

# Sutton Veny War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War 1



**3618 PRIVATE**

**C. H. R. ROSENTHAL**

**32ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**4TH SEPTEMBER, 1918 AGE 21**

*Beloved By All*

*CWGC Headstone for Pte C. H. R. Rosenthal is located in  
Grave Plot # 362. E. 14. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

## Cyril Henry Robert ROSENTHAL

Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal was born on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1898 at Kapunda (according to details on Attestation Paers), South Australia to parents John George Henry & Louisa Charlotte Rosenthal (nee Wahlert). His birth was registered in Burra, South Australia. Cyril stated he was a 19 year old, single, Butcher from Freeling, South Australia when he enlisted at Adelaide, South Australia on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3618 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – George Henry Rosenthal of Hansborough, South Australia. Cyril had served 3 years with Senior Cadets. 80<sup>th</sup> Battalion Infantry (left due to leaving district). As Cyril was under the age of 21, his father had written a letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1916 which reads: *“Dear Cyril, I am pleased to hear that you have decided to enlist and give my consent to join Army. I shall be very pleased to see you, if you can spare a day or two, before going to Adelaide. I remain your loving father G. H. Rosenthal.”*

Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal embarked from Adelaide on HMAT *Ballarat (A70)* on 12th August, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1916. Pte Rosenthal had been admitted to Ship's Hospital on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 when it docked.

Pte Rosenthal was admitted sick to Military Hospital at Devonport on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1916 with pneumonia. He was discharged on 5<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

Pte Rosenthal was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs & medically classified as B1 A on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 1916.

Pte Rosenthal was marched out on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 from No. 1 Command Depot to No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham. Pte Rosenthal was marched out to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1917. He was medically classified as B1 A4 at Hurdcott on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 & reclassified as A4 (Fit for Active Service when of age (military) on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1917. Pte Rosenthal was classified as A4 at Hurdcott on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1917.

Pte Rosenthal was marched out to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 1918

Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal proceeded Overseas to France from Longbridge Deverill via Southampton on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 1918. He was marched in from England at A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Havre on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1918 & marched out to his Unit on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 1918.

Pte Rosenthal was taken on strength with 32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in the field on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1918.

Pte Rosenthal was wounded in action on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. He was admitted to 11<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance & transferred to 4<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station with a gunshot wound to Hip & finger. Pte Rosenthal was transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Rouen, France on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1918. Pte Rosenthal embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. David* on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1918.

Pte Rosenthal was admitted to 5<sup>th</sup> Southern General Hospital at Portsmouth on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1918 with a gunshot wound to left thigh, severe. Pte Rosenthal was transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1917.

Pte Rosenthal was on furl from 25<sup>th</sup> May, 1918 to 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1918 & was to report to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny.

Pte Rosenthal was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1918.

Pte Rosenthal was admitted to 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford, Wiltshire on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 1918 originally cause not determined but later found to be VD. He was discharged to C.T.D. at Parkhouse on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1918. Pte Rosenthal discharged from Parkhouse on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1918.

Pte Rosenthal was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny on 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 & medically classed as A3 (Fit for Overseas Training Camp – to which transferred for hardening, prior to rejoining unit overseas).

Pte Rosenthal was marched out to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1918.

Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal was sent sick Sutton Veny Hospital & then admitted to the Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 1918 seriously ill with Acute Peritonitis.

Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal died at 5.15 am on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1918 at the Military Hospital, Sutton Veny of Tuberculosis generalised & Peritonitis generalised.

A death for Cyril H. R. Rosenthal, aged 19, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal was buried on 9th September, 1918 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 362. From the burial report of Pte Rosenthal - *Coffin was good polished Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the body being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party and band. Six of deceased's comrades acted as Pallbearers. Mrs & Miss M. Tallis of 122 Benacre Street, Birmingham, (friends of deceased) were chief mourners. The Officers, N.C.O.'s and about 100 Men of deceased's late company also attended as mourners. A floral wreath from Mrs & Miss Tallis was placed on the grave after the "Last Post" had been sounded. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U. K. were represented at the funeral.*

Pte Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal requested in his Will dated 13th July, 1917 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his brother – Mr G. H. Rosenthal of Kapunda, South Australia.

