

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,**  
**Tidworth, Wiltshire**  
**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**28099 DRIVER**

**F. H. CUNLIFFE**

**AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY**

**26TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 21**

*Pro Patria*

## Frederick Herbert CUNLIFFE

Herbert F. Cunliffe & his twin brother John R. Cunliffe were born in Sydney, New South Wales on 3rd March, 1896 to parents John Robert and Margaret Cunliffe (nee Pearson).

Frederick Herbert Cunliffe attended Woollahra Public School, Sydney, New South Wales.

Frederick Herbert Cunliffe was a 20 year old, single, Mercer (as listed on Embarkation Roll but listed as a Clerk by his father for the Roll of Honour) from "Blink Bonny", Chester Street, Woollahra, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at R.A.S. (Royal Agricultural Showground), Sydney, NSW on 4th September, 1916 (as per Attestation Papers, however listed in Nominal Roll as joining on 4th October, 1916) with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 28099 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. R. Cunliffe, "Blink Bonny", Chester Street, Woollahra, Sydney, NSW. Frederick Herbert Cunliffe stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with "U. T. 10th F. Artillery" & had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to his Chest measurement.

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour – Frederick Cunliffe had previously served as *"Color Sgt 21A Senior Cadets Gunner. A.F.A."*

Private Frederick Herbert Cunliffe was posted to Show Ground Camp, Sydney on 4th September, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 5th Divisional Ammunition Column as Gunner on 15th September, 1916. He was made Driver on 16th October, 1916.

Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Ascanius (A11)* on 25th October, 1916 with the 5th Divisional Ammunition Column, 7th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 28th December, 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.

Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Larkhill, Wiltshire, England on 29th December, 1916.

Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 15th January, 1917 with Influenza – seriously ill.

Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe died on 26th January, 1917 at Lucknow Isolation Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

A death for Frederick H. Cunliffe, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England.

Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe was buried on 30th January, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 266 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Sydney to obtain details of the sufferings, death and burial Of Gunner. F. H. Cunliffe. A reply was sent on behalf of E. A. Cox, Matron, The Militray Hospital, Tidworth which reads: *"In answer to your letter of Feb. 16th concerning the late No. 28099 Gunner F. H. Cunliffe of the Australian Field Artillery (5 D.A.C.) he was admitted into this Hospital on the 15th Jan. suffering from cerebro-spinal meningitis – from admission his condition was very serious. He never seemed to improve and gradually got weaker – His sister, a Mrs Smith, visited him and was here when he died. Sister wrote his relations as well when he died, so probably they have had the letter by this time. He is buried in the Military Cemetery Tidworth. His grave is No. 266 Plot C."*

Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe 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 Driver Cunliffe's father - Mr J. R. Cunliffe, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe – service number 28099, aged 21, of 5th Div. Ammunition Col., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of John Robert and Margaret Cunliffe, of Chester St., Woollahra, New South Wales.

Driver F. H. Cunliffe is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



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

(39 pages of Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe'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*



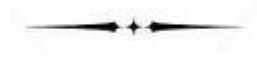


Frederick Herbert Cunliffe



## Connected to Driver Frederick Herbert Cunliffe

Twin brother – John Robert Cunliffe – Enlisted 9th September, 1914 as an 18 year old, Shop Assistant. Embarked as Sergeant, 359, on 22nd December, 1914 with “D” Company, 13th Battalion. Wounded 30th April, 1915 at Dardanelles – loss of right arm (amputated). Returned to Australia – sailing from Plymouth, England on 8th October, 1915. Discharged from Australian Imperial Force in Sydney, NSW on 31st March, 1916. Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

CUNLIFFE – Died at Lucknow Hospital, Tidworth, on January 26, 1917, Driver Fred. H. Cunliffe, the dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Cunliffe, Blinkbonny, Chester-street, Woollahra, aged 20 years, brother of Clarice, Willie, Gertie, Isabel, Roy, and twin-brother of Sergeant J. R. Cunliffe. Deeply mourned by all.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 3 February, 1917)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

CUNLIFFE – Dvr. F. Cunliffe, “One of the Best,” died at Tidworth, England, January 26, 1917. He was our friend. Need we say more? Inserted by his friends, W. H. Palmer, R.S.A., William S\_erman, jun., R.V.A., of Woollahra.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 6 February, 1917)*

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### **MORE CASUALTIES**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES LOSSES**

##### **271st LIST**

Died of Illness

Dvr F. H. CUNLIFFE (Woollahra)

