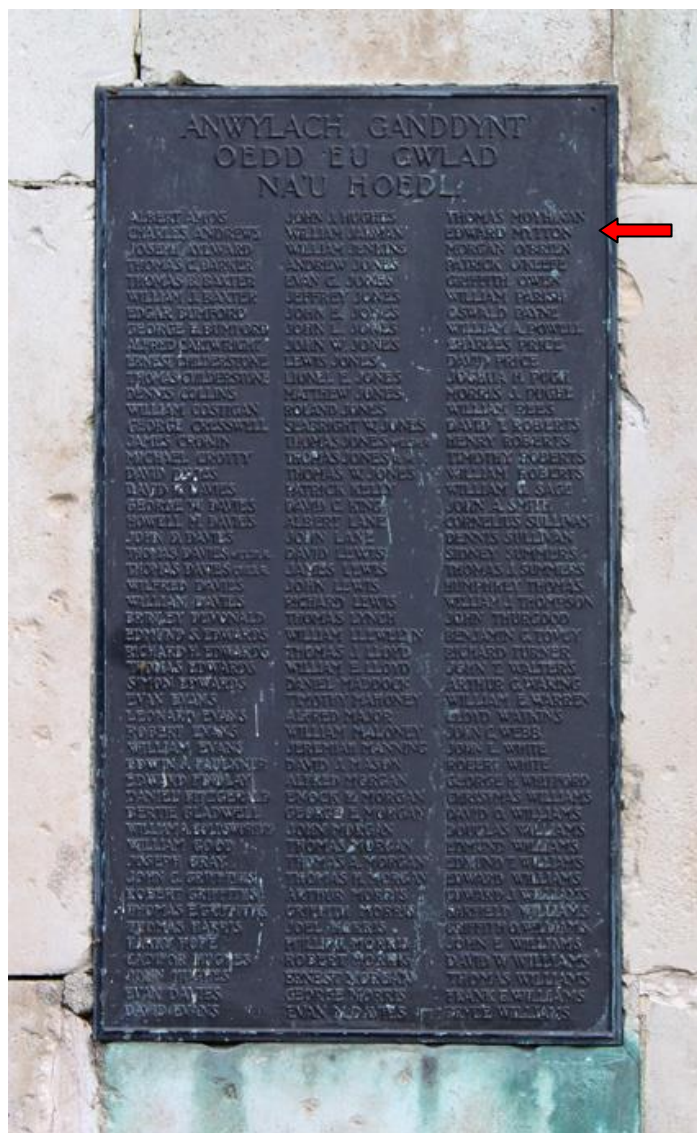


Corps of Engineers Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

Edward Mytton is also remembered on the Aberfan War Memorial located at Walter's Terrace, Merthyr Vale, Merthyr Tydfil.



Aberfan War Memorial

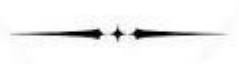


Sapper Edward Mytton was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sapper Mytton's mother – Mrs M. Mytton in England (both sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper Edward Mytton, 4410, of 3rd Coy, Australian Tunnelling Corps, A.I.F. No family details are listed.

(48 pages of Sapper Edward Mytton'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.



Newspaper Reports

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

MYTTON. - On September 19, 1919, at Sutton Hospital, Sapper . E. J. Mytton (4110), 3rd Australian Tunn., of pleurisy.

Now he is sleeping his last long sleep,
And his grave I may never see.
But some gentle hand in a distant land,
May scatter some flowers for me,
Some tender heart may shed a tear,
For the one in anguish sore,
For the life so fair that ended there.
Away on the distant shore.
Inserted by Miss E. Ostle.

(The West Australian, Perth, W.A. – Thursday 13 November, 1919)

SOLDIERS and SAILORS

Our Boys at Home and Abroad

Died at Sutton Veny on September 19, Sapper E. J. Mytton. The sapper had seen 3 ½ years active service and for a period was blind subsequent to being gassed. He was awaiting to embark for home when he contracted pleurisy, the illness having a fatal termination. In pre-war days Sapper Mytton followed the occupation of miner and was well and popularly known on the Sandstone and Meekatharra districts.

(Sunday Times, Perth, W.A. – Sunday 23 November, 1919)

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)

Sapper Edward Mytton does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England

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. The 26th Division was concentrated at Sutton Veny in April 1915 and No 1 Australian Command was there from the end of 1916 to October 1919. There was also a hutted military hospital of more than 1200 beds at Sutton Veny for much of the war and No 1 Australian General Hospital was stationed there after the Armistice. Sutton Veny (St John) Churchyard contains 168 First World War burials, 167 of them in a plot at the north west corner of the church. Of these, 143 are Australian. There is only one Second World War burial in the churchyard.

(Information & photo from CWGC)



Photo of Sapper E. Mytton's Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



War Graves at Sutton Veny (Photos from CWGC)

