Crail Parish Churchyard, Fifeshire, Scotland War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT

CLARENCE REGINALD MUNDY

ROYAL AIR FORCE

23RD NOVEMBER, 1918

In Memory Of

Our Soldier Son

An Australian

Clarence Reginald MUNDY

Clarence Reginald Mundy was born at Mooroopna, Victoria in 1888 to parents George Francis & Esther Mundy (nee Johnson).

The 1912, 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Wimmera, subdivision of Kerang, Victoria listed Clarence Reginald Mundy, Contractor from Victoria Street, Kerang.

Clarence Reginald Mundy was a single, Contractor when he enlisted at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada on 18th November, 1914 with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force. His religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – George Mundy, Seymour Street, Preston, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Clarence Mundy listed his date of birth as 21st February, 1889 & on Attestation Papers dated 9th February, 1915 Clarence Mundy listed his date of birth as 28th February, 1889, however his birth was registered in Victoria in 1888. He stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Victorian Cadets for 5 years & was currently with 88th V.F.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was posted with 30th Battalion, P.P.C.L.I. (Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry) with a service number of 51361

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was taken on strength of 16th Battalion Canadian Scottish Reinforcements at Rouen, France on 1st February, 1915.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was transferred to 30th Battalion on 30th June, 1915.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was wounded in action on 22nd April, 1915. He was operated on 23rd April, 1915 with G.S.W. (Gunshot wound/s) shoulder. He was admitted to No. 13 General Hospital, Wimereux, France on 10th May, 1915 (date as recorded) with G.S.W. to shoulder. Private Mundy was transferred to England from Rouen, France on 25th April, 1915. (*Note – there are several discrepancies with dates that Private Mundy was wounded & subsequent admissions to Hospitals*).

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was admitted to Great Northern General Hospital at Holloway North on 16th May, 1915 with a wounded shoulder. A Medical Report was completed & it was recommended that Private Mundy change to England on light duty. Private Mundy was transferred & admitted to Canadian Convalescent Hospital at Bromley, Kent, England on 4th October, 1915 & discharged on 8th October, 1915.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy received a discharge in Canada on 22nd September, 1915.

The Medical Case Sheet for Private Clarence Reginald Mundy records that he was admitted to Bromley, Kent on 4th October, 1915 with "G.S.W. R. Arm, R. Knee, R. Foot with compound _____ fracture R Humerus. On admission his general condition is good, wounds are healed. No disability except from the injury to the arm. Disability – the bone is united but not f____. He wears a splint for protection. He has no muscular control at the shoulder or elbow & very little at the wrist. This latter is from disuse."

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was transferred to 43rd Battalion at Shorncliffe, England on 6th October, 1915 (date as recorded). He was also admitted to Moore Barracks Canadian Hospital, Shorncliffe on 8th October, 1915 & discharged on 17th October, 1915.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was on 7 days furlough from 18th October, 1915 & rejoined from furlough on 25th October, 1915.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was transferred from 43rd Battalion to 17th Battalion on 28th January, 1916 at Shorncliffe, England.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was re-examined by Standing Medical Board at Shorncliffe, England regarding his fracture of Humerus. His present condition, on 31st January, 1916, was described as "Large scar on back of arm, considerable shortening & destruction of bicep muscle."

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was granted Sick furlough from 14th May, 1916.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was taken on strength of P.B.D. at Folkestone on 18th May, 1916 at his own request.

Private Clarence Reginald Mundy was promoted to Acting Sergeant on 1st June, 1916.

Acting Sergeant Clarence Reginald Mundy returned to C.C.A.C. (Canadian Casualty Assembly Centre) on 10th October, 1916 & as a result reverted to the rank of Corporal.

Corporal Clarence Reginald Mundy was on Command to Depot Garrison at Shoreham from 15th October, 1916. He was attached to permanent cadre for duty with Pay master & ceased command on 30th October, 1916.

Corporal Clarence Reginald Mundy was to be Acting Sergeant whilst employed at C.D.D. (Canadian Discharge Depot) from 4th January, 1917.

Acting Sergeant Clarence Reginald Mundy ceased to be attached on return to his Unit on 17th March, 1917. He was taken off strength from C.C.D. on 19th March, 1917 & was on Command O.T.C. Bexhill-on-Sea from 19th March, 1917.

Acting Sergeant Clarence Reginald Mundy of the 14th Reserve Battalion was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant with Canadian Infantry on 28th April, 1917.

