

**Dallington Cemetery,
Northampton, Northamptonshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



15546 PRIVATE

W. WALKER

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGT.

12TH OCTOBER, 1915

Walter WALKER

Walter Walker was born at St. James, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England around 1889 to parents Thomas Charles & Ellen Walker (nee Lovett). He was baptised on 3rd August, 1890 at St. James' Dallington, Northampton, England along with his siblings – Charles Henry Walker, Martha Walker & Albert Walker. The family were living at 36 Park Street & Thomas Charles Walker was listed as a Carman.

The 1891 England Census recorded Walter Walker as a 2 year old, living with his family at 36 Park Street, Dallington, Northamptonshire, England. His parents were listed as Thomas Walker (Drayman, aged 43, born Stoke Goldington, Bucks) & Ellen Walker (aged 40). Walter was the youngest of seven children listed on this Census – Ellen Walker (Box Maker, aged 16), Thomas Walker (Scholar, aged 12), Emma Walker (Scholar, aged 10), Henry Walker (Scholar, aged 8), Martha Walker (Scholar, aged 5), Albert Walker (Scholar, aged 4) & Walter.

The 1901 England Census recorded Walter Walker as a 12 year old, living with his family at 64 Park Road, Dallington St. James, Northamptonshire, England. His parents were listed as Thomas Walker (Railway Drayman, aged 54) & Ellen Walker (aged 52). Walter was one of eight children listed on this Census - Louisa Walker (Cardboard Paper Box Maker, aged 26), Francis Walker (Dress Machinist, aged 20), John Walker (Railway Vanman, age d22), Charles Walker (Cycle Manufacturer, aged 17), Martha Walker (Domestic Housemaid, aged 15), Albert Walker (Newspaper Boy, aged 13) then Walter & Sydney Walker (aged 7). Also listed on the Census was a Boarder - Joseph Ratcliffe (Journeyman Baker (bread), aged 21).

The 1911 England Census recorded Walter Walker as a 22 year old, single, Clerk (Brewery Office), living with his family at 30 Countess Road, St. James' End, Northampton, in a 6 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Thomas Walker (Dray Loader, aged 65) & Ellen Walker (aged 63). Thomas & Ellen Walker had been married for 40 years, having had a total on 10 children, 3 having since died. Walter was the youngest of 3 children listed on this Census – Martha Walker (aged 25), Albert Walker (Carter, aged 24) & Walter.

Walter Walker married Daisy White in February, 1915 in the district of West Ham, Essex, England. Their marriage was registered in the March quarter, 1915.

Walter Walker enlisted at Northampton, Northamptonshire with the Northamptonshire Regiment. His service number was 15546 & he was posted to "D" Company, 7th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment.

Private Walter Walker's Medal Index Card records that he entered a Theatre of War – France on 1st September, 1915.

7th (Service) Battalion

7th Battalion was formed at Northampton in September, 1914 as part of K3 and came under command of 73rd Brigade in 24th Division. Moved to the South Downs and into billets in Southwick between November 1914 and April 1915. Moved on to Woking in June, 1915.

2 September 1915: landed at Boulogne, France.

Newspaper item – *Northampton Mercury*, Northamptonshire, England – 1 October, 1915:

WOUNDED

WALKER, SIGNALLER W., 7th Battalion, Northants Regiment

Information has been received that Signaller W. Walker has been wounded, and is in hospital. In a letter which reached Northampton on Thursday, he said a bullet hit him on the jaw, breaking it and passing out the other side, clearing his teeth out beautifully as it went. The doctor at the hospital where he was taken told him the wound was a clean one, and with plenty of rest would soon be all right.

Signaller Walker is a son of Mr Walker, of Countess-road, St. James', and prior to joining Mobbs' Corps a year ago, worked in the office of Messrs P. Phipps and Co., Ltd. He was married in February last.

Private Walter Walker died on 12th October, 1915 at Middlesex Hospital, Clacton on Sea, Essex, England from wounds received in action.



A death for Walter Walker, aged 27, was registered in the December quarter, 1915 in the district of Tendring, Essex, England.