Private C. H. R. Rosenthal is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 121.



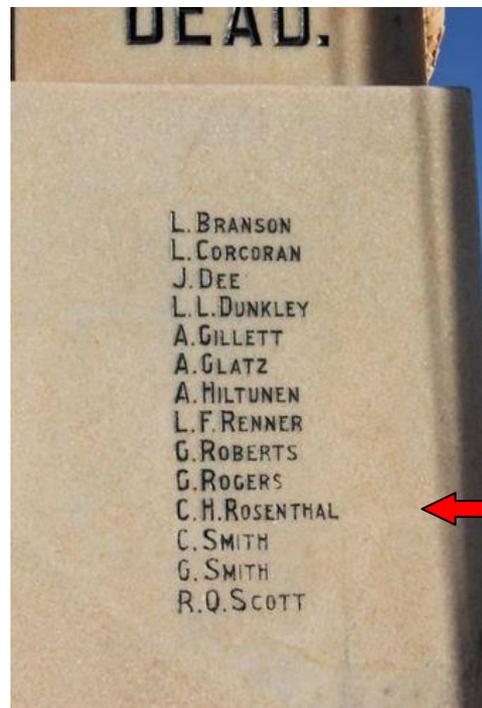
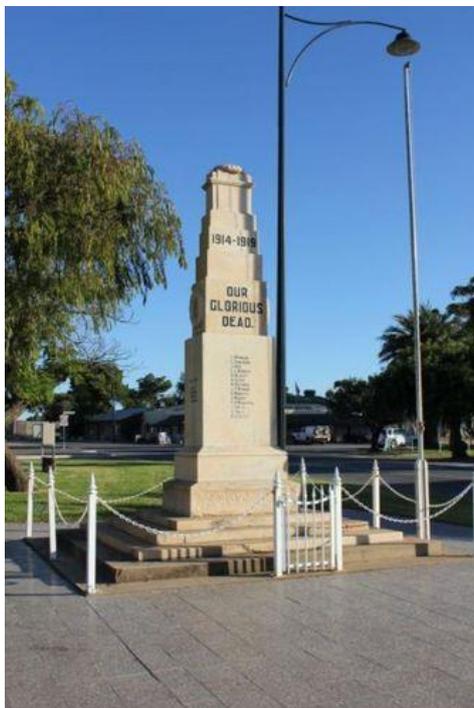
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

C. H. R. Rosenthal is remembered on the National War Memorial in Adelaide which commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



**National War Memorial – Adelaide** (Photos by Bilby)

C. H. Rosenthal is also remembered on the Freeling War Memorial located at Hanson & Gray Streets, Freeling, South Australia.



**Freeling War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia – Roger Johnson)

C. Rosenthal is also remembered on the Kapunda War Memorial located on South Terrace & Kapunda Street, Kapunda, South Australia.



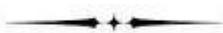
**Kapunda War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia – Roger Johnson)

Pte Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Rosenthal's father – Mr G. H. Rosenthal (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal, 3618, of 32nd Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F. , as the son of John George Henry and Louisa Rosenthal of Ellen St., Semaphore, South Australia. Born at Kapunda.

(75 pages of Pte Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal'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.*



## **Newspaper Reports**

### **THE CALL TO ARMS**

#### **GONE INTO CAMP**

The following men went into camp on Saturday - ..... C. H. R. Rosenthal.....

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Monday 8 May, 1916)

# THE OPEN COLUMN

## Christmas Greetings

### To The Editor

Sir – Below I have pleasure in handing you the names of our Kapunda boys and others, who have replied to the Christmas Greetings sent to them by our association, and received by last two mails, and shall be pleased if you will publish them in your next issue for the information of their friends

Yours faithfully,

EDWARD T. HOULSON Secretary, Progress Association.

