

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



8053 PRIVATE

C. H. ROSEVEAR

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH MAY, 1918 AGE 19

The Lord Gave

And The Lord Taketh Away

*CWGC Headstone for Pte C. H. Rosevear is located in
Grave Plot # 352. E. 4. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Cecil Henry ROSEVEAR

Cecil Henry George Rosevear was born on 3rd July, 1898 at Rosevears, Tasmania to parents Cecil Samuel Clarence and Agnes Jane Rosevear (nee Hibbs). Cecil Samuel Clarence Rosevear had married Janie Agnes Hibbs on 6th December, 1893 in the registration district of Beaconsfield, Tasmania.

[Cecil Samuel Clarence Rosevear was at the Police Court in Launceston on Saturday 15th April, 1905 & was admitted to bail, in £50 & was charged with wife desertion and had been brought back from New Zealand. (Source – *Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – Monday 17 April, 1905 - page 2*).

Cecil Samuel Clarence Rosevear was arrested on Warrant on Monday afternoon, 20th August, 1906 & was brought from Scottsdale on a charge of having on July 1 at Rosevears deserted his wife. He was lodged in the city watchhouse. (Source – *Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – Tuesday 21 August, 1906 – page 4*).

Cecil Henry Rosevear was a 19 year old, single, Farmer from Rosevears, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 27th November, 1917 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 27th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 8053 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs A. J. Rosevear of Rosevears, Tasmania as father was deceased (apparently Cecil Samuel Rosevear died in 1924). As Cecil Rosevear was under the age of 21 he had to have his mother's consent for her son Cecil to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. The Army Consent form was signed by Mrs Agnes Janie Rosevear dated 12th November, 1917.

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Nestor (A71)* on 28th February, 1918 & disembarked at Liverpool, England on 20th April, 1918.

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 Cecil Henry Rosevear was marched in to 1st Training Battalion at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire from Australia on 20th April, 1918.

Pte Rosevear was sent sick to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny on 21st May, 1918 with bronchitis & Laryngitis.

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear was admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 24th May, 1918 seriously ill with pneumonia, according to Casualty Form – Active Service, however the Hospital Admissions form states that Private Rosevear was admitted with a severe attack of measles & Bronchitis.

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear died at 3.20 am on 30th May, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Measles & purulent Bronchitis, which was verified by a post mortem.

A death for Cecil H. Rosevear, aged 19, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Cecil Henry Rosevear contains a request from the Red Cross of behalf of his family to find out the fullest details possible into his death & burial. A letter from P. D. Turner of the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny reads: "*Re 8053 Pte Cecil Rosevear, 12th Battn. He died in this Hpl. May 30th of Measles followed by purulent Bronchitis. I wrote to his Mother and gave all details at the time. He was buried in Sutton Veny Churchyard.*"

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear was buried on 1st June, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England - Grave no. 352. From the burial report of Private Rosevear - *Coffin was good polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours. The Band of the 1st Australian Training Brigade preceded the funeral which was attended by a Firing Party, Pall Bearers and Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of deceased late Unit. A large wreath from deceased's late comrades was placed on the grave. No. 2508 Pte A.*

Rosevear, 6th A.S.S. (deceased's cousin) was chief mourner. Deceased was very popular with both Officers and men of his Unit and his loss is very keenly felt.

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear requested in his Will dated 13th February, 1918 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his mother – Agnes Jane Rosevear.

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear 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 Pte Rosevear's mother – Mrs A. J. Rosevear (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaques sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Cecil Henry Rosevear, 8053, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Cecil Clarence and Agnes Jane Rosevear, of Tenalga, Cormiston, Tasmania. Born at West Tamar.

A plaque for Pt. Cecil Henry Rosevear is located in St. Matthias Anglican Church, Windermere.



