

Nottingham General Cemetery, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



750 PRIVATE

C. B. POYSER

served as

C. WILSON

1ST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT

3RD DECEMBER, 1916 Age 19

Clarence Bertram POYSER

Clarence Bertram Poyser was born on 1st June, 1897 at Derby, Derbyshire, England to parents Ernest Arthur Tempest Poyser and Norah Mary Poyser (nee Meyer). He was baptised on 8th July, 1897 at St. Luke's Church, Derby, Derbyshire, England. The family lived at 33 Monk Street & Clarence's father's occupation was listed as Agent.

The 1901 England Census recorded Clarence B. Poyser as a 3 year old Boarder living with the Elizabeth Hough (Widow, aged 49) & her 3 daughters – Nellie (aged 15), Rosaline (aged 14) & Bessie (aged 11) at Castle Terrace, Duffield, Derbyshire, England. Clarence's father was listed on the 1901 Wales Census as Ernest A. T. Poyser (Compositor Printer, aged 33) boarding with John Williams & his family at 10 Corporation Road, Canton, Glamorgan, Wales.

The 1911 England Census recorded Clarence B. Poyser as a 13 year old at School, living with his mother Nellie Poyser (aged 38) in a 6 roomed dwelling at 143 Robin Hood Chase, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England. Nellie Poyser stated she was married & had been for 14 years & had one child. Also listed was James ____ a 45 year old Boarder.

A "Mr C. Poyser" Errand Boy, aged 16 was listed as a passenger on *Port Lincoln*, which departed from London, England on 29th July, 1913 bound for Australia.

Clarence Bertram Poyser enlisted under the name of Clarence Wilson & stated he was a 20 year old, single, Groom when he enlisted on 1st November, 1914 at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 750 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his uncle – Mr E. Wilson of 69 Brighton St, Nottingham, England & on the Embarkation Roll his next of kin was listed as his friend – Mrs Poysers, of 211 Wouldborough Road, Nottingham, England. Clarence Wilson was described as 5ft 5 ½ inches, fair complexion, blue eyes & light brown hair. He had an extensive burn on his right calf.

Private Clarence Wilson was posted to 2nd Reinforcements of 1st Light Horse Regiment for recruit training.

Private Clarence Wilson embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Anglo-Egyptian (A25)* on 8th February, 1915 with the 1st Light Horse Brigade, 1st Light Horse Regiment, 2nd Reinforcements.

Private Clarence Wilson was discharged from Hospital on 26th April, 1915 (possibly admitted on 18th April, 1915).

A Court Martial was held for the trial of Pte C. B. Wilson, 750, 1st Light Horse Regiment on 31st May, 1915. He was awarded 28 days' detention.

The Statement of Service form in Private Clarence Wilson 's service record file records that he was given 28 days detention from 19th June, 1915 & again from 10th July, 1915.

Private Clarence Wilson was admitted to No. 1 Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis on 11th August, 1915 with Rheumatism. He was transferred to Convalescent Camp on 18th August, 1915.

Private Clarence Wilson embarked for Gallipoli Peninsula on 22nd August, 1915 on H. T. *Huntsend*. He reported for duty at Gallipoli Peninsula and was taken on strength of 1st Light Horse Regiment on 28th August, 1915.

1st Light Horse Regiment

The 1st Light Horse Regiment was raised, from recruits from New South Wales, at Rosebury Park in Sydney in August 1914. It was one of three regiments of the 1st Light Horse Brigade - the first mounted formation committed by Australia to the First World War. The regiment sailed from Sydney on 19 October and disembarked in Egypt on 8 December.

The light horse were initially considered unsuitable for the Gallipoli operation, but were soon deployed without their horses to reinforce the infantry. The 1st Light Horse Regiment landed on 12 May 1915 and was attached to the New Zealand and Australian Division. It played a defensive role for most of the campaign but mounted an attack on the

Turkish position known as "the Chessboard" as part of the August Offensive on 7 August - 200 men were involved, 147 became casualties. The regiment left Gallipoli on 21 December 1915.

