

**All Souls Cemetery,  
Kensal Green, London, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2700 PRIVATE**

**S. H. WARKE**

**4TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**31ST JANUARY, 1917 Age 22**

*A Brave Life*

*That Promised Well*

*At The Will Of God*

*A Hero Fell*

## Samuel Hayward WARKE

Samuel Hayward Warke was born at Dalby, Queensland on 14th April, 1894 to parents Samuel George & Minnie Charlotte Elizabeth Warke (nee Hemsworth).

Samuel Hayward Warke attended Marrickville Public School, NSW.

Samuel Hayward Warke was a 21 year old, single, Fireman from 182 Enmore Road, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 23rd June, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2700 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr S. G. Warke, of 182 Enmore Road, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW. Samuel Warke had a tattoo on both arms.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Runic (A54)* on 9th August, 1915 with the 4th Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke embarked from Alexandria on Troopship *Borda* on 18th October, 1915. He joined his Battalion at Gallipoli Peninsula on 4th November, 1915.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke disembarked at Alexandria from Mudros on 29th December, 1915 from Troopship *Simla*.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke embarked from Alexandria on Troopship *Simla* on 23rd March, 1916 for overseas & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th March, 1916.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke was wounded in action in France on 23rd July, 1916. He was admitted to 2nd Australian Field Ambulance on 23rd July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to head. Pte Warke was transferred to 29th Casualty Clearing Station then transferred to No. 16 Ambulance Train on 24th July, 1916. He was admitted to No. 3 General Hospital on 25th July, 1916. Pte Warke was listed as dangerously ill on 27th July, 1916 & his parents were notified on 30th July, 1916. Mr S. Warke, of 182 Enmore Road, Marrickville was advised by Base Records on 31st October, 1916 that Pte Warke's condition was listed as stationary. Pte Warke was listed for transfer to England from 3rd General Hospital at Le Treport on 19th December, 1916 & transferred to Havre, France on 20th December, 1916 to Hospital Ship *Formosa*.

### 4th Battalion

The 4th Battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army, principally in the Somme Valley in France and around Ypres in Belgium. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Mr S. Warke, of 182 Enmore Road, Marrickville was advised by Base Records on 17th November, 1916 that his son – Pte S. H. Warke's condition was still stationary. Mr S. Warke was advised on 6th December, 1916 that his son Pte Samuel H. Warke's condition was improving.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England on 22nd December, 1916.

Mr S. Warke, of 182 Enmore Road, Marrickville was advised by Base Records on 4th January, 1917 that his son – Private S. H. Warke was pronounced out of danger. On 9th January, 1917 Mr S. Warke was advised that his son had been admitted to 3rd London General Hospital on 22nd December, 1916 suffering from gunshot wounds to head.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke was reported as "improving" in Hospital (undated).

Private Samuel Hayward Warke died at 10 pm on 31st January, 1917 at Epileptic and Paralysis Hospital, Maida Vale, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds to head.



**Epilepsy & Paralysis Hospital at Maida Vale, London**

A death for Samuel H. Warke, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Marylebone, London, England.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke was buried on 5th February, 1917 in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number 22, Square 213, Row 8 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte

A letter was written from Base Records to Mrs M. Warke, 84 Samuel Street, St Peters, NSW, mother of the late Private Samuel Hayward Warke, advising that the remains of her son had been exhumed from the former site & re-interred in Grave No. 4, Section 174, Kensal Green Cemetery, London. The letter stated that “This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Samuel Hayward Warke contains a few letters written describing his illness & condition & the time leading up to his death.

- 3rd London General Hospital – Letter from Walter S. Inman 24th November, 1916 reads: “No. 2700, Pte Warke, 4th Battn. A.I.F. We have seen the medical officer attending him, this morning, who wishes us to say that his improvement is maintained and that he has a very good chance of recovery. I am add that I saw Warke myself and was talking to him. By what the Doctor told me the improvement has been most unexpected.”
- A letter from Matron on 19th January, 1917 reads: “Physical health very good – but he is fretting very much for Mother – whom he declares went to see him in France – talks continually of his home, and worries because he is receiving no letters. His mental condition is improving slightly – but it seems as though to have some of his people with him would be good for his state of mind.”



