

# Sutton Veny War Graves

## World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



60790 PRIVATE

**DAVID CAIRNS YOUNG**

7TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

23RD OCTOBER, 1918 AGE 26

*Our Son*

*To Memory Ever Dear*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte David Cairns Young is located in  
Grave Plot # 12. G. 5. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## David Cairns YOUNG

David Cairns Young was born at Corowa, NSW on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1892 to parents David Cairns Young & Isabella Young (nee Northey). He was a 25 year old, single, Engine Driver from "Riverina" Maher Street, Hurstville, NSW when he enlisted at Wangaratta, Victoria on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1918 with the 8<sup>th</sup> (V) Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 60790 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr D. C. Young of "Riverina" Maher Street, Hurstville, NSW. David Young enlisted under the name David "Carens" Young & stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to his heart.

Private David Young embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Marathon* (A74) on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1918 & disembarked at London, England on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

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.

Private David Young was marched in to 1<sup>st</sup> Training Battalion at Fovant, Wiltshire & allotted to Reinforcements of 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

Private David Young was sent sick to Group Clearing Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 17<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 – P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). He was transferred & admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 1918 seriously ill with Pneumonia.

Private David Cairns Young died at 10.45 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza & Pneumonia.

A death for David C. Young, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private David Cairns Young was buried at 3 pm on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 13 (CWGC has grave No. as 12). From the burial report of Pte Young - *Coffin was polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours. The funeral was preceded by a Firing Party and Band from the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Training Battalion. Six of deceased's late Unit comrades supported the Pall. 2 Officers and about 50 N.C.O.'s and Men from deceased's late Unit followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

Pte David "Carens" Young requested in his Will dated 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1918 that the whole of his property and effects be left to his father Mr David "Carens" Young of Hurstville, Sydney, NSW.

Pte D. C. Young is commemorated 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

D. C. Young is remembered on the Hurstville War Memorial located at Memorial Square, Forrest Road, Hurstville, NSW.



**Hurstville War Memorial** (photos from Monument Australia – Peter F. Williams)



D. C. Young is also remembered on the Corowa War Memorial located on Honour Ave and Sanger St, Corowa, NSW.



**Corowa War Memorial** (Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW – Peter Levarre-Waters)



Pte David Cairns 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 D. C. Young (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private David Cairns Young, 60790 of 7th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of David Cairns Young and Isabella Young, of "Riverina" Maher St, Hurstville, New South Wales. Born at Corowa.

(48 pages of Pte David Cairns Young's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives.*



## Newspaper Reports

### DISTRICT NEWS

Word was received here last week that Pte Young, second son of Mr and Mrs D. C. Young, late of Corowa but now of Cooma, had died in England from the effects of Pneumonia. This young lad had only arrived in the homeland, accompanied by Pte Wm. Oswald and one or two other district lads. No details are to hand beyond the fact of his death. Prior to leaving Corowa deceased, who was about 25 years of age, was employed at the Riverina Harvester Works.

(*Albury Banner and Wodonga Express*, NSW – Friday 8 November, 1918)

David C. Young is remembered on his parents' headstone located in Woronora Cemetery, Sutherland, NSW. Section - Presbyterian M Plot 15.



**Headstone of David Cairns Young & Isabella Young & their son Pte David C. Young**

(*Photo from Australian Cemetery Index – Ray Cork*)

### 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 St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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 David Cairns Young does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Pte David Cairns Young's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)*



**War Graves at Sutton Veny** *(Photos from CWGC)*