(Extract of information from The Australian War Memorial)

Private Clarence Wilson was sent sick to Hospital while at Gallipoli Peninsula. He was admitted to 1st Field Ambulance on 19th September, 1915 & discharged to Casualty Clearing Station on 20th September, 1915. Pte Wilson was transferred & admitted to 21st General Hospital at Alexandria on 26th September, 1915.

Private Clarence Wilson was transferred from 21st General Hospital at Alexandria on 20th December, 1915 to No. 2 Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis. He was transferred & admitted to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital with Enteric on 5th January, 1916.

Private Clarence Wilson was transferred to Enteric Convalescent Hospital, Port Said on 6th January, 1916.

A Medical Report was completed on Private Clarence Wilson on 12th January, 1916 at Enteric Fever Convalescent Camp, Port Said regarding his disability – Enteric. The report stated that Pte Wilson contracted Enteric on 14th September, 1915 at Anzac through an infection as a result of military service. He was in bed for 11 weeks and developed Dysentery while in bed. The Medical Board recommended Pte Wilson that be sent to Australia for 3 months change.

Private Clarence Wilson embarked from Suez for Australia on H.T. *Commonwealth* on 21st January, 1916 with Enteric Fever.

Private Clarence Wilson was admitted to No. 4 Australian General Hospital, Sydney, NSW on 8th May, 1916 from HMAT *Commonwealth*.

A Medical Report was completed on Private Clarence Wilson on 20th June, 1916. His condition was described as "Convalescent Enteric- non carrier. Refused operation. Permanently unfit." The Medical Board recommended that he be discharged.

Private Clarence Wilson was discharged from the Australian Imperial Force on 11th July, 1916 at 2nd Military District in consequence of medical fitness.

Clarence Bertram Poyser died on 3rd December, 1916 at Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for Clarence B. Poyser, aged 19, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England.

Clarence Bertram Poyser was buried on 7th December, 1916 in Nottingham General Cemetery, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England – Plot number 4391 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Private Clarence Wilson was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Clarence Bertram Poyser, served as Wilson – service number 750, aged 19, of 1st Australian Light Horse. He was the son of Ernest Arthur and Norah Mary Poyser, of 138 Robinson Rd., Mapperley, Nottingham. Born at Derby.

Private C. B. Poyser (also known as Clarence Wilson) is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 2.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Clarence Poyser is remembered on the St. Ann's District Virtual War Memorial, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England.



(53 pages of Pte Clarence Wilson'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 Notices

DERBY SOLDIER IN HOSPITAL

Trooper Clarence Poyser, of 1st Light Horse Australian Force, writes to his father, Mr E. Poyser, 143, Gerard-street, Derby, a member of the printing staff of this office, an account of how he fared at the Dardanelles. From this it appears he has been in the thick of the fighting, and is now on the casualty list. He is an inmate of the 21st General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, but hopes to soon be discharged, and visit Derby once more. Poyser joined the Australian forces at Sydney at the commencement of the war, having previously been engaged on a sheep ranch.

(Derby Daily Telegraph, Derby, England – 22 October, 1915)

DEATHS

POYSER – On December 3rd, of pneumonia, Clarence Bertram Poyser, late Australian Light Horse Artillery, of Woodborough-road, Nottingham, passed peacefully away after brief illness, in his 20th year, having served in the Dardanelles.

(Nottingham Evening Post, Nottingham, England – 6 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

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(Nottingham Evening Post, Nottingham, England – 7 December, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

POYSER – In fond remembrance of Troop Clarence Bertram Poyser, 1st Australian Light Horse (E.F.), who departed this life Dec. 3rd, 1916.

