

Compton Chamberlayne
War Graves Cemetery,
Wiltshire, England



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3245 PRIVATE

C. TULL

57TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH MARCH, 1917

Charles TULL

Charles Tull was born at Yea, Victoria in 1888 to parents George & Sarah Ann Tull (nee Jeffreys).

George Tull, father of Charles Tull, died on 23rd May, 1896 at Yea, Victoria.

The 1909, 1912 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Mernda, subdivision of Yea, Victoria listed Charles Tull, Labourer from Yea.

Charles Tull married Christina Schickerling on 26th October, 1916, about a fortnight before Charles embarked for duty.

Newspaper Notice - *The Horsham Times*, Victoria – Tuesday 28th November, 1916:

A wedding was celebrated at St Paul's Church of England, Malvern, on Thursday evening, 26th October, when Miss Tina Schickerling, daughter of the late Mr Philip Schickerling, of Hopetoun, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr Charles Tull, of Yea.

Charles Tull was a 28 year old, married, Labourer from Caulfield, Victoria when he enlisted, on his second attempt, on 9th November, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force. (Charles Tull was rejected on his first attempt due to the condition of his teeth). His service number was 3245 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Christina Tull of 23 Pental Road, Caulfield, Victoria.

Private Charles Tull was posted to 1st Depot Battalion at Royal Park on 9th November, 1916. He was transferred to 8th Reinforcements of 57th Battalion on 28th November, 1916.

Private Charles Tull embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic* (A7) on 16th December, 1916 with the 57th Infantry, 8th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th February, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain area in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Charles Tull was marched into 15th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 18th February, 1917 from Australia.

Private Charles Tull was admitted sick to Fovant Hospital, Wiltshire on 12th March, 1917 suffering acute Bronchitis.

Private Charles Tull died at 5.50 a.m. on 16th March, 1917 at the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Bronchitis.

A death for Charles Tull, aged 28, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Charles Tull was buried on 19th March, 1917 in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Middle Row, Grave Plot # 10. From the burial report of Private Charles Tull – Coffin was of Oak with metal mounts & name plate & deceased was given a Military Funeral. *Private Tull was known in the Battalion as one on whose comradeship one could not trespass too much. He was always willing and obliging and had been "noted" for early promotion.*

A War Pension was granted to Christina Tull, widow of Private Charles Tull, in the amount of £2 per fortnight as from 23rd May, 1917. A War Pension was granted to the son of Private Charles Tull – Charles W. Tull in the amount of 20/- per fortnight as from 7th August, 1917. Sadly Private Charles Tull never saw his only child – Charles Weldon Tull, born 7th August, 1917.

Private Charles Tull was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (August, 1922) & Memorial Plaque (July, 1922) were sent to Private Tull's widow who had remarried – now Mrs C McAndrew of Main Road, Greensborough, Victoria.

Private C. Tull is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 164.

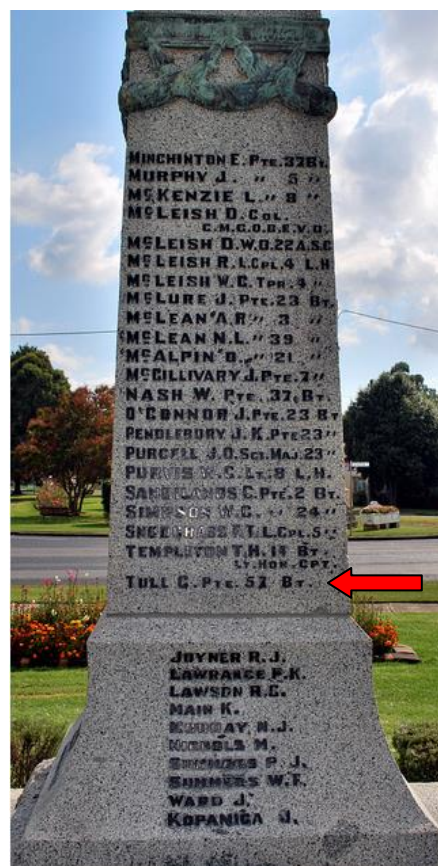


(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte C. Tull is also remembered on the Yea War Memorial located in a small park at Melba Highway, Lyons Street and Pelissier Street, Yea, Victoria.