- Letter from the Secretary, Maida Vale Hospital reads: *“He had recovered so wonderfully we thought he was going to pull through, until the sudden change came. He was conscious although quite comatose towards the end, therefore could really not have suffered any pain. He is to be buried at the Kensal Green Cemetery on Monday 4.2.17 at 9.30. I am writing to his people and will give them every particular.”*

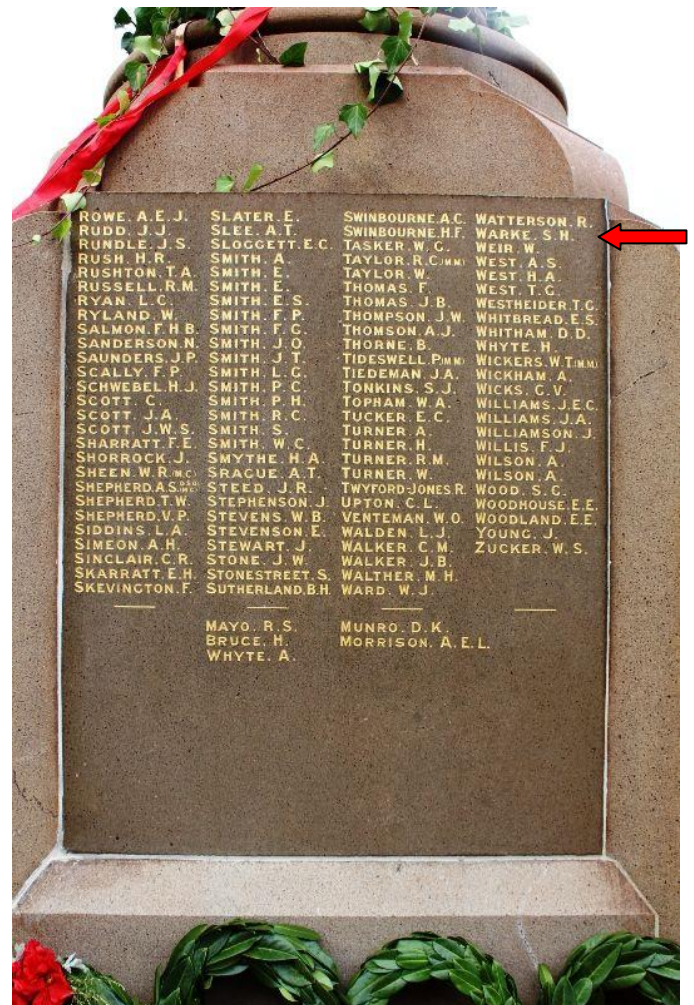
Private Samuel Hayward Warke requested in his Will, made at Gallipoli, that the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother – Mrs S. G. Warke, 182 Enmore Road, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW.

A War Pension was granted to Charlotte Warke, mother of the late Private Samuel Hayward Warke, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 7th April, 1917.

Private Samuel Hayward Warke was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Warke’s mother – Mrs M. Warke, as the closest\* next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1921). \*Samuel George Warke, father of the late Private Samuel Hayward Warke, died on 17th March, 1918.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Samuel Hayward Warke – service number 2700, aged 22, of 4th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Minnie Charlotte and the late Samuel George Warke, of 84 Samuel St., St. Peters, New South Wales. Born at Dalby, Queensland.

S. H. Warke is remembered on the Marrickville Soldiers’ Memorial located outside the Town Hall, Marrickville Road, Marrickville, NSW.