(Photo courtesy of TFHS Inc. Launceston Branch)

Pte Cecil Henry Rosevear 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)

687	Pte	Rockliff	Ambrose Walter	18.09.1918	27	4th MG Coy	West Devonport	
3342	Pte	Roden	William John	11.08.1918	35	26th Inf Bn	Waratah	
12402	Gnr	Rogers	Charles H John	24.10.1918	26	6th Fd Arty Bde	Dysart	
586	Pte	Rose	Frank	17.07.1918	41	40th Inf Bn	Launceston	
8054	Pte	Rose	Edward	01.06.1918	18	12th Inf Bn	Bagdad	
8053	Pte	Rosevear	Cecil Henry	30.05.1918	19	12th Inf Bn	Rosevears	
982	Pte	Roughley	George Asher	02.11.1918	31	40th Inf Bn	Railton	
3384	Pte	Roughley	James Thomas	28.03.1918	29	40th Inf Bn	Devonport East	
6339	Pte	Roughley	Charles William	09.06.1918	31	12th Inf Bn	Devonport East	
7538	Pte	Rouse	Sydney Arthur	23.04.1918	25	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
873	Sgt	Row	James Richard	11.08.1918	26	1st Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
6737	Dvr	Rowe	Leslie Arthur	16.08.1918	28	6th Fd Arty Bde	Deloraline	
771A	Pte	Rowell	Clyde Eugene	23.08.1918	19	12th Inf Bn	Trevallyn	
2848	Dvr	Rowse	James Taylor	23.08.1918	42	12th Inf Bn	King Island	ANZAC
9333	Trpr	Ruffels	Clancy Vernon	12.10.1918	19	3rd Lt Horse Regt	Black River	
483	Dvr	Ryan	Maurice Patrick	11.08.1918	27	40th Inf Bn	Unbridge	
587	Cpl	Saddington MM	James	21.02.1918	24	40th Inf Bn	Natone	
2280	Pte	Sale	Aubrey Townsend	03.07.1918	28	1st Div Salvage Coy	Burnie	ANZAC
2645	Pte	Salmon	Colin Gordon	29.03.1918	29	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	

