

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



57626 CORPORAL

E. SCOTT-MILLAR

9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

23RD OCTOBER, 1918

*CWGC Headstone for Cpl. E. Scott-Millar is located in
Grave Plot # 13. G. 6. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Edward SCOTT-MILLAR

Edward McQuake* Millar was born on 1st January, 1888 at Dumfries, Scotland to parents Robert William & Mary Jane Millar (nee McQuake).

Edward McQuake Millar married Burnetta Francis Denny on 23rd October, 1915 in Queensland.

Edward McQuake Millar enlisted as Edward Scott-Millar & stated he was a 30 year old, married, Traveller from Bridge Street, Toowoomba, Queensland when he enlisted at Toowoomba, Queensland on 23rd February, 1918 with the 4th (Q) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 57626 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs F. B. Millar of Bridge Street, Toowoomba, Queensland. Edward Scott-Millar had previously served with Liverpool Scottish Volunteers. He had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to an accident with his knee. Edward Scott-Millar had one son – Noel Francis Millar aged 8 months at the time he enlisted.

(*Note – A letter contained in late Cpl Edward Scott-Millar's Service record file from Flight Lieutenant N. F. Millar (son of Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar), dated 13th February, 1950 to Army Base Records, Canberra reads:
"I have been informed that I may be entitled to a share of two estates in Scotland providing that I can prove that I am the son of the late Edward McQuake Millar.

My late father attempted to enlist in the First A.I.F. on three occasions, but was rejected as medically unfit owing to an injury he received previously at Charters Towers, Queensland. He finally persuaded a sympathetic medical officer to clear him medically and enlisted in the A.I.F. in Toowoomba, Queensland as Edward Scott-Millar, so that his previous medical records would not be held against his enlistment.

He sailed for England with the A.I.F. on the 5th June, 1918, but before he was able to get into action he contracted pneumonic influenza, which resulted in his death on the 23rd October, 1918. He died at the A.I.F. Camp at Codford and is buried at Sutton Veny, Wilts., England.

My mother died 18 months later when I was aged 2 ½ years, consequently I am unable to provide a great deal of information about my late father to facilitate the settlement of the estates.

.....Another problem which arises is that I must also prove that No. 57626 A/Cpl. E. Scott-Millar and Edward McQuake Miller are one and the same person. Therefore I appeal to you to provide any additional information shown in the particulars of his enlistment which can be couple with my birth certificate and my late father's marriage certificate..... so as proper identification can be established...."

The service record file is listed under Edward Scott MILLAR, as is the Roll of Honour & the Embarkation Roll with the Australian War Memorial. Later Attestation Papers have been amended to show his name as Edward SCOTT-MILLAR.

Pte Edward Scott-Millar was Prov. Corporal while at No. 1 Depot Coy. N.C.O.'s School from 27th March to 22nd May, 1918. He was Prov. Sergeant on 1st June, 1918. He embarked for Active Service on 3rd June, 1918.

Private Edward Scott-Millar embarked from Sydney on RMS *Orontes* on 5th June, 1918. He was appointed V.O. Corporal on embarkation on *Orontes* while at sea on 5th June, 1918. Cpl. Scott-Millar disembarked at Liverpool, England on 11th August, 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.

Cpl. Scott-Millar was marched in to 5th Training Battalion at Fovant, Wiltshire on 13th August, 1918 & allotted to Reinforcements of 9th Battalion and marched out to 1st Training Brigade. His rank reverted to Private & then he was appointed Acting Corporal on 13th August, 1918.

(Acting) Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar was sent sick to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny on 9th October (according to Hospital Admissions form. The Active Service Casualty form states 10th October, 1918) with Influenza

then transferred & admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 13th October, 1918 dangerously ill with Broncho Pneumonia.

Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar died at 20.30 hrs on 23rd October, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza Pneumonia.

A death for Millar, Edward S., aged 32, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar was buried at 3 pm on 29th October, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 12 (CWGC has grave as No. 13). From the burial report of Cpl. Scott-Millar - *Coffin was polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the funeral was preceded by a Firing Party and Band from the 1st Australian Training Battalion. Six of deceased's late comrades acted as Pall bearers. 2 Officers and about 50 N.C.O.'s and Men from deceased's late Unit attended as mourners. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Pro. Sgt. Edward Scott-Millar (rank at the time he made his Will) requested in his Will that all his property and effects be left to his wife – Mrs Burnetta Frances Millar of Toowoomba, Queensland.