**Marrickville Soldiers’ Memorial** (*Register of War Memorials in NSW – Peter Levarre-Waters*)

Private S. H. Warke is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 42.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

(74 pages of Private Samuel Hayward Warke'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 & Red Cross Wounded & Missing file) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **WAR CASUALTIES**

#### **PRIVATE S. H. WARKE**

Mr and Mrs G. Warke, of Enmore-road, Marrickville, have received a cable message to the effect that their son, Pte Samuel H. Warke, has been dangerously wounded in France with a gunshot wound in the forehead.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 9 August, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

WARKE – January 31, 1917, at Maida Vale Hospital, London, from wounds received in action in France, Samuel Hayward Warke, aged 22 years and 9 months, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs G. Warke, of Enmore-road, Marrickville.

Far from those who loved him best,  
In a hero's grave he lies at rest.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 14 February, 1917)*

## **CASUALTIES**

### **LARGE NUMBER WOUNDED**

#### **272nd LIST ISSUED**

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte S. H. Warke, Marrickville

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 15 February, 1917)*

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## **WAR CASUALTIES**

### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

#### **PRIVATE S. H. WARKE**

Mr and Mrs G. Warke, of Enmore-road, Marrickville, have received news of the death of their son, Private Samuel Hayward Warke, at Maida Vale Hospital, London, on January 31, from wounds received in the Somme battle on July 23. He served both in Gallipoli and in France. He was a native of Dalby, Queensland, and was 22 years of age.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 February, 1917)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

WARKE – In loving memory of my dear husband, Samuel George Warke, who died March 17, 1918. Inserted by his loving wife and son, Cyril. Also in loving memory of Private Samuel Hayward Warke, son of the late Samuel George Warke and Minnie Warke, who died of wounds received in France, January 31, 1917.

O loved ones dear, we miss you here.

Inserted by his loving mother and brother, Cyril.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 17 March, 1919)*

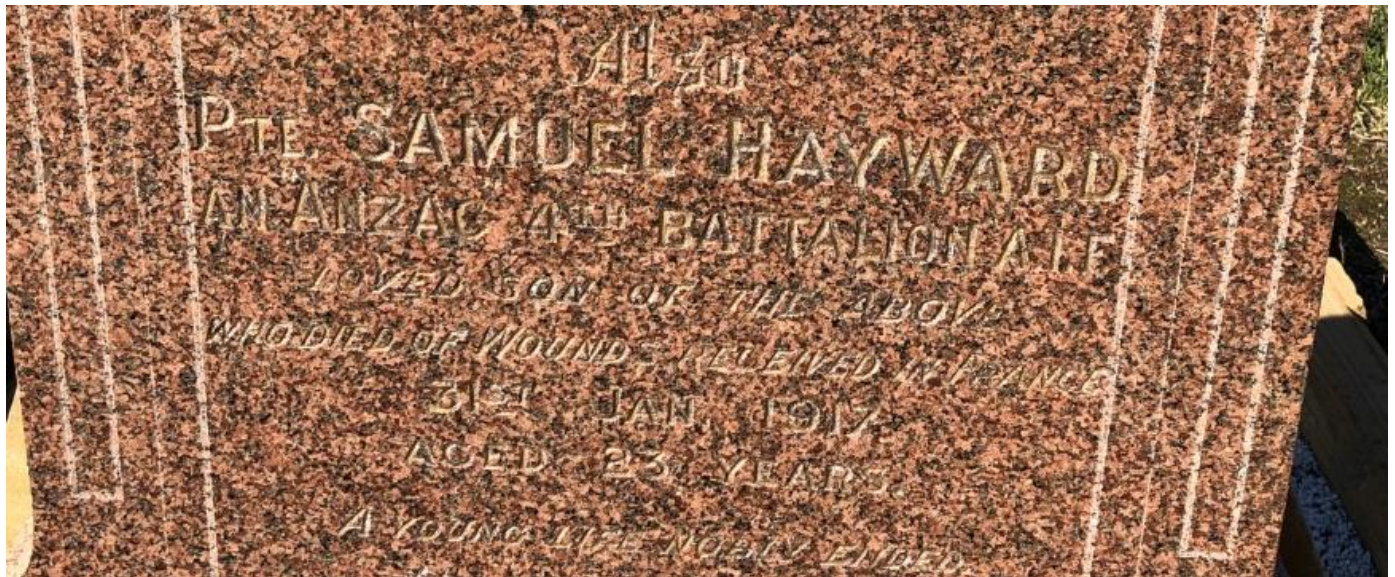
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Samuel Hayward Warke is remembered on his parents' headstone in Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney, NSW. His father Samuel George Warke was buried in 17th March, 1918 in Zone A, Section – Presbyterian 05D, Grave number 299. His mother – Minnie Warke died on 22nd September, 1956.







