

# Durrington War Graves

## World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



**6842 PRIVATE**

**C. H. YOUNG**

**1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**7TH FEBRUARY, 1917**

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte C. H. Young is located in Grave Plot # 182  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## Charles Henry YOUNG

Charles Henry Young was born at Rozelle, Sydney, New South Wales to parents John & Margaret Young (nee Murdoch). Charles's birth was registered in 1887 in the district of Balmain, NSW.

Charles Henry Young stated he was a 26 year old, single, Striker from Rozelle, NSW when he enlisted on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 with the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6842 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. Young of 18 High Street, Rozelle, NSW later of Drummoyne, NSW.

Pte Charles Henry Young embarked from Sydney on SS *Port Nicholson* on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

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.

Pte Charles Henry Young was marched in to No. 7 & 8 Camps at Durrington / Larkhill from No. 1 Command Depot on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

Pte Charles Henry Young was sent to Fargo Military Hospital on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1917 from 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion, Larkhill, Durrington, Wiltshire with Influenza.

Pte Charles Henry Young was reported seriously ill with Broncho Pneumonia on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

Private Charles Henry Young died at 6.00 p.m. on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Broncho Pneumonia. Private Charles Henry Young was one of six soldiers to die in a period of 24 hours - all related to pneumonia, influenza & bronchitis.

(Pte Thomas Dunn 2323; died 4.00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 / Pte William Razey Robinson 2388; died 4.30 p.m. / Charles Young 6842; died 6.00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 / Thomas Joseph Desmond 2300; died 7 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 / Henry Walter Sharp 6180; died 4.20 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 & Herbert Hector Seefeldt 6215; died 11 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> February, 1917)

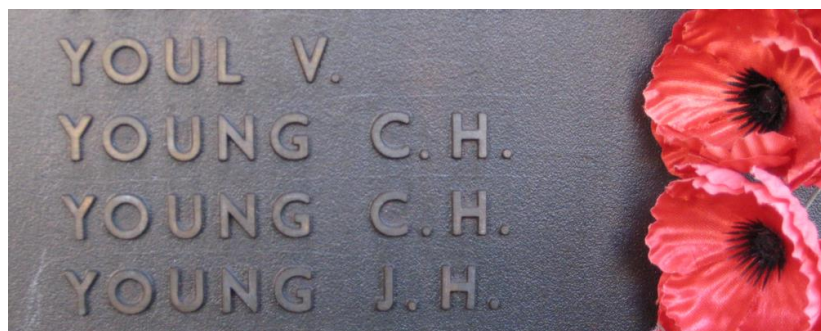
A death for Charles Young, aged 26, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Charles Henry Young was buried on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 182 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Pte Charles Henry Young was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Young's father – Mr J. Young (sent October, 1921 & March, 1923)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles Henry Young – service number 6842, as being 26 years old & served with 1st Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private C. H. Young is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 31.



*(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)*



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

C. H. Young is also remembered on the Drummoyne War Memorial located on the corner of Lyons Rd & Marlborough St, Drummoyne. Pte C. H. Young's father had advised a change of address from Rozelle to Drummoyne in 1916.



**Drummoyne War Memorial** *(Photo by J Bar)*

(44 pages of Pte Charles Henry 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) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **CASUALTIES – 274TH LIST**

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte C. H. Young, Drummoyne

*(The Land, Sydney, NSW – Friday 2 March, 1917)*

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### **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 Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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)*

Pte C. H. Young does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte C. H. Young's Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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Private C. H. Young is also remembered on the Red Granite Obelisk Memorial to Men of 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion A.I.F. which is located in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire** (Photo by Dave Healing 2013)



**Memorial to 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion A.I.F. at Durrington Cemetery**

(Photos by Ian King 2010)



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