Acting Sergeant Clarence Reginald Mundy was posted to 14th Reserve Battalion on 11th May, 1917 as Temporary Lieutenant.

Clarence Reginald Mundy was detached to R.A.F. (Royal Air Force) at Reading, England on 6th August, 1917. He was transferred to 26 T.S. (Training Squadron) on 26th September, 1917 then transferred to 20 T.S. (Training Squadron) on 20th October, 1917. Clarence Reginald Mundy was transferred to 54 T.S. (Training Squadron) on 23rd October, 1917.

Clarence Reginald Mundy was seconded for duty with R.F.C. (Royal Flying Corps) on 30th November, 1917. He was appointed Flying Officer, Military Wing, R.F.C. on 30th November, 1917.

Flying Officer Clarence Reginald Mundy was attached to No. 10 T.S. then transferred to H.Q. N.T. Bde for disposal then transferred to 1 Aux S of A.G. (School of Aerial Gunnery) on 18th March, 1918.

Flying Officer Clarence Reginald Mundy was attached to No. 64 T.S. (Training Squadron) on 29th March, 1918.

Flying Officer Clarence Reginald Mundy was appointed Lieutenant on 1st April, 1918.

Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy was transferred to 27 T.D.S (Training Depot Station) on 15th August, 1918. He was transferred to Turnberry on 12th October, 1918 for the purpose of collecting machines then returned to 27 T.D.S. on 1st November, 1918.

The British Royal Air Force Officers' Service Record lists that since joining R.F.C. Clarence Reginald Mundy had flown M.F.S.H., D.H.6, Avros, Sop Pups, Bristol Scouts & Camels.

On 23rd November, 1918 Instructor Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy & Trainee Pilot 1st Class Air Mechanic F. Green were flying a Bristol Fighter C.2634 from 27 T.D.S., Royal Air Force at Crail, Fifeshire, Scotland when the plane failed to recover from a spin.

Flight Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy was accidentally killed in an aeroplane accident on 23rd November, 1918 at Crail, Fifeshire, Scotland. 1st Air Mechanic F. Green also of Royal Air Force also died in the accident on 23rd November, 1918.

A Court of Enquiry was held at Crail Aerodrome, Fifeshire, Scotland on 23rd November, 1918 for the purpose of investigating and reporting upon the circumstances whereby Brisitol Fighter C. 2634 was wrecked and the occupants, Lieutenant C. R. Mundy and 36479 1st Air Mechanic F. Green were killed.

First Witness.

Lieut. A.E. Love, R.F.A. & 27 T.D.S., R.A.F., states:-

I am a Pupil under Instruction with the Finishing Flight with the 27 T.D.S. at Orail. On Nov.23rd, 1918 about 9.0 a.m. I same Priated Fighter flying at a height of about 1000 feet from the direction of the Aerodromo towards Crail. Just afterwards, I saw this machine in a left hand spin over the Officers' Huts. The pilot appeared to pull the machine out of the spin, but got into a spin in the opposite direction at about 100 feet up. Before he could flatten out, he crashed.

(Sgd) A.H. Love; Lieut.

Second Witness.

Capt. J.P. Seabrook, South African Infantry & 27 T.D.S., R. 4.F., states:-

Tam O.C. the Finishing Flight of 27 T.D.S. at Crail. At 9.0 a.m. on Nov. 25rd, Lieut Hundy, who was an Assistant Instructor in this Flight, took up Bristol Fighter 0.2654 to test the Air with 1st A.M.Green as passenger in the back sent. I saw him take off and climb to 1000 feet. Shortly afterwards, as I was engaged on other duties, I heard a crash and immediately proceeded to the scene. I did not see at all what happened, but the position of the machine indicated that it had spun into the ground. The weather conditions were favourable, the day was calm but misty. I was the last Pilot before Lieut. Mindy to fly this machine. On the 23rd, I flew it twice. The machine and engine were in every way satisfactory. The crash was a very bad one, but as far as I could judge on inspection, the controls were in order. Lieut. Mindy was an exceptionably good Pictot. Both he and 1st A.K.Green were on duty at the time of the accident. I produce, for the inspection of the Court Lieut. Mindy's Flying Log Book and the Engine and Machine Log Books of Bristol Fighter 0.2654.

(Sgd) J.P. Seabrook, Capt.

Third Titness.

No.42426, Sgt. J.D.Black, No.27 T.D.S., R.A.F. states:-

I am Rigger Sgt. with the Finishing Flight of No.27 I.D.S. at Grail At 8.0 a.m. on Nov. 23rd, 1918, I examined Bristol Fighter C.2634 and found the migric at every way satisfactory.