Newspaper item – *Northampton Daily Echo*, Northamptonshire, England – 13 October, 1915:

LOCAL CASUALTIES

DIED OF WOUNDS

WALKER, SIGNALLER W., D Company, 7th Northamptonshire Regiment

Mrs Walker (nee Miss Daisy White), who is living with her mother at 3, Spencer Bridge-road, Northampton, has learnt that her husband has died of wounds. Private Walker was recently wounded in the jaw, the bullet going in one side and out of the other, breaking the bone. Signaller Walker, who was employed in Messrs. Phipps and Co's offices, was married in February. His father lives in Countess-road, Northampton.

Private Walter Walker was buried in Dallington Cemetery, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England – Plot number F2. 737 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Walter Walker – service number 15546, of 7th Bn., Northamptonshire Regiment. He was the husband of Daisy Booth (formerly Walker), of "Dallington", Keir Avenue, Hurlstone Park, Sydney, Australia.

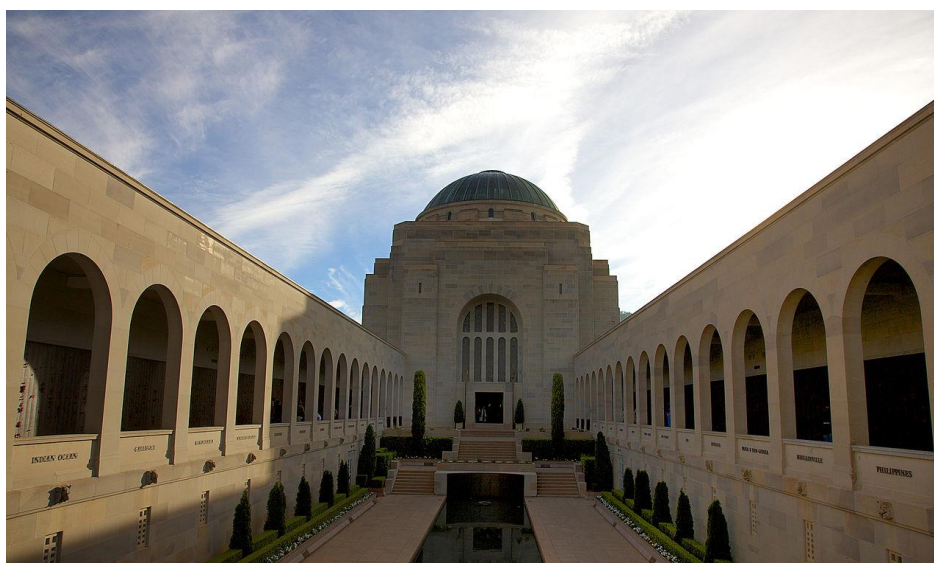
Private Walter Walker was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Walker's closest next-of-kin.



Memorial Plaque for Walter Walker (also referred to as “The Death Penny”)

Private Walter Walker is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour. *(Note: It appears that Private Walter Walker's name on the Commemorative Roll was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.)*

Daisy Walker, widow of the late Private Walter Walker, remarried in 1917 to John H. Booth. Daisy Booth, aged 30, & her son Donald Booth, aged 1, were passengers on the Miltiades which departed from the port of Avonmouth & arrived in Sydney on in February, 1919. Daisy Booth died on 9th April, 1979, aged 90 years & was buried in Macquarie Park Cemetery, North Ryde, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)

Private Walter Walker is remembered on the Borough of Northampton Roll of Honour of which the original paperwork is stored at the Northamptonshire Record Office.

"This Roll of Honour was prepared in 1916 by a Sub Committee of the Finance Committee. It contains the names of the men serving in the Great War at that time. It is possible that a few names were added later, but it is not an accurate account of all men who served or who lost their lives in the Great War."



A "Walter Walker" is remembered on Long Buckby Cenotaph, located in St. Lawrence's Churchyard, Church St, Long Buckby, Northampton, England.