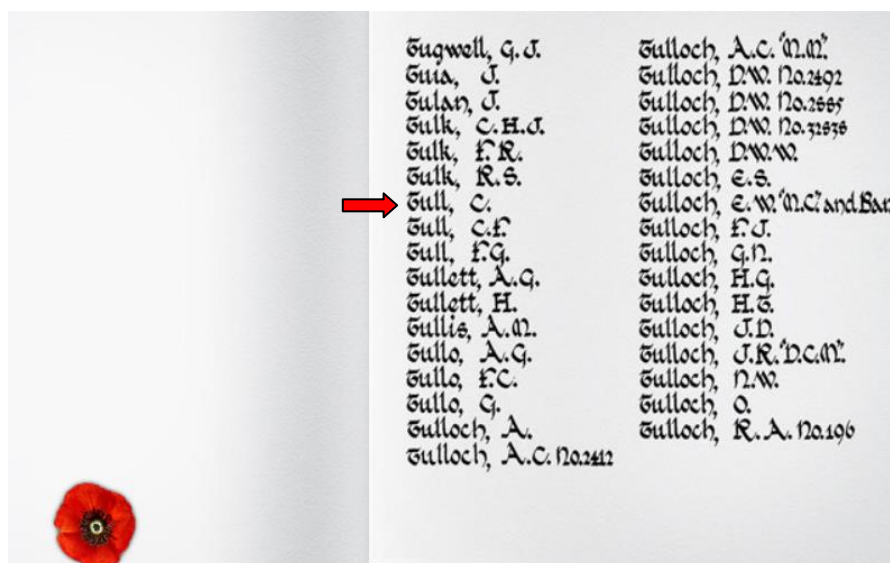
Yea War Memorial (Photos courtesy of punnyfotos via flickr)

C. Tull is remembered on the City of Caulfield Honour Roll for World War 1, located in Glen Eira City Hall, Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, Victoria – panel number 29.



City of Caulfield Honour Roll for World War 1

C. Tull is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(60 pages of Private Charles Tull'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



*** Private Charles Tull of the 57th Battallion, A.I.F. died at 5.50 a.m. on 16th March, 1917 at the Military Hospital at Fovant.

Private William Charles Snell of the 60th Battalion, A.I.F. died at 6.20 a.m. on 16th March, 1917 at the Military Hospital at Fovant.

They were both buried at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery on 19th March, 1917. They are buried next to each other in Middle Row – plots 10 & 11.

*** Private Charles Tull (3245) embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic (A7)* on 16th December, 1916 & died 16th March, 1917.

Private James Howard (3164) also embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic (A7)* on 16th December, 1916 & died 18th March, 1917.

Private Thomas Henry William White embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic (A7)* on 16th December, 1916 & died 25th March, 1917

Private Howard & Private Tull & Private White are buried next to each other in Middle Row – plots 8, 9 & 10.



Memorial Card for Private Charles Tull:



(Kindly provided by Kerry Simon – Great Niece of Private Charles Tull)



Newspaper Reports

DEATH OF A LOCAL SOLDIER

A cablegram was received on Saturday morning announcing the death of Private C Tull, of Murrindindi, from Bronchitis. Word was received only a short time ago that Private Tull had arrived in England, where his death took place in Fovant Hospital. The deceased soldier was married about a fortnight before his departure and great sympathy is felt for his sorrowing wife and mother and other members of the family. Immediately the news became known the flag at the Shire hall was hoisted half mast.