*(Headstone photos courtesy of Gary & Irmgard Heap)*

The inscription for Private Samuel Hayward Warke reads:

*Also*

*Pte SAMUEL HAYWARD*

*An Anzac 4TH Battalion A.I.F.*

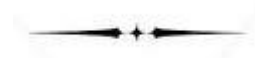
*Loved Son Of The Above*

*Who Died Of Wounds Received in France*

*31ST Jan. 1917*

*Aged 23 Years*

*A Young Life Nobly Ended*





### 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 S. H. Warke does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*A Brave Life That Promised Well At The Will Of God A Hero Fell*

### **All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England**

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** *(Photo by Rodney Burton)*

Photo of Private S. H. Warke's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



*(Photo by Francois Greeff)*



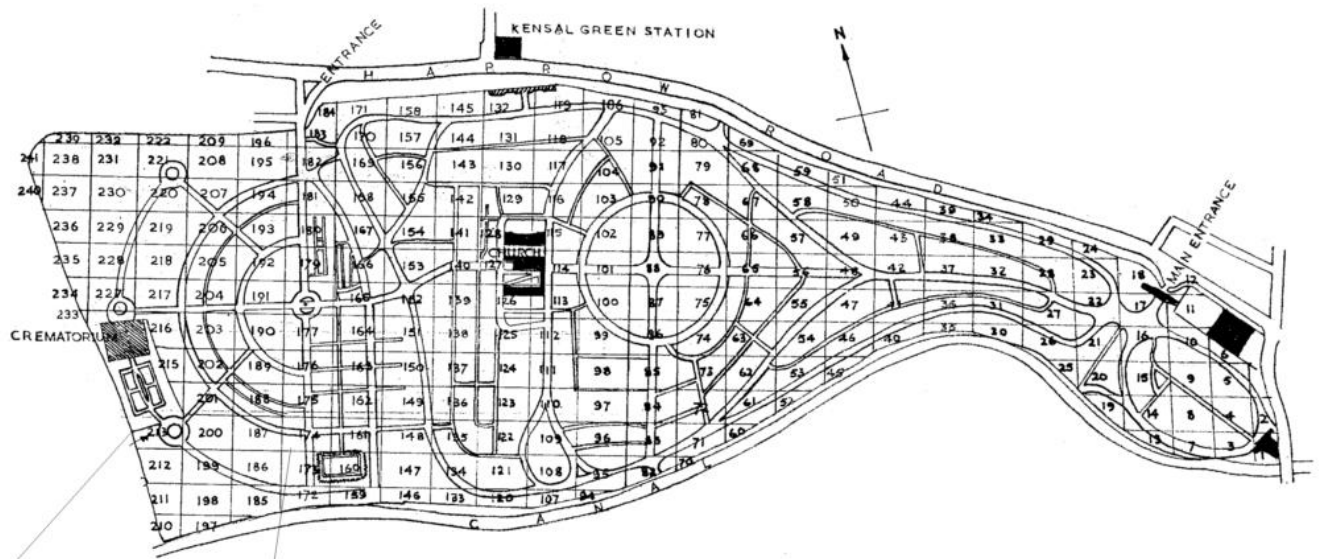


**All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** (Photo courtesy of François Greeff)



**Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green** (Photo by Chris Doran)





Sect. 213 : Main U.K. and N.Z. Plot.  
 Sect. 173 and 174 : Main Dominion Plot