

**Cambridge City Cemetery,
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6606 LANCE SERJT.

G. E. YOUNG

7TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

29TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 28

*The Beloved Son
Of Wm. & S. Young
Of Camberwell, Victoria*

George Ernest YOUNG

George Ernest Young was born at North Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria in 1890 to parents William & Sarah Young (nee Richmond).

George Ernest Young was a 26 year old, single, Wool Classer from 28 Canterbury Road, Camberwell, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 13th April, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6606 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. Young, 28 Canterbury Road, Camberwell, Victoria.

Private George Ernest Young was posted to Depot on 13th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Castlemaine Depot Battalion on 27th April, 1916. Private Young was transferred to 20th Reinforcements of 7th Battalion at Castlemaine from 1st July, 1916 & was Acting Corporal. Acting Corporal Young was transferred to 21st Reinforcements of 7th Battalion at Castlemaine from 16th August, 1916 & was Acting Sergeant.

Private George Ernest Young embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 2nd October, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 16th November, 1916.

Acting Sergeant George Ernest Young was appointed E.D.P. (Extra Duty Pay) Sergeant from 21st October, 1916.

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.

E.D.P. Sergeant George Ernest Young was marched out from No. 3 Command Depot to Fovant, Wiltshire on 21st November, 1916.

E.D.P. (Extra Duty Pay) Sergeant George Ernest Young reverted to rank of Private on 24th April, 1917.

Private George Ernest Young proceeded overseas to France, via Folkestone on 25th April, 1917 from 2nd Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire.

Private George Ernest Young was marched in the 1st A.D.B.D (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 26th April, 1917. He was marched out to his Unit on 30th April, 1917 & was taken on strength of 7th Battalion in France on 10th May, 1917.

Private George Ernest Young was appointed Lance Corporal in France on 27th September, 1917.

Lance Corporal George Ernest Young was promoted to Corporal while posted in Belgium on 5th October, 1917, vice 306 Hoare died of wounds.

Corporal George Ernest Young was appointed Lance Sergeant on 8th January, 1918.

Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young was on leave to UK from 6th March, 1918 & returned from leave on 22nd March, 1918.

7th Battalion

In early 1917, the Germans withdrew to the Hindenburg Line and the 7th Battalion participated in the brief advance that followed and then came to a grinding halt before Bullecourt. The battalion was withdrawn from the front line for training on 9 May 1917 and did not return to action until the Ypres offensive of September and October. It fought major battles at Menin Road on 20 September and Broodseinde on 4 October, and then spent much of ensuing winter in the Ypres mud.

In March and April 1918 the 7th helped stop the German spring offensive in northern France and later participated in the Allies' own great offensive of 1918, that began with the battle of Amiens on 8 August. The advance by British and empire troops on 8 August was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as, "the black day of the German Army in this war".

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young was selected for Infantry Cadet Course in England commencing 10th May, 1918. Lance Sergeant Young proceeded to England for Cadet Battalion in England on 17th April, 1918.

Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young joined No. 2 Officer Cadet Battalion at Cambridge, England on 10th May, 1918 & was appointed Cadet.

Cadet George Ernest Young was admitted to 1st Eastern General Hospital on 21st October, 1918 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined).

Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young died on 29th October, 1918 at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England from Influenza – Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for George E. Young, aged 28, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.

Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young was buried on 1st November, 1918 in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England – Plot number C. 3561 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Cadet George Ernest Young - *Coffin was oak with brass mount. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from:- Australian & New Zealand Cadets, Emanuel College, Imperial Cadets, Officers & Cadets also S/Sgts of "C" Company, No. 2 O.C. Battalion. The burial service conducted by the Rev. Simpson of Cambridge and the "Last Post: sounded. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of friends & relatives present at the Funeral – *Cadet Company of No. 2 Officers Training Battalion, Col and Officers.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the details of his death and burial. A letter was written by H. B. Stephen, Newnham College, Cambridge which reads: *"Cadet George Young of the 3rd Officers Training Battalion, late 6606 George Young Pte. His was one of the many cases of influenza from Emmanuel College, and from among the Australians his was one of two deaths. I was with him when he died, just after midnight; and of that time, and the critical time he passed through before. I have already written to his father.*

Just about this time all the cases of Influenza in the Hospital were of the most virulent type, but Mr Young was apparently so strong, and he was such a perfect patient, that I, ignorantly thought up to the day before he died, that he would recover. But for some days the Doctor and Nurses had been very despondent, because the heart action was so very bad.

It was a great relief to be able to administer oxygen, and because of this in the ordinary sense he had very little suffering. He was very docile, very quiet and although unable to say more than a few words, he understood all that was said to him up to the time when he began to doze restfully, and in this condition he died.

He was buried in the Newmarket Road Cemetery, where other Australian boys lie, and with full Military Honours. A few friends in this College and I look after these graves, and already I believe the Australian Authorities will have sent Mr Young's parents a photograph of it.