(Sgd) J.D.Black, Sgt. Nech.

Fourth Witness.

No.141837 2nd A.M. R.Adems, 27 T.D.S., R.A.F., states:-

I en a Fitter with the Finishing Plight of 97 fm. S. at Crail. At 8.45 a.m. on Nov.23rd, 1916, with lat A.H. Green, I ran up the engine of Sristol Fighter C.2634. The engine was running excellently and giving 1950 R.P.H.

(Sgd) R.Adams, 2nd A.M. No. 141837.

Fifth Witness.

No. 10792 T/Sgt-Major C.J. Pertridge, Mo.27 T.D.S., R.A.F. states:-

I am Sgt-Major with 27 T.D.S. at Grail. About 9.15 a.m. on Nov. 23rd 1918; I was coming towards the cump from the Station, then I saw a Bristol Fighter flying towards me from the Perodrome. At the height of about 500 feet he looped with his engine on throughout. As he came out, he appeared to throw the machine into a right handed spin, dutting the engine out. At the height of 100 feet about he pulled out of the spin, but got into a spin in the opposite direction and crashed before he could recover. (Sgd) Cecil J.Partriage, T/S.H., No. 10792.

Sixth Witness

F/Cat. H.C. Humphreys, 27 T.D.S., R.A.F. states:-

I am a Pupil under Instruction with No.27 T.D.S. at Grail. About 9.10 a.m. on Nov.23rd 1918, I was standing at the door of the N.O's Reception Room, when I heard the engine of a Bristol Pighter above shut off. Looking up, I saw the machine just finishing a loop at the height of about 400 feet. The machine got into a right-handed spin. At about 100 feet up, the Pilot attempted to flatten out. Out got into a left-handed spin and before he could recover, crashed about 50 yds. away.

(Sgd) Harold C. Humphreys, F/Cadet.

Seventh Witness. No.162121 Pte 2 H. Kelly, No.27 T.D.S., R.A.F., states:-

I am a Medical Orderly with 27 T.D.S. at Crail.
About 9.15 a.m. on Nov.25rd 1918, I was brushing up outside the M.O's hut, when I saw an aeroplane crash close by. I called for assistance, and ran across to the crash. The occupants, two in number, had been willed instantly. We conveyed them to the M.O's Hut.

(Sgd) H. Kelly, No.162121 Pte.

Documentary evidence marked "A" and "B"/attached to the Proceedings.

Statement of examination of Lieut. Hundy and 1st A.H. Wreen by D.R.Dow, M.O.i/c Grail Aerodrome.

FINDING

The Court have viewed and examined the wreckage. "I am of opinion that Lieut, Mundy, finding that he has spun down too low, instead of putting his controls neutral, reversed them with the effect that the machine came out of a right hand spin into a left hand one, striking the ground before the Pilot could recover control. I am of opinion that the Pilot and Passenger were on duty." Major, Commanding 27 T.D.S., R.A.F.

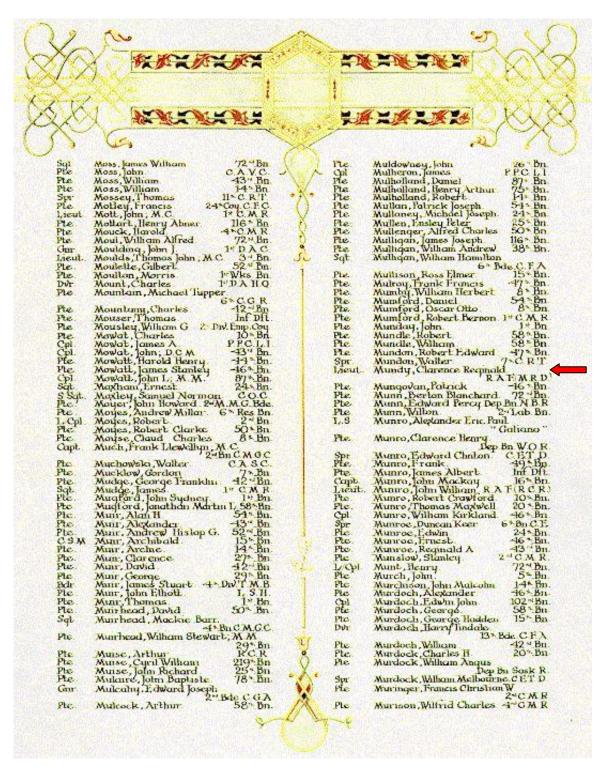
Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy was buried in Crail Parish Churchyard, Fifeshire, Scotland (north-east of Church) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

1st Class Air Mechanic F. Green was also buried in Crail Parish Churchyard, Fifeshire, Scotland

Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lieutenant Mundy's father – Mr George Mundy, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent March, 1922).