*(Evening News, Sydney, NSW – 8 February, 1917)*

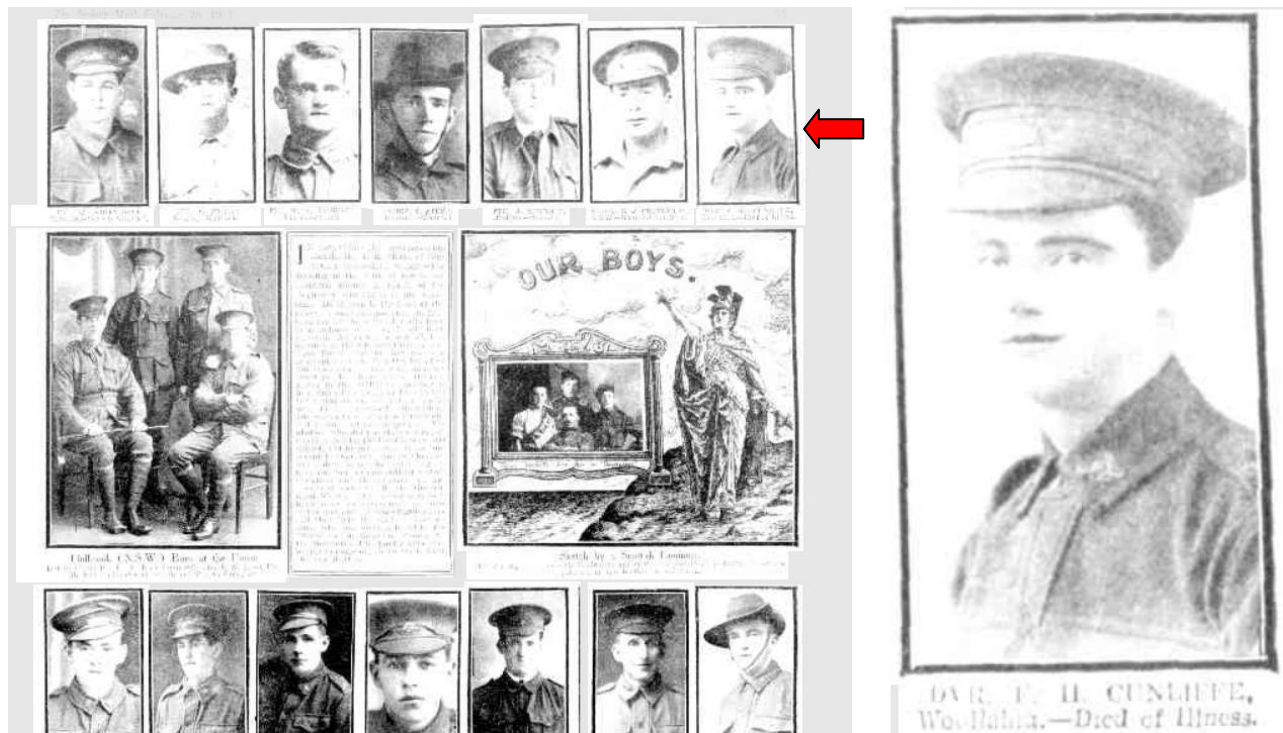
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### **ROLL OF HONOR**

CUNLIFFE – Died Lucknow Hospital, England, Driver F. H. Cunliffe, dearly loved nephew of Mr and Mrs Dingwall, Coolah, and cousin of Pearson, Nancy and Trooper M. Dingwall, on active service. Deeply mourned.

*(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 8 February, 1917) & (The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 8 February, 1917)*

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(*Sydney Mail*, NSW – 28 February, 1917)

## IN MEMORIAM

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver Frederick H. Cunliffe, died of illness, January 26, 1917, at Tidworth Military Hospital, Salisbury, England. Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters, and brothers.

CUNLIFFE – A tribute to the memory of Driver Fred. H. Cunliffe, A.I.F., died of illness at Tidworth, England, January 26, 1917. Inserted by his sincere friends, O. H. Harding and V. C. Read.

CUNLIFFE – In fond memory of our dear friend, Driver F. Cunliffe, who died of illness, January 26, 1917, in England. Inserted by W. Sherman, jr., and W. H. Palmer

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 26 January, 1918)

## On Active Service

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, 5th D.A.C., Australian Field Artillery, died Tidsworth Hospital, England, January 26, 1917. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 27 January, 1919)

## On Active Service

CUNLIFFE – A tribute to the memory of Gnr Fred. Cunliffe, who died of illness at Tidworth, England, January 26, 1917. Inserted by his friend, Harry Palmer.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 26 January, 1920)

### **On Active Service**

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*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1921)*

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### **On Active Service**

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, died January 26, 1917, at Tidsworth Military Hospital, England. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

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*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1922)*

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### **On Active Service**

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver Fredrick Herbert Cunliffe, 5th D.A.C., who died at Tidsworth Military Hospital, England, on January 26, 1917. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

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*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1923)*

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*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1924)*

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CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, 5th D.A.C., 7th F.A.B., died at Tidsworth Military Hospital, England, on January 25, 1917. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers.

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, 5th D.A.C., 7th F.A.B., died Tidsworth Military Hospital, England, on January 26, 1917. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1925)*



### **On Active Service**

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, 5th D.A.C., who died January 26, 1917, at Tidsworth, England. Inserted by Mr and Mrs J. R. Cunliffe, jun.

CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, 5th D.A.C., who died January 26, 1917, at Tidsworth, England.

Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brother.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1926)*

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*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1927)*

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*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1928)*

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CUNLIFFE – In loving memory of Driver F. H. Cunliffe, died Tidsworth, England, 26th January, 1917. Inserted by his parents, sisters and brothers.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 26 January, 1929)*

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**\*\*Memorial Notices were also placed in the newspaper in 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934**

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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. 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)*

Driver F. H. Cunliffe does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.*

*Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground*

*Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.*

*Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.*

*Note Gunner McDonald has a large headstone which reads in part 'erected by his sorrowing comrades of the Australian Field Artillery. His duty done.'*

### **Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England**

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

*(Information from CWGC)*





**Tidworth Military Cemetery** (Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



**Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire**





**Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire** *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



*(Photo courtesy of John Prestidge)*



Photo of Driver F. H. Cunliffe's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)*

