

**Killingbeck Cemetery,
Leeds, Yorkshire, England**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4288 PRIVATE

H. W. SAUL

7TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 42

He Gave His Life

For His Country

For Honour, Faith And Right

Henry William SAUL

Henry William Saul was born at Collingwood, Victoria in 1875 to parents Edward Bowie Saul & Mary Saul (nee Dillon).

Henry William Saul attended school at Lithgow Street, Abbotsford, Victoria.

The 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Yarra, subdivision of Abbotsford, Victoria recorded Henry William Saul, Sawyer, living at 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford.

The 1912 & 1913 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Yarra, subdivision of Abbotsford, Victoria recorded Edward Bowie Saul, Engine Driver, Mary Saul, Home Duties & Isabella Saul, Photographer also living at 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford.

Edward Bowie Saul, father of Henry William Saul, died on 4th January, 1914 at Fitzroy, Victoria.

The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Yarra, subdivision of Abbotsford, Victoria recorded Mary Saul, Home Duties, Isabella Saul, Photographer & Frederick Thomas Saul, Bootmaker, also living at 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford.

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Yarra, subdivision of Abbotsford, Victoria recorded Mary Saul, Home Duties, & Frederick Thomas Saul, Bootmaker, also living at 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford.

Henry William Saul was a 40 year old, single, Sawyer from 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 21st July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4288 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. Saul, 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Victoria.

Private Henry William Saul was posted to "B" Company, 10th Battalion on 21st July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 13th Reinforcements of 7th Battalion on 25th November, 1915.

Private Henry William Saul embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Demosthenes (A64)* on 29th December, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 13th Reinforcements.

Private Henry William Saul embarked from Alexandria on 29th March, 1916 on Troopship *Transylvania* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 4th April, 1916. Private Saul was posted to 1st Divisional Base Depot at Etaples, France on 8th April, 1916. He was taken on strength of 7th Battalion in France from Reinforcements on 29th July, 1916.

Private Henry William Saul was admitted to hospital in Belgium on 20th September, 1916. He was admitted to 3rd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station at Wimereux on 22nd September, 1916 with Rheumatism. Private Saul was transferred & admitted to 32nd Stationary Hospital at Wimereux, France on 22nd September, 1916 with Stricture Urethia. He embarked for England from Boulogne, France on 3rd October, 1916 on Hospital Ship *St. Denis* with Chronic Rheumatism.

7th Battalion

The 7th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 5th, 6th and 8th Battalions, it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.....

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli in December 1915, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front and entered the front line trenches for the first time on 3 May. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley where it fought between 23-27 July and 15-21 August. After Pozieres the battalion manned trenches in the Ypres salient in Belgium, before returning to the Somme valley. It saw out the horrendous winter of 1916-1917 rotating between training, working parties and duty in the trenches.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Henry William Saul was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, England on 4th October, 1916 with Rheumatism.

Mrs M. Saul, 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne, Victoria, mother of Private Henry William Saul, was advised by Base Records on 18th October, 1916 that Private H. W. Saul had been admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital on 4th October, 1916 suffering from Rheumatism – severe. Mrs Saul was advised again on 23rd October, 1916 that Private H. W. Saul was progressing favourably.

Mrs M. Saul, 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne, Victoria, was advised again on 1st November, 1916 by Base Records that Private H. W. Saul was still progressing favourably.

The Morning State of Sick (Army Form A. 27) recorded the following: “Admitted into Royal Bath Hospital, Harrogate on 1st December, 1916 from Birmingham with a diagnosis of Rheumatism. Transferred here 1 Jan 1917 for operation for Urethral Stricture.” The Hospital Admissions form confirms the details on the Morning State of Sick form.

Mrs M. Saul, 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne, Victoria, was advised by Base Records on 7th December, 1916 that her son Private Henry W. Saul was still progressing favourably.

Private Henry William Saul died at 1.35 am on 8th January, 1917 at 2nd Northern General Hospital, Leeds, England from Urethral Stricture (operation of Perineal Section) & Heart Failure.

A death for Harry W. Saul, aged 42, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

Private Henry William Saul was buried on 8th January, 1917 in Killingbeck Cemetery, Leeds, England. The burial is listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Leeds Roman Catholic Cemetery – Screen Wall. D. 115. He now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Frederick T. Saul, brother of the late Private Henry W. Saul, in the sum of 10/- per fortnight from 15th March, 1917. A claim for a War Pension was also made by Edward E. Saul, nephew & Gladys C. Saul, niece of the late Private Henry W. Saul, both listed at Victoria Street, Abbotsford. Both claims for the nephew & niece were rejected “not entitled to a Pension under the War Pensions Act.”