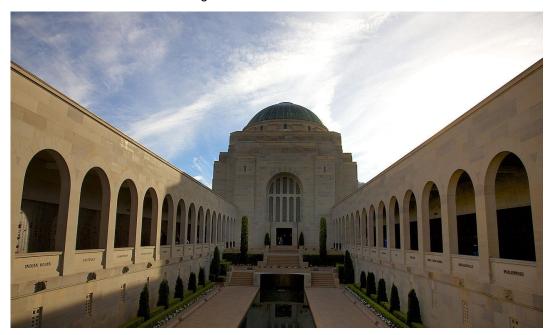
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy, aged 32, of 16th Bn, Canadian Infantry and Royal Air Force. He was the son of George F. Mundy, of 152 High Street, Preston, Melbourne, Victoria.

Lieut. Clarence Reginald Mundy is remembered in the Canadian First World War Book of Remembrance – page 475.

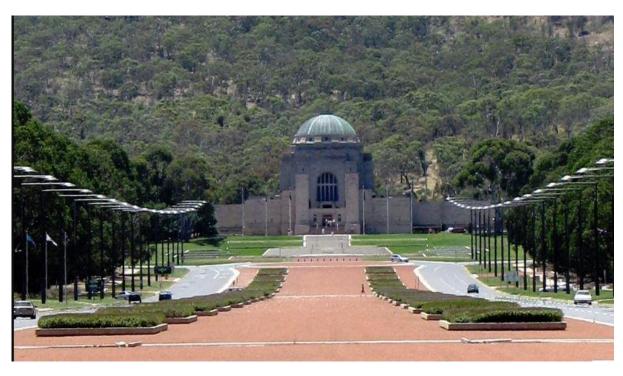


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Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



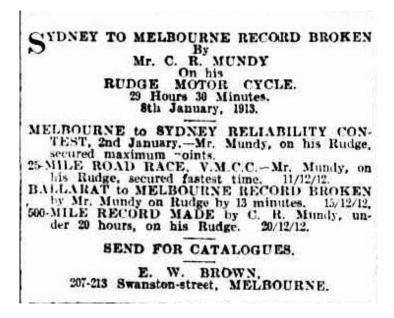
Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)



(68 pages of Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Library & Archives Canada. Other Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial)



Newspaper Notices



(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 January, 1913)

OUR HEROES

Flight-Lieut. C. Mundy

Many friends will be sorry to learn that Flight-Lieut. Clarence Reginald Mundy was accidentally killed in England on Saturday last 23rd inst. He was the younger son of Mr and Mrs Geo Mundy, of Seymour-street, Preston (late of Highstreet, Shepparton), and was a motor cyclist of note. Some years ago he broke the record from Sydney to Melbourne. Proceeding later to the United States he entered for a number of contests, achieving varying success; and when the war broke out he enlisted in a Canadian regiment, and took part in several battles in Northern France. In one of them he was very severely wounded, and for a time his life was despaired of. However, he had a strong constitution, and pulled through well enough to permit of his being afterwards accepted for the air service. He obtained his commission about a year ago. Flight Lieut Mundy, who was about 30 years of age, was very popular in Shepparton. His sister, Miss Sylvia Mundy was well known in musical circles in this town and district, and was a leading member of the Methodist Church choir.

(Shepparton Advertiser, Victoria – 28 November, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

MUNDY – On the 23rd November, in England, Flight Lieut. Clarence Reginald Mundy, accidentally killed, son of Mr and Mrs G. Mundy, Emoh Ruo, Seymour street, Preston, (late of Shepparton), brother of Les, Mrs Long and Sylv.

Deeply loved and mourned.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 26 November, 1918)

DEATH

MUNDY – On the 23rd inst. as result of accident in England, Flight Lieut. Clarence Reginald Mundy, 2nd son of Mr and Mrs Geo. Mundy, "Emoh Ruo", Seymour-street, Preston, (late of Shepparton). Brother of Les., Sylv., and Mrs F. Long, Bairnsdale.

Deeply loved and mourned.