(*Yea Chronicle*, Victoria – Thursday 29th March, 1917)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

Casualty List No. 285

Victoria

DIED OF ILLNESS – C. Tull, Caulfield, 16/3/17

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – Saturday 7th April, 1917) & (*The Mercury*, Hobart, Tasmania - Saturday 7th April, 1917) & (*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – Wednesday 11th April, 1917)

BIRTHS

TULL (nee Tina Schickerling) – On the 7th August, at Nurse Hortle's private hospital, Soudan Steet, Malvern, the wife of Private Charles Tull, A.I.F. – of a son (Charles Weldon).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 25th August, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TULL – To the loved and honoured memory of my darling husband, Private Charles Tull, 57th Battalion, who died at Fovant Military Hospital, England, on 16th March, 1917, aged 28 years.

No one knows the silent heartaches,

Only those can tell

Who have lost their best and dearest,

Without even saying farewell.

Our hero.

-(Inserted by his sorrowing wife and baby, Charles Weldon.)

TULL – In loving memory of my dear son, Private Charles Tull, who died of illness, in England, on 16th March, 1917.

There came a day when the roll was called,

That he did not answer "Here,"

For he slept with his comrades his last long

Sleep,

And he died without a fear.

-(Inserted by his loving mother, wife, sisters, and brothers, Murrindindi, Yea.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 16th March, 1918)

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

TULL – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Charles Tull, who died at Fovant Military Hospital, on 16th March, 1917.

He bade no one a last farewell.
He said good-bye to none.
His spirit fled before we knew
That from us he had gone.

-Inserted by his loving Sister and Brother-in-law, H and A.W. O'Connor, Lethbridge.

(*Yea Chronicle*, Victoria – Thursday 28th March, 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 at Compton Chamberlayne 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*)

Private C. Tull does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery contains 34 Commonwealth War Graves all from World War 1. Of these 28 are of Australian Soldiers.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



Left & right of Cemetery with central Plinth (Photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey 2012)



Photo taken from back of Cemetery looking towards the Entrance (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)

Photo of Private C. Tull's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)

Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations








































British Soldier



Irish Soldier



Australian Soldier

Front Row	Grave		Middle Row	Grave		Back Row	Grave	
Public	1		Oliver	1			1	
Public	2		Knowles	2		Public	2	
	Haywood	3		Skipper	3		Turner	3
	Gilbert	4		Wehrmann	4		Evans	4
	Le Tisser	5		Park	5		Dreckow	5
	Jones	6		Riley	6		Cass	6
	Cook	7		Turnbull	7		Arnold	7
	Pairman	8		White	8		Sillar	8
		9		Howard	9		Ross	9
	Norris	10		Tull	10		Finn	10
	Lintott	11		Snell	11		McCarthy	11
	Redman	12		Ferrow	12		Trengove	12
Public			Public					13
Public			Public					14
Public							Walsh	15
								16
							Hooper	17
								18
							Larkin	19



Compton Chamberlayne War Graves (Photo from CWGC)



(Photo taken c March, 1919)

Graves of Australian soldiers in the cemetery at Compton-Chamberlyne, each marked by a cross.

Back row, left to right: 55821 Private (Pte) Alfred Alwin Dreckow, 32nd Battalion (Bn), died 19 October 1918; 3712 Pte Thomas Cass, 10th Bn, died 17 August 1918; 3764 Pte William Joseph Arnold, 31st Bn, died 2 July 1918; Captain Roy Allan Sillar, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 30 June 1918; 1993A Pte Sydney Ross, 18th Bn, died 31 May 1918.

Front row: 1666 Sergeant Percy Robert Knowles, 9th Australian Light TM Battery, died 30 January 1918; 1995 Pte Thomas James Skipper, 51st Bn, died Fovant Military Hospital 7 January 1918; 687 Pte John Thomas Wehrmann, 32nd Bn, died 3 November 1917; 3462 Pte William Joseph Park, 60th Bn, died 23rd September 1917; 1725 Pte William Ernest Riley, 60th Bn, died 22 May 1917.