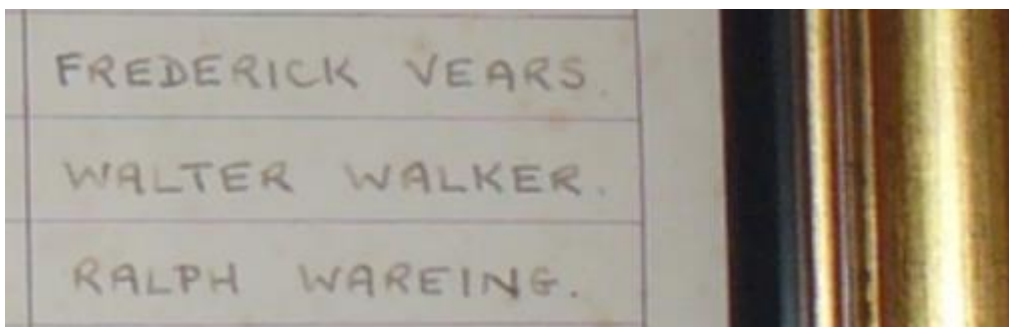


Long Buckby Cenotaph (Photos from War Memorials Online)

A "Walter Walker" is remembered on Long Buckby Roll of Honour, located in St. Lawrence's Churchyard, Church St, Long Buckby, Northampton, England.



Long Buckby Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials Online)

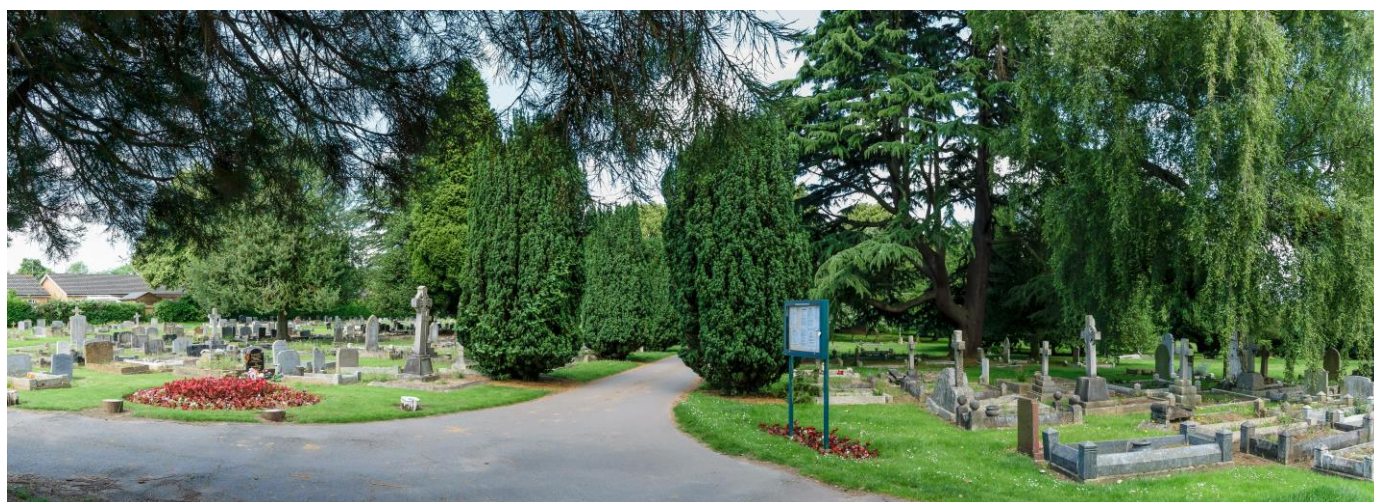


Dallington Cemetery, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England

Dallington Cemetery, Northampton contains 30 Commonwealth War Graves – 14 from World War 1 & 16 from World War 2.



Dallington Cemetery, Northampton



Dallington Cemetery, Northampton (Photo by Martin Tolley)



Dallington Cemetery, Northampton (Photo by Kokai)



Photo of Private W. Walker's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Dallington Cemetery, Northampton, Northamptonshire, England.



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