(Shepparton Advertiser, Victoria - 28 November, 1918)

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GALLANT AUSTRALIANS

Mrs Mundy, of Seymour Street, South Preston, has received a cable conveying the sad intelligence that her son Flight Lieut. Clarence Reginald Mundy, was accidentally killed as the result of an aeroplane accident on Nov. 5. When war broke out this gallant young Australian was in America studying music, and he at once went across to Canada and enlisted, being the first Australian to leave the dominion with Princess Patricia's Scottish Regiment in 1914. Having his arm shattered at Hill 60, Flanders, he was sent back to England and discharged. He re-enlisted in the Flying Corps and was promoted to lieutenant, and was appointed instructor, a position he held to the time of his death. He was a brother of Mrs Long, formerly of Preston.

(Preston Leader, Victoria - 30 November, 1918) & (Northcote Leader, Victoria - 30 November, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Flight-Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy, who crashed whilst on duty, at Crail, Scotland, on the 23rd November, 1918.

Ever remembered.

Only those who have lost know the price of peace.

-(Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, brother Les, and sisters Essie and Sylv.)

MUNDY – In loving memory of our dear brother, Flight-Lieut. C. R. Mundy, who was killed in an aeroplane accident at Crail, Scotland.

Only those who have lost know the price of peace.

-(Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, E. and F. Long)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 November, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother, Flight-Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy, who crashed whilst on duty, at Crail, Scotland, on the 23rd November, 1918.

Ever remembered.

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-(Inserted by his sorrowing father and mother, brother Les, and sisters Essie and Sylv.)

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 November, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In loving memory of our brother, Flight-Lieutenant Clarence R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, November 22, 1918.

He gave his best – his life.

-(Inserted by E. and F. Long.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 November, 1920)

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IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In memory of our son and brother, Flight-Lieutenant C. R. Mundy, killed in Scotland, November 23, 1918, in aeroplane crash.

Ever remembered.

-(Inserted by father, mother, sisters and brother.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 November, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

MUNDY – In loving memory of Flight-Lieut. C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, on November 23, 1918.

Still in our thoughts.

-(Inserted by A.F., E.E., F., and M. Long)

MUNDY – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Lieut. C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, on November 23, 1918.

Dearly loved. Proudly mourned.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 November, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY - In loving memory of Flight-Lt. C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland.

Still cherished in our memory.

-(Inserted by E.E. and F. Long)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria - 22 November, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Flight-Lieut. C. R. Mundy, accidentally killed airplane crash in Crail, Scotland, on the 23rd November, 1918.

Our soldier son.

Ever remembered

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria - 23 November, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

MUNDY – In loving memory of my dear son, Lieutenant C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, on 23rd November, 1918.

Father, sister, brother united

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 November, 1924)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY - Flight-Lieutenant E. R., killed Crael, Scotland, aeroplane crash, November 23, 1918.

Though lost to sight, memory dear to mother, sisters and brother.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 November, 1925)

IN MEMORIAM

MUNDY – In cherished memory of Lieut. C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, 23rd November, 1918.

Peacefully sleeping

-(Inserted by mother, brother and sisters)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria - 23 November, 1926)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In cherished memory of my dear son, Lieutenant C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, November 23, 1918.

Still loved, still missed, still mourned.

-(Mother)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 November, 1928)

IN MEMORIAM

MUNDY – In cherished memory of my dear son, Lieut. C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, November 23, 1918.

Loved and remembered.

-(Inserted by mother)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 November, 1929)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MUNDY – In loving memory of my dear son, Lieutenant C. R. Mundy, who crashed at Crail, Scotland, November 23, 1918.- Father, sister, brother united (Mother)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 November, 1928)

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Clarence Reginald Mundy is mentioned on his parents' headstone in Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery, Coburg, Victoria, Australia.

George F. Mundy, Died 26 Dec. 1923, aged 69 years, late husband of Esther, father of Mary, Clarence (dec.), Essie, George, (Les) and Sylv.

Esther Mundy, died 17 April, 1935, Aged 80 years, wife of above.

Esther Elizabeth Long, died 19 Dec. 1963, Aged 83 years.



Mundy Headstone in Coburg Pine Ridge Cemetery, Coburg, Victoria

Crail Parish Churchyard, Fifeshire, Scotland

Crail Parish Churchyard contains 7 Commonwealth War Graves – all from World War 1.



(Photo above by Barbara Lewis; below CWGC)



Photo of Lieutenant Clarence Reginald Mundy's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Crail Parish Churchyard, Fife, Scotland.



(Photo from BereniceUK)