

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



2538 PRIVATE

L. KINANE

49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 19

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte L Kinane is located in Main Middle Row (Right hand side)

Grave Plot # 31 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 42)

Lawrence Kinane was born at Tipperary, County Cork, Ireland. He was the son of Daniel and Catherine Kinane. (Ref – CWGC). He was a 20 year old, single Labourer from Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted on 10th June, 1916 with the 49th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2538 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his cousin* (Later information provided by Mrs Mary Mulcahy states she is Lawrence's Aunt) – Mrs Mary Mulcahy of Wantley Street, Warwick, Queensland. From information provided for the Roll of Honour, Lawrence came to Australia when he was 18 years old.

Pte Lawrence Kinane embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Seang Choon (A49)* on 19th September, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th December, 1916.

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

Pte Kinane was marched in to 13th Training Battalion at Codford.

Pte Kinane was admitted sick to Camp Hospital at Codford on 26th December, 1916. He was transferred to No. 3 New Zealand Hospital at Codford on 6th January, 1917.

Pte Lawrence Kinane died at 11.55 p.m. on 6th January, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand Hospital at Codford of Broncho pneumonia

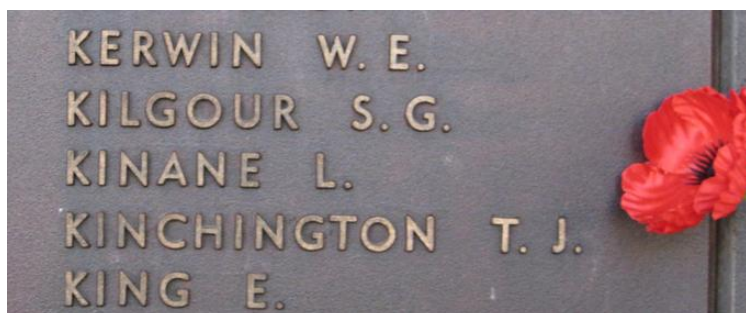
A death for Lawrence Kinnane, aged 21, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

From the burial report of Pte Lawrence Kinane – he “was buried at the Military Cemetery, Codford, England.”

(Note – no other information was supplied. All recorded details of the burial show – “undated”).

Mrs Mary Mulcahy, aunt of the late Pte Lawrence Kinane, through her Solicitor E. A. Flower. Esq., made enquires as to a Will made out by Pte Kinane. Army records show they had no record of any Will.

Private L. Kinane is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 148.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A letter within Pte Kinane's Service Record file, dated 10th June, 1924 from Eric C Stubbs of Victoria Point, Queensland to Victoria Barracks, Brisbane where Mr Stubbs is endeavouring to receive official confirmation of the death of "Pte Larry Kinane" 49th Battalion. "This information is required in order to have his name added to those already on the Tingalpa Shire Memorial stone, which was unveiled by General Spencer Browne last year." A confirmation letter was returned to Mr Stubbs dated 21st June, 1924.



(Photo from Queensland War Memorial Register)

Roll of Honour Board for Tingalpa Shire - Mount Cotton Community Hall, Corner of Seaview and Mt Cotton Roads. (Column 3, 20th name – L. Kinana would be Lawrence Kinane spelt incorrectly. A check of the AWM records show no soldier named Kinana)

Pte Lawrence Kinane was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A letter dated 11th April, 1921 from Mrs Mary Mulcahy, to the Officer in Charge of Base Records, Melbourne states –“ *I am the deceased soldier's Aunt and he told me when he came to Queensland that his people were dead and that he was an orphan. His mother is my sister and I have been in Queensland nearly forty years now. I can give you no information as to his relatives, as I know of none living and I am his only relation in Australia*”.

Mrs Mulcahy was asked to complete a Statutory Declaration form to agree that she will preserve with due care any war medals or other items rendered by the Late Pte L. Kinane & will return them to the Department of Defence should they be required by someone having a prior claim.

A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Kinane's aunt – Mrs Mary Mulcahy, both received in August, 1922.

(43 pages of Pte Lawrence Kinane'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

oooOOooo

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 Codford 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 L. Kinane does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte L. Kinane's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)