

**Holy Cross Churchyard,  
Daventry, Northamptonshire**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3912 PRIVATE**

**N. S. REGLIN**

**17TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**31ST AUGUST, 1916 Age 20**

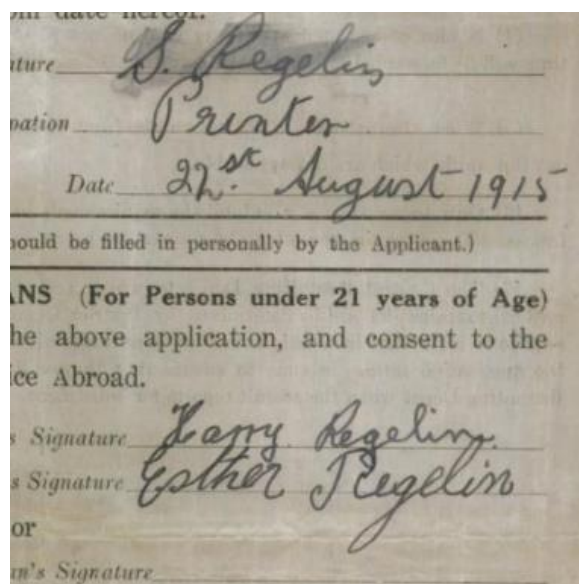
## Norman Stanley (Bluey) REGLIN

Norman Stanley Reglin was born at Ashfield, Sydney, NSW in 1896 to parents Harry and Esther Reglin (nee Bedford). His birth was registered as Norman Stanley Regelin.

Norman Stanley Reglin attended Rozelle Superior Public School, Sydney, NSW.

Norman Stanley Reglin was a 19 year old, single, Printer from 40 O'Neill Street, Leichhardt, NSW when he enlisted on 22nd August, 1915 with the 17th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3912 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Reglin, of 40 O'Neill Street, Leichhardt, NSW. Norman Stanley Reglin stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 12 months with 31st Infantry at Haberfield, NSW.

As Norman Stanley Reglin was under the age of 21 years, both parents needed to sign their consent to allow their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force on Active Service. Norman Stanley Reglin signed his name as "S. Regelin" & his parents signed as "Harry Regelin" & "Esther Regelin".



Private Norman Stanley Reglin was posted to Sp. Cl. Tramway Reinforcements on 6th September, 1915.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Runic* (A54) on 20th January, 1916 & disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt on 26th February, 1916.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin embarked for Overseas from Alexandria on H. T. *Oriana* on 21st March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 27th March, 1916.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was taken on strength at 2nd Australian Divisional Base Depot at Etaples on 29th March, 1916.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was written up for "irregular conduct when on fatigue" on 21st April, 1916. He was given 7 days Confined to Barracks.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin returned to duty on 24th May, 1916.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was wounded in action in France on 30th July, 1916. He was admitted to Anzac R.S.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was admitted to 13th Stationary Hospital at Boulogne, France on 8th August, 1916. Pte Reglin was invalided to England on 16th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

## 17th Battalion

After further training in Egypt, the 17th Battalion proceeded to France. Landing there on 22 March 1916, it took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 25 July and 5 August. The Battalion returned to the Pozieres trenches for a second time, although in a reserve role, between 18 and 28 August. After a spell in a quieter sector of the front in Belgium, the 2nd Division, which included the 5th Brigade, came south again in October. The 17th Battalion was spared from having to mount an attack across the quagmire the Somme battlefield had become, but did have to continue manning the front through a very bleak winter.

*(Information from The Australian War Memorial)*

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was admitted to The County of Middlesex War Hospital, Napsbury, near St. Albans, England on 16th August, 1916 with a compound fractured pelvis. The Hospital report reads "*Peritonitis spreading from wound & some broncho pneumonia caused death.*"

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was reported as dangerously ill on 27th August, 1916.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin died on 31st August, 1916 at The County of Middlesex War Hospital, Napsbury, near St. Albans, England from wounds received in action in France – Compound fracture of pelvis (shell) & Broncho pneumonia.