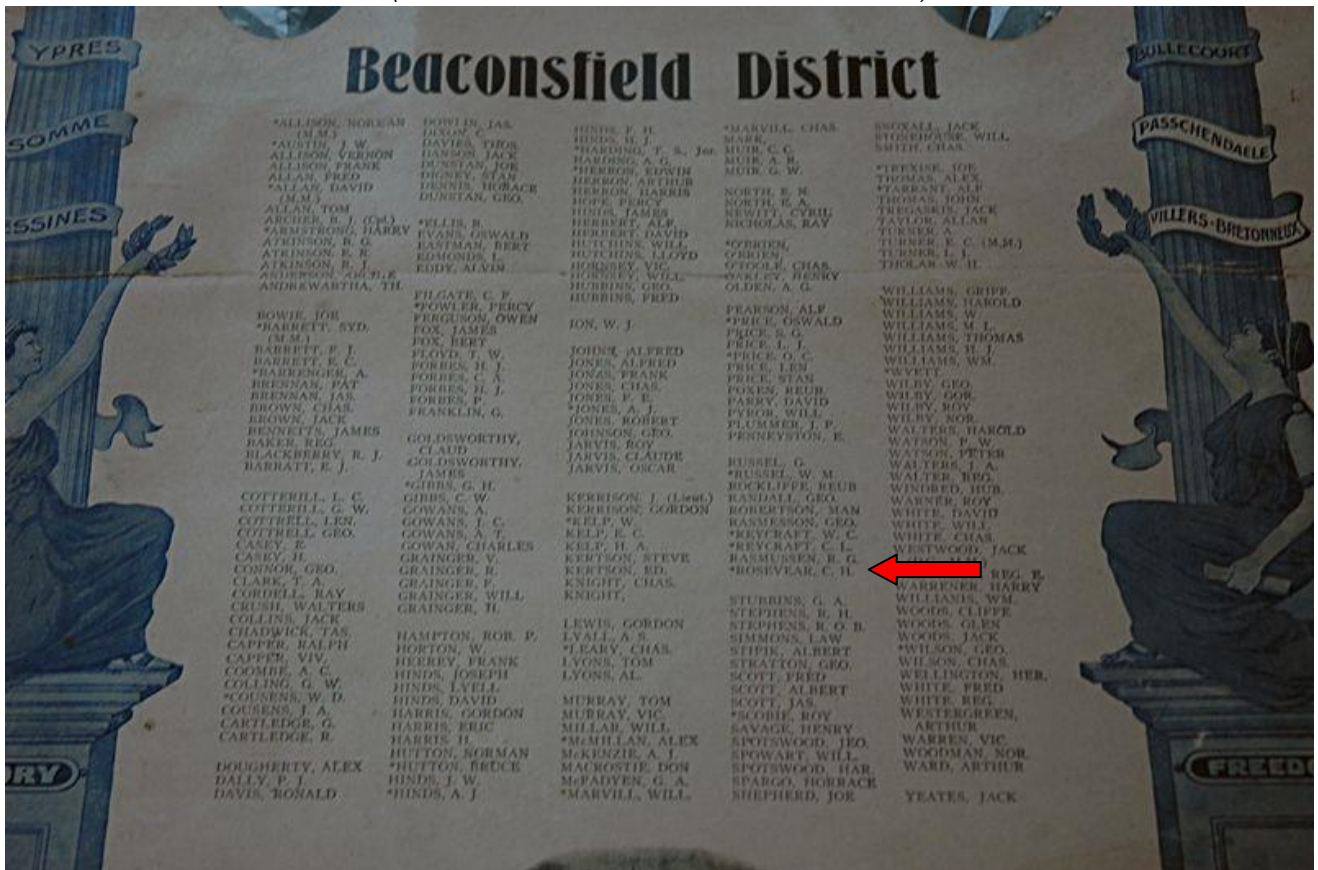
Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania

C. H. Rosevear is remembered on the Beaconsfield District Roll of Honour located in Beaconsfield Museum, West Street, Beaconsfield, Tasmania.



Beaconsfield District Roll of Honour

(Photos from Monument Australia- Arthur Garland)



Private C. H. Rosevear is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 67.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(49 pages of Private Cecil Henry Rosevear'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing file) & National Archives.



Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROSEVEAR – Died of illness, on May 30, 1918 at Sutton Veny Camp, England, Private Cecil Henry Rosevear, dearly beloved eldest son of Agnes J. Rosevear "Rose Hill", Rosevears, aged 19 years and 10 months. "So dearly loved and sadly mourned".

(Victorian papers please copy)

(*Daily Telegraph*, Launceston, Tasmania – Wednesday 5 June, 1918 & Saturday 8 June, 1918 & *Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – Wednesday 5 June, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Tasmanian Casualties

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Pte C. H. Rosevear, Rosevears, 30/5/18 (illness)

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – Friday 21 June, 1918)

THANKS

Mrs A. J. Rosevear and family, of "Rose Hill," Rosevears, tender their sincerest thanks to all kind friends and relatives, also the Rosevears Patriotic Committee for letters, cards, personal visits, and other expressions of sympathy received during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their dear son and brother, Pte. Cecil H. Rosevear, died May 30th, 1918, at Sutton Veny Camp, England.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – Saturday 17 August, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROSEVEAR — In fond and loving memory of our dear son and our dear brother, Private Cecil H. Rosevear, 12th Battalion, who died at Sutton Vimy Military Hospital, England, on May 30, 1918.

He has sailed on his last Commission,
 In that beautiful ship called Rest;
And his head is safely pillowed
 On his great Commander's breast.

I remember the day we parted,
 I remember our last good-bye;
Ah ! little I thought when you went away
 That you were going away to die.

Far away from all who loved him,
 Soldiers gently laid him to rest;
In a far-away grave he is sleeping,
 Far from all who loved him best.