He was generally beloved by the other Australians in Emmanuel, and it was very pathetic and beautiful to watch their anxiety and devotion. Half a dozen of his best friend were in Hospital and ill at the same time. Most of these boys wrote to his parents and particulars have also been sent of his illness by the Sister of the Ward. if you would like the official report of his illness, I have no doubt that I can send it."

Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Sergeant Young's father – Mr W. Young, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922 but returned & resent in June, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young – service number 6606, aged 28, of 7th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Sarah Richmond Young, of “Kainga” 28 Canterbury Road, Camberwell, Victoria.

Lance Sergeant G. E. Young is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 52.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

G. E. Young and his brother - C. T. Young (returned to Australia) are both remembered on the Camberwell Cenotaph, located at RSL Club, 403 Camberwell Road, Camberwell, Victoria.





Camberwell Cenotaph (Photo from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)

(65 pages of Lance Sergeant George Ernest Young'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) & National Archives





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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George Ernest Young



Newspaper Notices

DIED ON SERVICE

YOUNG – Officially reported died of illness on the 29th October, 1918, at the 2nd Eastern General Hospital, England, after two years' service in France, Sergeant George Ernest Young, of the 7th Battalion A.I.F., third son of William and Sarah R. Young, of "Kianga" 28 Canterbury road, Camberwell, aged 28 years.

YOUNG - Officially reported died of illness in England, on 29th October, 1918, Sergeant George Ernest Young, dearly loved brother of Edith and Walter Terry, Alfred (New Zealand), Alice, and Sergeant Charles T. Young (A.I.F.), also loved uncle of Mernda and Lindsay Terry, of "Finchley" Loch street, Camberwell.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 November, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

YOUNG - Officially reported died of illness, in England, on 29th October, 1918, Sergt. George Ernest Young, dearly loved youngest son of William and Sarah Young, of 28 Canterbury road, Camberwell, loved brother of Alfred (New Zealand), Alice, Edith and Sergt. Charles T. Young (A.I.F.); also loved brother-in-law of Walter and uncle of Mernda and Lindsay Terry, of "Finchley" Loch street, Camberwell.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 9 November, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

YOUNG – A tribute of love to the memory of our dear friend, Sergeant George Ernest Young, died of illness on 29th October, 1918, in England, after two years' service in France. (Inserted by Mary and Jessie Gillespie).

YOUNG - Officially reported died of illness on 29th October, 1918, in England, after two years' service in France, Sergeant George Ernest Young, dearly loved friend of Essie and Bgl. Phil Crutchfield, A.I.F.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 11 November, 1918)

DEATHS

On Active Service

YOUNG – A tribute of love to the memory of our dear friend, Sergeant George Ernest Young, died of illness in England on 29th October, after 2 years' service in France.

-Inserted by Mary and Jessie Gillespie.

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(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 11 November, 1918)

The Fraternities

SECRETARY'S SON DIES

Mr W. Young, District Secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters in Victoria, who lives at 28 Canterbury road, Camberwell, has been notified by the Defence Department that his third son, Sergeant George Ernest Young, 28, of the 7th Battalion, A.I.F., after two years of active service in France, died suddenly on October 29, 1918, in the

Second Eastern General Hospital, England. The late Sergeant Young, while in France, was recommended for a commission, and was sent to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he remained until just before his death. Lieutenant C. T. Young, of the Home and Territories Department, brother of Sergeant Young, after having seen three years' service in Egypt and France with the 59th Battalion, A.I.F., was invalided home and discharged as medically unfit in 1917. He again enlisted as a private.

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 13 November, 1918)

FATHER LOSES TWO SONS

Mr William Young, the General Secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters, has received a cable message stating that his eldest son, Alfred William Young, 40 years of age, has died from Spanish influenza. He was manager of the Atlas Insurance Company in Wellington, New Zealand, and was engaged on home service in the New Zealand Forces. A few days ago Mr Young was informed of the death of his younger son, Sergeant George Ernest Young, 28, at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, also from Spanish influenza. Lieutenant C. T. Young, his third son, left recently for duty in Rabaul.

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 November, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR VICTORIAN LIST

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Sgt. G. E. YOUNG, Camberwell, 29/10/18 (illness)

(Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria – 7 December, 1918)

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)

Lance Serjeant G. E. Young does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

The Beloved Son Of Wm. & S. Young Of Camberwell, Victoria

Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England

Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge (known locally as Newmarket Road Cemetery) contains 1,019 Commonwealth War Graves – 186 from World War 1 & 833 from World War 2.