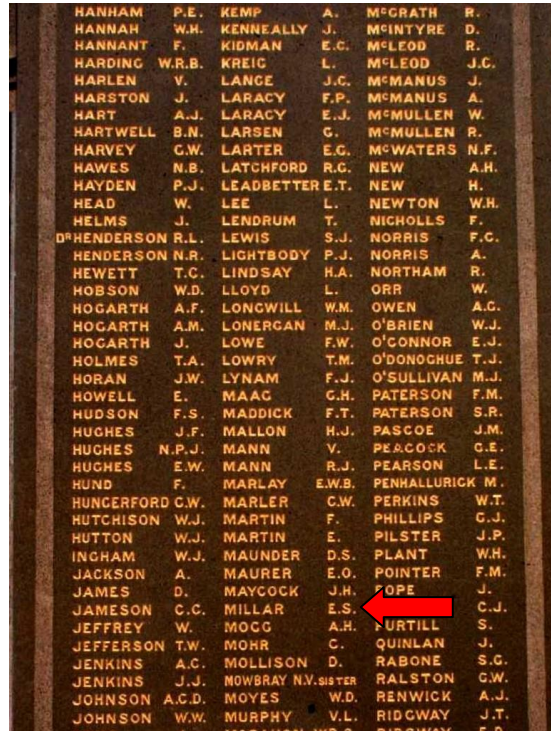
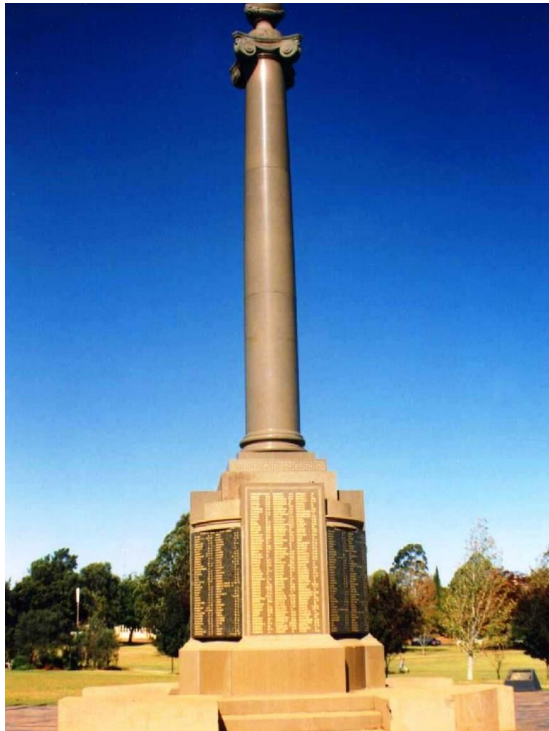
Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also to be sent to late Cpl. Scott-Millar's widow, however enquires made by Base Records in July, 1923 to Department of Repatriation found that Mrs B. F. Millar, widow of late Cpl. E. S. Millar was deceased. A pension was payable of behalf of the deceased soldier to a child – Noel Francis Millar. The trustee for the pension was Susannah Agnes Denny (grandmother) of Post Office, Coolangatta, NSW. Base Records wrote to Mrs Denny in August, 1923 asking if she would take "charge of the Memorial Plaque and Scroll in trust for the child until such time as he becomes of an age to take them over for himself. The mementos can only be handed over to you in the distinct understanding that they will be preserved with due care as memorials of deceased and returned to this Department at any time upon receipt of its demand in writing." Mrs Denny was required to complete the attached Declaration before a Justice of the Peace." Mrs Denny signed the Declaration on 8th January, 1924 before a Justice of the Peace. (Scroll & Plaque sent March, 1924).

Cpl. E. Scott-Millar is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 56.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. S. Millar is remembered on the Mothers' Memorial located at East Creek Park, Margaret Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.



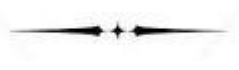
The Mothers' Memorial, Toowoomba

(Photos from Queensland War Memorial Register – Shirley & Trevor McIvor)

The CWGC lists Corporal Edward Scott-Millar, 57626, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F. No family details are listed.

(65 pages of Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar'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

ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LISTS NOS 448-449

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Cpl. Edward Scott Millar, Toowoomba, 24/10/18 (illness)

(The Brisbane Courier, Qld – Monday 2 December, 1918)

TOOWOOMBA AND DISTRICT

The death occurred to-day of Mrs V. Millar, widow of the late Mr Edward Scott Millar, who died while on active service. The deceased, who was 24 years of age, was a daughter of Mrs J. Denny, of Bridge Street, Toowoomba. She is survived by one child.

(The Brisbane Courier, Qld – Tuesday 10 February, 1920)

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)

Cpl. Edward Scott-Millar does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



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



Photo of Corporal E. Scott-Millar's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. Real name Edward McQuake Millar.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)