— Inserted by his loving mother, sister and brother, A.J., N., and R. Rosevear, Rosevears.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – Friday 30 May, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROSEVEAR — In fond and loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother, Private Cecil H. Rosevear, 12th Battalion, who died at Sutton Veny Military Hospital, England, on the 30th May, 1918.

There came a day when the roll was called,
 That he did not answer "Here;"
He slept with his comrades his last long sleep,
 And he died without a fear.

Far away from the home of his childhood,
 Away o'er the ocean so deep;
In a foreign land our loved one
 Is sleeping his last long sleep.

A dove of peace, bring back the link
 That was taken off our chain;
Bring back our dear son and brother
 To home, sweet home, again.

— Inserted by his loving mother, sister and only brother, A.J., N., and R. Rosevear, Cormiston, West Tamar.

(Daily Telegraph, Launceston, Tasmania – Saturday 29 May, 1920)

WINDERMERE

Service was held at St. Matthias' Church, Windermere, last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Williams, of Exeter, conducted the service. There was a full church of worshippers from many parts of East and West Tamar. Mr Young, of Hillwood, placed his motor boat at the disposal of people to attend the service at the ancient old church. There was the unveiling of a memorial tablet in honour of Private Cecil Henry Rosevear, of the 12th Battalion, who died in England. During the minister's impressive address he strongly commended the spirit of self-sacrifice of the departed soldier, who had freely offered his life for the country. All people should be so stirred in heart and mind to never forget the sacrifice made by such bravery and devotion to the Empire and its people for their lasting good. An expression of sympathy was extended to the bereaved relations.

(*Examiner*, Launceston, Tasmania – Friday 20 August, 1920)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROSEVEAR — In fond and loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother, Private Cecil H. Rosevear, 12th Battalion, who died of illness at "Sutton Veny" Military Hospital, England, on May 30th, 1918.

He has sailed on his last Commission,
In that beautiful ship called "Rest,"
And his head is safely pillowed
On his Great Commander's breast.

Far away from all who loved him best,
Soldiers gently laid him to rest;
In a soldier's grave he is sleeping,
Far from all who loved him best.

Fond memories we will always keep,
And will until the last.
Of a loving heart now silent,
'Neath the little wooden cross.

— Inserted by his loving Mother, Sister and brother, A.J., N., and R. Rosevear, Cormiston, West Tamar.

(*Daily Telegraph*, Launceston, Tasmania – Wednesday 30 May, 1923)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROSEVEAR—In fond and loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother Private Cecil H. Rosevear, 12th Battalion, who died of illness at Sutton Veny Military Hospital on May 30, 1918.

My son is sleeping his last long sleep,
And his grave I may never see;
But some gentle hand in that distant land
May scatter some flowers for me.

Fond memories we will always keep,
And always feel the loss
Of a loving heart now silent
'Neath the little wooden cross.

— Inserted by his loving Mother, Sister and brother, A.J., N., and R. Rosevear, Cormiston, West Tamar.

(*Daily Telegraph*, Launceston, Tasmania – Wednesday 30 May, 1923)

ROLL OF HONOUR

ROSEVEAR—In fond and loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother Private Cecil H. Rosevear, 12th Battalion, who died of illness at Sutton Veny Military Hospital on May 30, 1918.

Three little words forget-me-not.
They don't seem much, but mean a lot;
Just a memory fond and true,
To show, dear son and brother, we think of you.

—Inserted by his ever loving mother, brothers, and sisters, Cormiston, West Tamar

(*Daily Telegraph*, Launceston, Tasmania – Saturday 29 May, 1926)



Private Cecil Henry Rosevear



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)

Private Cecil Henry Rosevear does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

The Lord Gave And The Lord Taketh Away

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 from CWGC)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

D00376



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

P03318.020



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

D00388

Photo of Private C. H. Rosevear's Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)