The 1st Eastern General Hospital, with 1,173 beds, was posted to Cambridge during the First World War, initially at the Leys School and Trinity College, later in huts. The First World War burials in Cambridge City Cemetery are mostly in two plots, one in the southern part of the burial ground, known as the Dominion Plot, and the other on the northern boundary. The Cross of Sacrifice stands on the western border of the Dominion Plot, while in the centre of the other is a memorial cross of Portland stone which was erected by private subscription. The Second World War graves are also mainly in two War Graves Plots with a few others scattered throughout the cemetery. The general Service plot was established in 1940, and the Air Force plot in 1942 for the burial of casualties from the Air Force stations set up in the eastern counties during the war. These included Bomber Command bases in Lincolnshire and fighter stations in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Stone of Remembrance, which was unveiled by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder in July 1951, stands near the centre of the Air Force plot. Cambridge City Cemetery contains 181 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 829, (inclusive 3 unidentified), from the Second World War. The cemetery also contains four non-war service burials and ten war graves of other nationalities.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



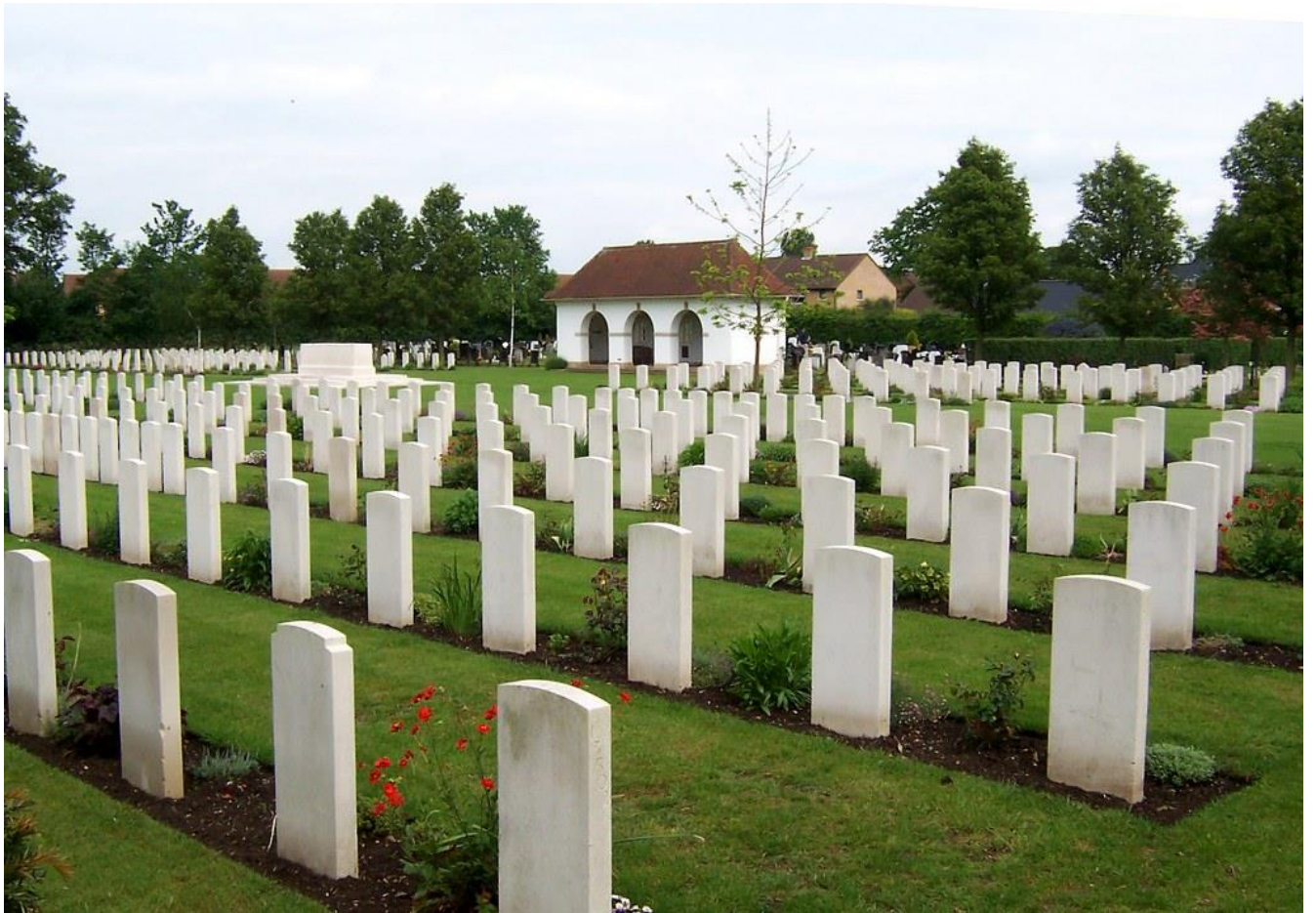


Photo of Lance Serjeant G. E. Young's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.



(Photo by Len – Find a Grave)



Cross of Sacrifice (Photo from CWGC)



Entrance to Cambridge City Cemetery & Map (below) (Photos by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)

Cambridge City CEMETERY