Base Records contacted Mrs M. Saul, 559 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, Melbourne, Victoria, on 13th October, 1921 stating she was noted on the records of the late Private H. W. Saul as the next of kin but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & was specifically asked if his father was still alive due to the “Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918” which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs Mary Saul replied to Base Records in October, 1921 stating that the father of the late Private H. W. Saul had died on 4th January, 1913.

Private Henry William Saul was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Saul's widowed mother – Mrs M. Saul, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

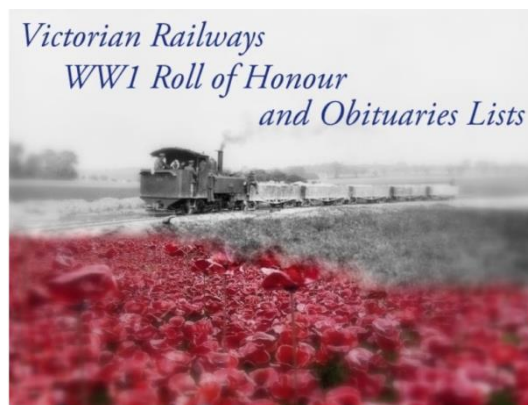
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Henry William Saul – service number 4288, aged 42, of 7th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Edward Bowie Saul and Mary Saul, of 559 Victoria St., Abbotsford, Victoria.

Private H. W. Saul is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 51.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Henry William Saul is remembered on the Victorian WW1 Roll of Honour and Obituaries Lists



Henry William SAUL

V.R Employee no: Rolling Stock Branch - Puller-out / Sawyer
Date of Entry into Railways:

Served in the 7th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement

Regimental number: 4288

Enlistment date: 21 July 1915 [Railway Enlistment list - July 1915](#)

Rank on enlistment: Private

Fate: Died of disease 8 January 1917

Place of death: Leeds Hospital, England

Age at death: 42

Place of burial: Leeds Roman Catholic Cemetery (Row D, Grave No. 115), Yorkshire, England

Commemoration details: Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 51

[Name 1st appears on the Railway Obituary Lists - 1917 Saul H.](#)

(53 pages of Private Henry William Saul'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

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

266th AND 227th LISTS

Died, Other Causes

Pte H. W. SAUL, Abbotsford

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 23 January, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

SAUL – Died of illness, in 1st General Hospital, Leeds, England, on the 8th January, after 13 months' active service, Pte H. W. Saul, loving son of Mary and late Edward Bowie Saul, of Abbotsford, loving brother of Frederick and Mrs T. Conneley, aged 41 years. R.I.P. (Inserted by his loving mother, brother, sisters, and brother-in-law).

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 January, 1917)

DEATHS

On Active Service

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- Inserted by his loving mother, brother, sisters, and brother-in-law.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 January, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

SAUL – In loving memory of my dear son, Pte H. W. Saul, 7th Batt., who died of illness on active service, at Leeds, England, 8th January, 1916, late of Newport Workshops; also our dear cousin, Pte H. Bowie, who was killed in action at Gallipoli.

Soldier and a man.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brother and sister.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

SAUL – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, Pte H. W. Saul, who died of illness at Leeds, England, on the 8th January, 1917; also our dear cousin, Pte H. Bowie, killed in action on 13th November, 1914. R.I.P.

No loving mother's gentle hand
 To wipe the death dew from his brow,
No token of love in that far off land
 To mark the spot where he sleepeth now.
No loved ones stood around him
 To bid a fond farewell,
No word of comfort could we give
 To him we loved so well.

-Inserted by his loving mother and sister.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 January, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

SAUL – In fond and loving memory of my dear son and brother, Pte Henry William Saul, 7th Battalion, who died of illness at Leeds, England, on the 8th January, 1917; also my dear husband, Edward Bowie Saul, 4th January, 1914; also our dear cousin, Pte H. H. Bowie, 24th Battalion, killed in action on the 13th November.

Peace has been bought with blood and tears,
 And the boys of our hearts did pay;
So in the joys of after years
 Let us bless them every day.

-Inserted by his loving mother and sister.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 January, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

SAUL – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, Private H. W. Saul (7th Battalion), who died on the 8th January, 1917; also our cousin, H. H. Bowie, killed in action on the 13th November, 1914, R.I.P.

Some may think we have forgotten
 When they see us smile,
They little know the aching hearts
 That smile holds all the while.

