

# Compton Chamberlayne War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I



**P.W. AMOORE SERVED AS**

**2675 PRIVATE**

**P. W. HAYWOOD**

**58<sup>th</sup> BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 40**

*HIS OWN HE NEVER CAN FORSAKE*

*NOR LEAVE ALONE*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte P W Amooore / Haywood is located in*

*Front Row Grave Plot # 3 of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery*

Philip Walter Rendell Amooore was born in Ballarat, Victoria in 1875 to parents Harriet & Albert Hastings Amooore. He was a Station Hand (Boundary Rider), married & aged 41 years & 7 months from Carlton, Victoria when he enlisted on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 1916 with the 58<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army. He enlisted under the name of Philip Walter **Haywood**, with a service number of 2675 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Olive Haywood of 34 Barry Street, Carlton, Victoria.

Pte Haywood embarked from Melbourne HMAT *Nestor (A71)* on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 1916.

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.

Pte Haywood was admitted to the Hospital at Hurdcott on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 1916 with Bronchitis & then admitted to the Hospital at Fovant on 14<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 from 15<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion.

Pte Philip Walter Haywood died of pneumonia at the Military Hospital at Fovant at 1.15 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1917. A death for a Philip W Haywood, aged 42, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.( Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

Pte Haywood was buried in Compton Chamberlayne cemetery on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

A letter to the Army Pay Master from Mrs Olive Haywood, dated 27<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 states that “Pte P W Haywood and I were not married although we lived together for four years and would never have separated only he was afraid that he would be forced to go to the front so he went at his own free will”.

Olive Kate Haywood, defacto wife of Pte Haywood/Amooore 2675 was granted £2 War pension per fortnight from 9/4/1917. Ellen Margaret Amooore, widow of Pte Haywood/Amooore was also granted £2 War pension per fortnight from 9/4/1917. Rita Maie Amooore, daughter, was granted £1 per fortnight War pension, Kathleen P Amooore, daughter, was granted 15/- per fortnight War pension & Leonard Rendell Amooore, son, was granted 10/- per fortnight War pension. Mrs Harriet M Amooore, mother of Pte Haywood/Amooore, claim for a War pension was rejected as dependence was unproven & her claim was withdrawn.

On 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1918, at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne – Ellen Margaret Amooore, of 5 Willow St, Essendon, Victoria, signed a Statutory Declaration that she was “the wife of the soldier who enlisted as no 2675 Pte Philip Walter Haywood & that his correct name is Philip Walter Amooore. I am not acquainted with Mrs Olive Haywood who is shown on the soldier’s attestation papers as

next-of-kin. I desire that his name be amended on the records and my name shown as next-of-kin”.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June, 1918 Officer in Charge of Base Records informed AIF Headquarters in London that “documentary evidence has now been produced ....the above named soldier enlisted under an assumed name, his correct name being Philip Walter Amoore & that his wife Ellen Margaret Amoore of Essendon is his next-of-kin”. Army internal letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1921 confirms that “pensions have been granted to Mrs E M Amoore as deceased’s widow & to three children in her care.”

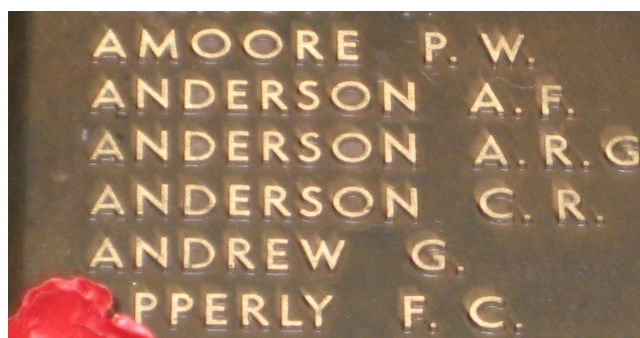
A letter to the Army, dated February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1919 from Harriet M Amoore – deceased soldier’s mother- requests that the name on her son’s grave be altered. She states he enlisted under the name Haywood but she is “very anxious to have the name altered to his own” – P W Amoore.

An internal Army letter, dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1919 confirms that the records are being amended in order that the true baptismal name of Philip Walter Amoore may be substituted for the assumed name of Philip Walter Haywood. Instructions have been given for a new cross to be erected showing the deceased soldier’s correct name.

A letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1921, between Army Headquarters states that “Mrs E M Amoore, the widow of the late No 2675 P W (Haywood) Amoore, will apply for the medals.” “The de facto wife is untraceable”.

Pte P W Haywood was entitled to British War Medal only as he did not enter a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (November, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (in the name Philip Walter Haywood) were sent to the Administrator of Estate of E M Amoore (deceased wife of deceased soldier) to be given to Leonard Amoore - son-(January, 1923).

Private P W Amoore (served as Pte Haywood) is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 165 .



*(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)*



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

( 75 pages of Pte Haywood's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website & 24 pages are available under the name "Amoore").

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

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## **Death Notices – Died on Active Service**

*Amoore – Died 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1917 on active service, at Fovant Military Hospital, Phillip Walter, the beloved son of Hastings and Harriet Amoore, Ascotvale; affectionate brother of Harry, Frank, Jack, Joseph, Mrs Garmonsway, Mrs Fraser, Violet Amoore, husband of Ellen Amoore; father of Rita, Kathllen, Lennie; loved nephew of Mrs Robertson, Ararat.*

*At rest*

(The Argus, Melbourne Victoria- Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1917)

*AMOORE – On the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at the Military Hospital, Salisbury Plain, England, Private P. W. R. Amoore, the beloved second son of Albery and Harriet Amoore, Melbourne, and husband of Ellen Margaret Amoore. – Inserted by his brother Harry.*

(The Advertiser, Adelaide South Australia - Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 1917)

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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 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)*

Pte Haywood/Amoore does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte P W Haywood / Amoores Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery



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