A death for Norman S. Reglin, aged 20, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, England.

Private Norman Stanley Reglin was buried in Holy Cross Churchyard, Daventry, Northamptonshire, England (north-east part) and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Pte Norman Stanley Reglin was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Reglin's father – Mr Harry Reglin, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent April, 1921 & Plaque sent April, 1922). Receipts for the Medals, Scroll & Plaque and personal effects of the late Pte Reglin were signed for by his parents using the spelling "Reglin".

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Norman Stanley Reglin – service number 3912, aged 19, of 17th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Harry and Esther Reglin, of 40 O'Neill Street, Leichhardt, Sydney, New South Wales. Born at Croydon, Sydney.

Private N. S. Reglin is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 83.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

N. S. Reglin is remembered on the Leichhardt War Memorial, located in Pioneers Memorial Park, Norton Street, Leichhardt, Sydney, NSW.



### Leichhardt War Memorial

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Brown/Russell Byers)



(36 pages of Pte Norman Stanley Reglin'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*



PTE. S. REGLIN,  
N.S.W.—Killed.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**Private Norman Stanley Reglin**

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **CASUALTIES**

Two lists, the 206t and 207th were issued yesterday afternoon.

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **WOUNDED**

Pte N. S. REGLIN, Leichhardt (and seriously ill)

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 7 September, 1916)*

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### **IN HIS MOTHER'S TOWN**

#### **AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER BURIED AT DAVENTRY**

On Tuesday afternoon there was laid to rest in the churchyard at Daventry a young Australian soldier who had died of wounds at St. Albans Hospital and whose mother was a Danetrian.

Private Reglin was a grandson of the late Mr H. Bedford, of Daventry, and members of the family still reside in the town. He had a shattered hip from which he died last week.

The remains were brought to the house of his aunt, Mrs N. Bellamy, in West View, Daventry, on Monday and the funeral was from there on Tuesday. Colonel Faber, M.P., kindly sent a gun carriage and team from Weedon, on which the coffin as conveyed to the church. The mourners were Mr and Mrs N. Bellamy (Uncle and aunt), Mr and Mrs H. Bedford (uncle and aunt), the Misses Bellamy (cousins), Mrs Walter Bellamy and Mr and Mrs J. W. Bellamy. The service was taken by the Rector (the Rev. A. S. Lindsay).

The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and the breastplate was inscribed: "Private Norman Stanley Reglin, died August 31, 1916, aged 20 years."

The wreaths were from: "Mother", Mr and Mrs Bellamy; Cousin Louie and Evelyn; Mr and Mrs Bedford and Annie; Cousin Sarah and Ernest; Walter and Jessie; Mr and Mrs W. Bellamy.

*(Northampton Mercury, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England – 8 September, 1916)*

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### **WAR CASUALTIES**

#### **KILLED**

#### **PRIVATE N. S. REGLIN**

Private N. S. Reglin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. Reglin, of O'Neill-street, Lilyfield, Leichhardt, died of wounds in France on August 31. He was 20 years of age.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 16 September, 1916)*

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## **MORE GAPS TO FILL**

### **NEARLY 1800 CASUALTIES**

The 218th and 219th casualty lists issued this morning record 1734 new names.

#### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

Pte N. S. REGLIN, Leichhardt (previously reported wounded and dangerously ill)

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW, Australia – 23 September, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

REGLIN – Private Stan Reglin, died August 31, 1916, of wounds received in action in France, aged 20 years.

He rose, responsive to his country's call.

He gave his best – his life, his all.

Inserted by his loving sisters, Esther, Mary, Chris.

REGLIN – Died of wounds received in France, August 31, 1916, Private N. S. Reglin, aged 20 years.

His noble life bravely ended.

To know him was to love him.

Inserted by his loving sister (Maude) and brother-in-law (Sid) and nephews.

REGLIN - Died of wounds received in France, August 31, 1916, Private N. S. Reglin, aged 20 years, son of Mr and Mrs Reglin, of O'Neil Street, Lilyfield.