-Inserted by his loving mother, sister, nephew and niece.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 7 January, 1922)

**Notices were also placed in 1923, 1924, 1925

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. 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 H. W. Saul has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

He Gave His Life For His Country

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Killingbeck Cemetery, Leeds – also known as Leeds Roman Catholic Cemetery, Yorkshire, England

During the First World War, the major hospitals in Leeds were the 2nd Northern General with 1,800 beds and the East Leeds War Hospital with 1,900. Leeds was also one of the principal hospital centres in Yorkshire during the Second World War. Leeds Roman Catholic Cemetery contains the scattered graves of 70 First World War casualties, most of whom have their names recorded on a centrally positioned Screen Wall as the graves could not be marked individually. The Second World War burials also number 70, 21 of them grouped together in section BV. The rest are scattered and a further 16 names were added to the Screen Wall commemorating those whose graves could not be marked. The cemetery also contains one Belgian grave of the First World War and two Second World War Polish graves.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo from Find a Grave – leedspyeman)

Private H. W. Saul is named on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Screen Wall in Killingbeck Cemetery, Leeds (also known as Leeds Roman Catholic Cemetery), Yorkshire, England



CWGC Screen wall (Photos by Wayne Bywater)

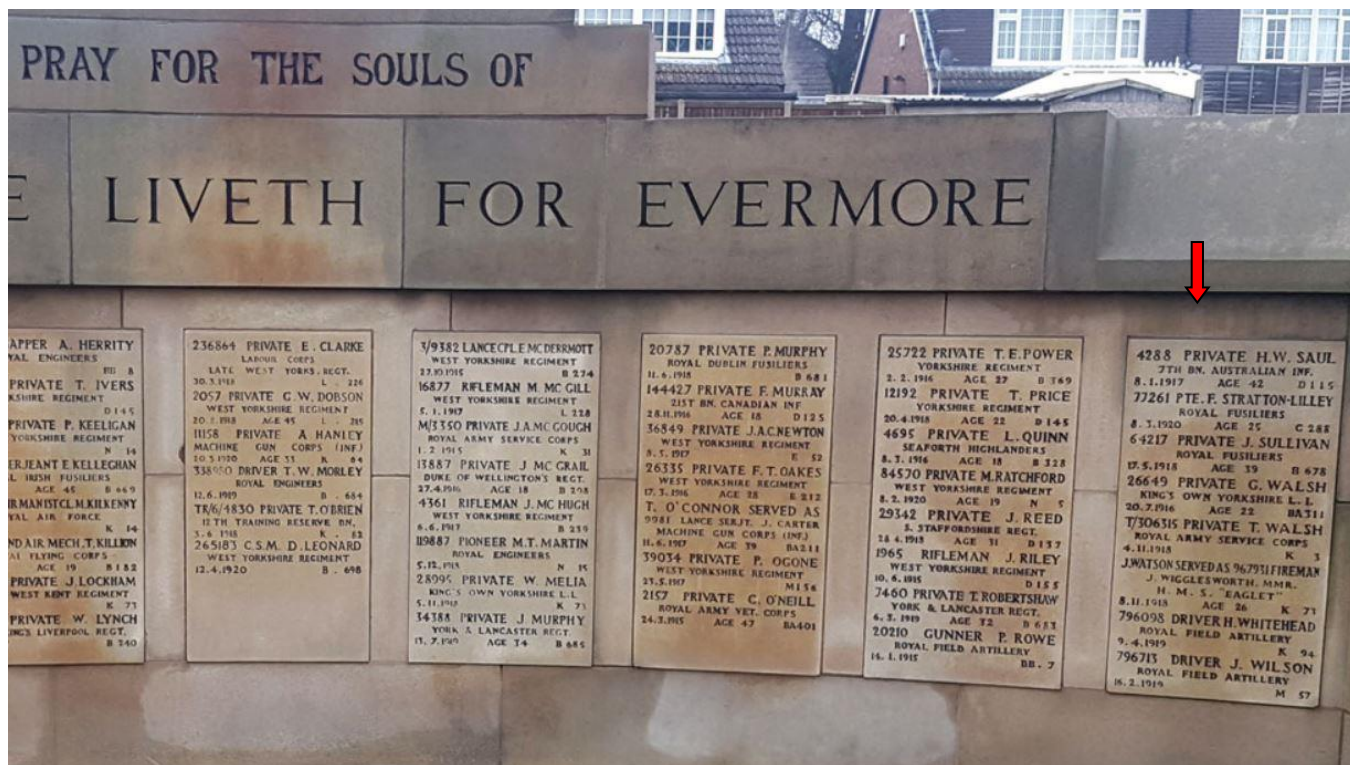


Photo of Private H. W. Saul's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Killingbeck Cemetery, Leeds, England.



(Photo by Christian Lüts)