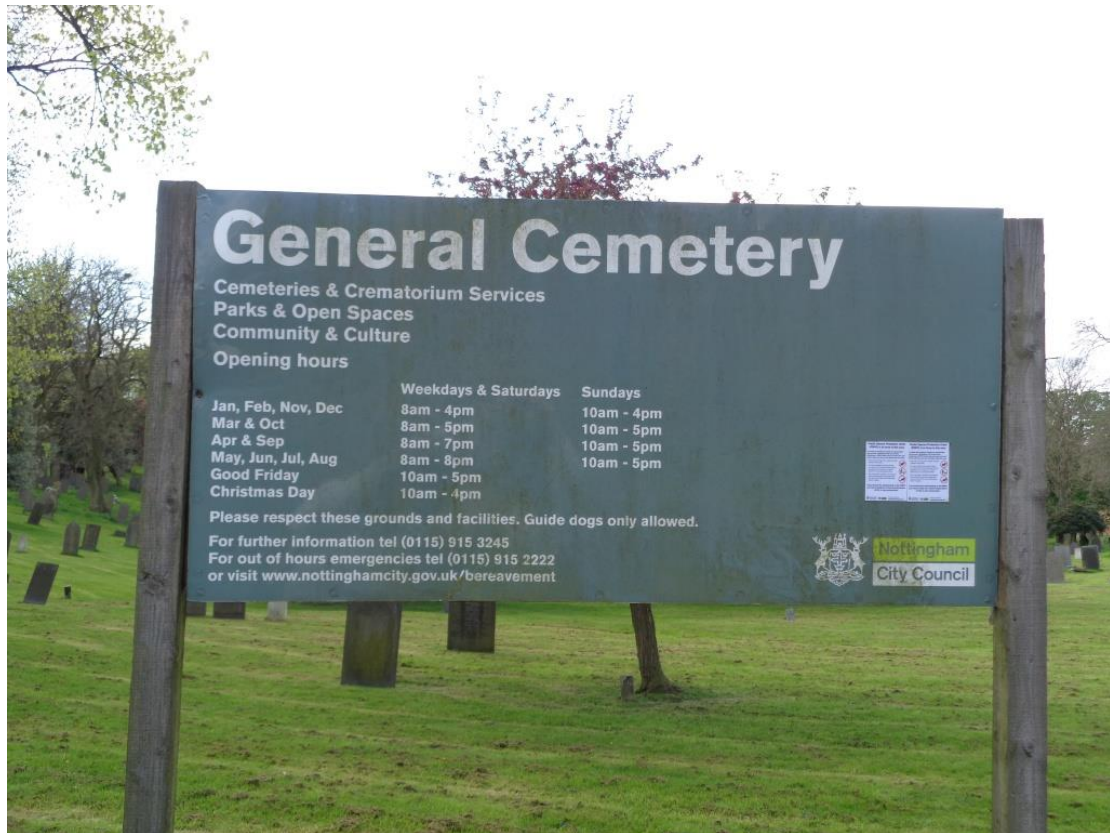
He is dead, but his memory liveth,
He is gone; his example is here.
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth
Will linger for many a year.

-From father, mother and grandma.

(Derby Daily Telegraph, Derby, England – 3 December, 1917)

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Nottingham General Cemetery contains 349 Commonwealth War Graves – 339 from World War 1 & 10 from World War 2. Many of the World War 1 burials were made from the Bagthorpe War Hospital and other war hospitals in the city. More than 100 of these graves form a war plot, with the names of the dead inscribed on an adjoining Screen Wall.



Nottingham General Cemetery (Photo above from CWGC; below from Roy Hughes)





Nottingham General Cemetery – above showing Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Wall (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Clarence Bertram Poyser's Private Headstone in Nottingham General Cemetery, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of British War Graves)

In Loving Memory of

CLARENCE BERTRAM

(Late Of 1ST A.L.H.)

Only Son Of ERNEST & NORAH POYSER,

Who Fell Asleep Decr. 3RD 1916,

After Serving In The Dardanelles.

Aged 19 Years

Dearly Loved.

Also of the above

NORAH POYSER

At Rest July 19TH 1930

Aged 58 Years



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