No mother love did him attend, nor over him did a father bend,

No Sister by to shed a tear, no brothers his last words to hear;

Not a friend to take his hand, far from his native land he died;

God be with you till we meet again.

Inserted by his beloved aunt and uncle and cousins, Mr and Mrs Coles and family,

REGLIN – My dear friend, Pte N. Stanley Reglin, died of wounds in France, August 31, 1916. R.I.P.

Oh, why was he taken so young and so fair,

When earth holds so many she better could spare?

God bless the grave where a young hero lies;

Away from our midst, neath French foreign skies.

Inserted by his sorrowing friend, C. Gahan.

REGLIN - Died of wounds received in France, August 31, 1916, Norman Stanley (Bluey), aged 20. Loved by all who knew him. Inserted by his loving mother, father, sister and brother, Ruby and Harry, 40 O'Neil-street, Leichhardt.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 23 September, 1916)*

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## RETURN THANKS

Mr and Mrs REGLIN and FAMILY desire to return sincere THANKS to all kind relations, neighbours and friends for sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement through the death of the son, Private N. S. Reglin (Bluey), from wounds received in France.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 21 October, 1916)*

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## IN MEMORIAM

REGLIN – In loving memory of our dear brother Stan., died of wound received in Francem August 31, 1916. Inserted by his loving brother and sister, Sid., Maud and nephews

REGLIN – In memory of Pte N. Stanley Reglin, who died of wounds received in France, August 31, 1916.

Friendship goes beyond the grave.

Inserted by his sorrowing friend, C. Gahan.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 31 August, 1917)*

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## IN MEMORIAM

REGLIN – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Pte N. S. Reglin, aged 20, who died of wounds, Napsbury Hospital, Aug. 31, 1916. There is one thing death cannot sever – loving remembrance lasts for ever. Inserted by his loving father, mother, sister and brother, Ruby and Harry.

REGLIN – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Stan. Reglin, died of wound, August 31, 1916, received August 5, in France, aged 20 years. The supreme sacrifice. Inserted by his loving sisters, Esther, Mary and Chrissie.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 1 September, 1917)*

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## IN MEMORIAM

### On Active Service

REGLIN – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Stanley, who died of wounds, August 31, 1916, aged 20.

We pictured his safe returning,

We longed to clasp his hand,

But God has postponed the meeting

Till we met in a better land.

Inserted by his loving mother, father, sister and brother, Ruby and Harry.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 31 August, 1918)*

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### On Active Service

REGLIN – In loving memory of my dear friend Pte Stanley Reglin, who died of wounds, August 31, 1916. Friendship goes beyond the grave. R.I.P.

Inserted by C. Gahan.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW, Australia – 2 September, 1918)*

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Stanley's parents were buried in Rookwood Cemetery – Henry Reglin, aged 76, buried 20th June, 1932, Zone C Section 12 Grave number 984. Esther Reglin, aged 73, buried 20th September, 1933 Zone C Section 12 Grave number 984.



*(Photo courtesy of Gary & Irmgard Heap – 2020)*

A Memorial to Stanley Reglin is located in Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney, NSW (Row 39 Old Church of England) which reads Pte No. 312 Died of wounds in France "A young life nobly shed". There are 2 smashed immortelles.

## Holy Cross Churchyard, Daventry, Northamptonshire, England

Holy Cross Churchyard, Daventry contains 10 Commonwealth War Graves – 7 relate to World War 1 & 3 to World War 2.



(Photos from Find a Grave – above by Jacqui; below by Martin Tolley)

