

**Milton Cemetery,
Portsmouth, Hampshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4482 PRIVATE

E. WAKE

AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

18TH JANUARY, 1916 Age 31

Life's Work Well Done

Life's Rest Well Won

Heaven At Last

Edward WAKE

Edward Wake was born at Scottsdale, Tasmania on 18th November, 1884 to parents Edward George and Emilie Vautin Wake (nee Amos)

Edward Wake attended Public School at Scottsdale, Tasmania.

According to information supplied by his wife for the Roll of Honour - Edward Wake came to Sydney when he was 15 years old.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Randwick, New South Wales, listed Edward Wake, Painter of High Street.

Edward Wake married Victoria Elspeth Bunyan in Auckland, New Zealand on 3rd August, 1914.

A birth was registered in 1915 for Norman Lindsay Wake with his parents listed as Edward & Victoria E. Wake. He was born 8th August, 1915 & his birth was registered in the district of Hamilton, NSW.

Edward Wake was a 30 year old, married, Painter & Decorator from Felton, Carrington Road, Randwick, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted on 6th May, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4482 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Victoria Wake, of Felton, Carrington Road, Randwick, Sydney, NSW. Edward Wake stated he had been apprenticed to James Welsh for 5 years from about 1902 in Randwick. Edward Wake also stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 12 months with Civil Service Rifle Club.

Private Edward Wake embarked from Sydney, NSW on RMS *Mooltan* on 15th May, 1915 with the 3rd Australian General Hospital.

Private Edward Wake proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli in August, 1915.

Private Edward Wake was admitted to 3rd Australian General Hospital at Mudros on 9th September, 1915 with Enteric.



3rd Australian General Hospital at Mudros

Private Edward Wake was admitted to 3rd Australian General Hospital at Mudros West on 2nd October, 1915. He was transferred to Base on 3rd November, 1915 due to ill health. Pte Wake was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Mauretania* & disembarked in England on 11th November, 1915.

Private Edward Wake died at 12 noon on 18th January, 1916 at Milton Infirmary Section, 5th Southern General Hospital, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England from Enteric Fever.

A death for Edward Wake, aged 31, was registered in the March quarter, 1916 in the district of Portsmouth, Hampshire, England.

Private Edward Wake was buried on 21st January, 1916 in Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. The Reverend Gilmour Neill officiated at the burial with the Rites of the Presbyterian Church being observed.

A letter was sent from Base Records on 19th April, 1920 to Mrs V. Wake, widow of the late Private Edward Wake, advising that her husband's remains had been exhumed from the former site in Milton Cemetery & had been re-interred in Plot H. Row 19. Grave No. 8 in the same cemetery. It was explained that "*this work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain*".

A War Pension was granted to Victoria Elspeth Wake, widow of the late Private Edward Wake, in the sum of £52 per annum, granted from 24th March, 1916. A War Pension was also granted to Norman Lindsay Wake, son of the late Private Edward Wake, in the sum of £13 per annum, granted from 24th March, 1916.

Mrs V. E. Wake, widow of the late Private Edward Wake, advised Base Records in September, 1921 that her address had changed from 45 High St, North Sydney, NSW to 46 Ernest St. Crows Nest, NSW.

Private Edward Wake was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Wake's widow – Mrs V. Wake, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edward Wake – service number 4482, aged 31, of 3rd Australian General Hospital, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of Edward George and Emilie Wake; husband of V. E. Wake, if 45 High Street, North Sydney, New South Wales. Born at Scottsdale, Tasmania.

Private E. Wake is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 184.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Randwick District War Memorial, located in High Cross Park, Cuthill & Avoca Streets & Belmore Road, Randwick, NSW, does not list individual names.



Randwick District War Memorial (Photo from Monument Australia – Peter F. Williams)

(58 pages of Pte Edward Wake'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

DEATHS

WAKE – January 18, at Portsmouth, England, Edward Wake, late of Randwick, of enteric fever. By cable.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 21 January, 1916)

AUSTRALIA'S ROLL OF HONOUR

KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS

NEW SOUTH WALES

Pte E. Wake, 3rd Gen. Hosp (Randwick), previously reported ill.

(The Farmer and Settler, Sydney, NSW – 4 February, 1916)

EAST SYDNEY CLUBMAN AT FRONT

East Sydney A.A.C. members have learnt with sincere regret of the death in Egypt of their old clubmate, Private Edward Wake, "Ted" was a good distance runner, and competed with East's team in Brisbane in 1913 in the Queensland five miles C.C.C. and three miles championship. He was also successful in open distance handicaps and was much esteemed by all.

(Referee, Sydney, NSW – 16 February, 1916)

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 E. Wake does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England

Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth contains 426 Commonwealth War Graves – 192 relating to World War 1 & 234 relating to World War 2. There are 12 Australian War Graves from World War 1 in this cemetery.

It was opened in 1911, and contains war graves of both World Wars. The 1914-1918 burials are mainly in Plot 1. After the war a Cross of Sacrifice was erected on the northern side of the chapel in honour of all the servicemen buried in the cemetery. The 1939-1945 War burials are widely spread throughout the cemetery.

(Information from CWGC)



Australian War Graves in Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth (Photo by Mr Peter Bennett)

Photo of Private E. Wake's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers)



Cemetery Chapel at Milton Cemetery, Portsmouth *(Photo by Basher Eyre)*