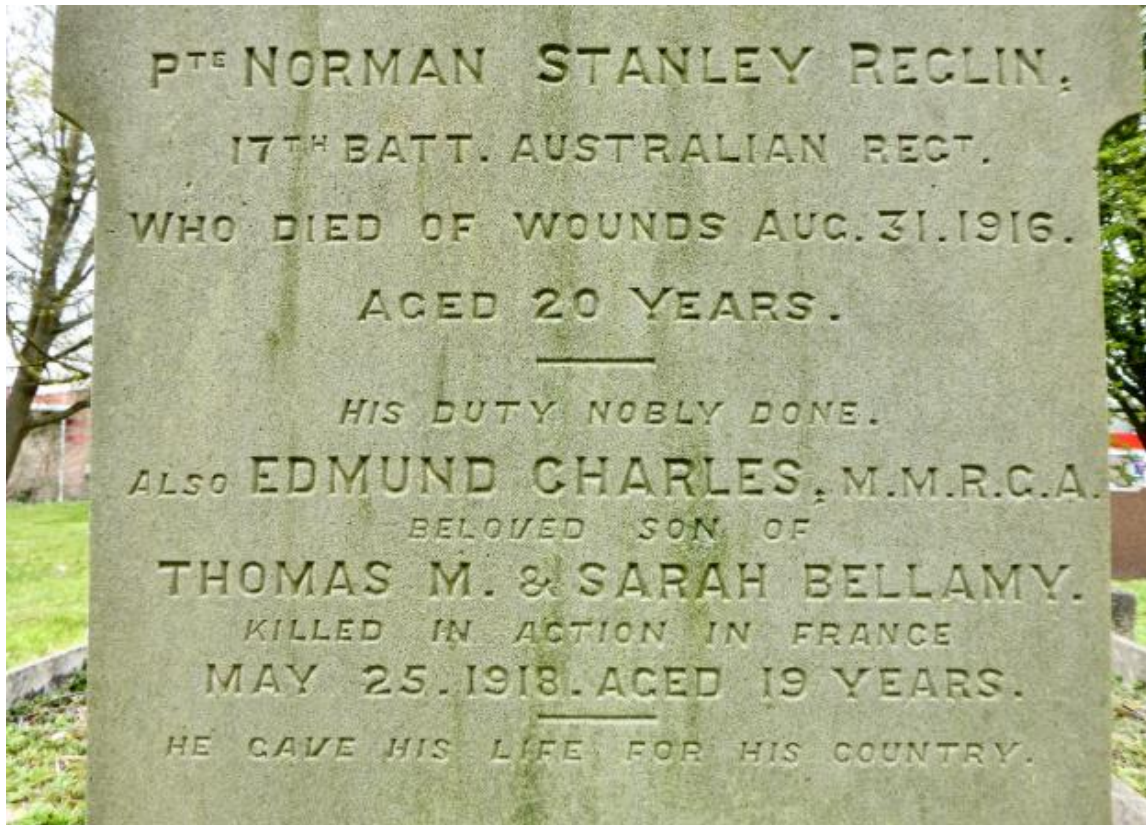


Mrs Esther Reglin had written to Director of Graves Registration & Enquiries, Winchester House London in 1918 regarding the headstone of her late son & a reply was sent to Base Records detailing the following– “*My sister is being put to expense to fix grave of about £12, and as I am only receiving a small pension in connection with his death, I would esteem it a favour if the board can assist in meeting the necessary outlay and upkeep.*” Correspondence was sent to Mrs T. M. Bellamy, sister of Mrs Esther Reglin and “*vouchers totalling £12. 11.0 were produced. Of this amount the sum of £11 was expended by Mrs Bellamy upon the provision and erecting of a Headstone and Kerbing on the late soldier’s grave, while the balance of £1. 11.0 is made up of sundry expenses including refreshments on the day of the funeral.*” Mrs Bellamy was informed that it is regretted there are no A.I.F. funds from which any proportion of the money expended by her in the erection of the Headstone and Kerbing on the grave can be refunded. Base Records were advised to let Mrs Reglin know of the outcome.

Photo of Private Norman Stanley Reglin's Private Headstone in Holy Cross Churchyard, Daventry, Northamptonshire, England.



(Photo by Adrian Armishaw – Find a Grave 2020)



*(Photo by Adrian Armishaw – Find a Grave 2020)*

*In Loving Memory Of*  
**Pte NORMAN STANLEY REGLIN**  
**17<sup>TH</sup> Batt. Australian Regt.**  
**Who Died Of Wounds Aug. 3. 1916**  
**Aged 20 Years**

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