Lieuts. G. H. Nuun, W. Randle, and W. J. Denny, Sgts. W. V. Rule, T. M. Whelon, and F. J. Kildea, Cpls. Len J. Fawcett, J.J. Churchett, F. G. Truscott, Drivers H. Shilcock, J. Parham, E. K. Jeffs, T. Reid, and T. A. O'Brien, Ptes. R. H. Hughes, G. Butler, J. T. Rees, J. Brewster, C. R. Marshall, L. G. Lambert, Donald Kerr, A. E. Willcocks, W. Williams, H. W. Turner, Geo. T. Houlson, J. Rooney, C. J. Harris, C. H. R. Rosenthal, .....

(*Kapunda Herald*, Sth Australia – Friday 23 February, 1917)

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## ROLL OF HEROES

### CASUALTY LIST NO. 404

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA - WOUNDED

3618, Pte C. H. R. Rosenthal, Hansborough

(*Daily Herald*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Tuesday 28 May, 1918)

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### 432nd CASUALTY LIST

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

3618, Pte C. H. R. Rosenthal, Hansborough, Missing

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Saturday 12 October, 1918)

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### DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

ROSENTHAL – In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Cyril Rosenthal, who died in England of peritonitis, September 4. Too dearly loved to be forgotten. – Inserted by his loving sisters and brothers



The Late Private Cyril Rosenthal.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Saturday 14 December, 1918)

## HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

ROSENTHAL— In sad but loving memory of our dearly loved brother, Private Cyril H. R. Rosenthal, who died in England, September 4, 1918.

No one knows the silent heartache,  
Only those can tell  
Who have lost their darling loved one  
Without a last farewell.  
To have, to love, and then to part,  
Is the saddest thing of a human heart.

Dearly loved, sadly missed — Inserted by his loving sister, Myrtle, and brother, Arthur.

ROSENTHAL — In loving memory of our dear brother, Cyril, who died in England, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

Could we, his sisters, have clasped his hand,  
The brother we loved so well,  
Or kissed his dear brow, when death was near.  
And wished our brother farewell.  
When we see your comrades returning,  
Our hearts are filled with pain,  
To think you are not there, dear brother,  
And will never come home again.

—Inserted by his loving sisters, Sylvia and Violet.

ROSENTHAL — In loving memory of our dear brother, Cyril, died 4th September, 1918.

When you hear of brave lads dying;  
I know some don't care; they're not your own;  
But just supposing you lose a loved one.  
That is the time that it strikes home.  
So dearly loved, so sadly missed.  
— Inserted by his loving sister, Sis, and brother-in-law Will, and little nieces.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Saturday 13 September, 1919)

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## HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

ROSENTHAL - In loving memory of our dear brother, Cyril, died at Sutton Veny, September 4, 1918.

How we prayed and wept with longing,  
Waiting for the news of joy  
That would speed the ship to harbour  
Bringing home our soldier boy.  
But two years have dolled above us,  
Grief has over mastered joy;  
For our hearts are ever mourning  
For our absent soldier boy.  
Dearly loved, sadly missed.

— Inserted by his loving sisters and brothers.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Saturday 4 September, 1920)

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## HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

ROSENTHAL - In loving memory of Private C. H. Rosenthal, died of wounds in England on the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 1918.

Oh, valiant heart, who to your glory came,  
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame.  
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,  
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

- Inserted by A. V., A. J., Myrtle and Con.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Saturday 9 September, 1922)

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## HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

ROSENTHAL - In loving memory of Cyril, Pte 3618, 32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, died in England, September 4, 1918. Our cross – his crown.

Through the valley of death my feet have trod.  
I reign in glory now.

— Inserted by Myrtle, Albert and Con.

ROSENTHAL - In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Cyril Rosenthal, who died in England, September 4.

To-day brings back sad memories,  
Sweet thoughts of you we keep;  
Although five years have passed away,  
Our grief is just as deep.

— Inserted by loving sister, C. Fahey, and brother Mick.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, Sth Australia – Tuesday 4 September, 1923)

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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 St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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 Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Beloved By All*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**Private Cyril Henry Robert Rosenthal**



**War Graves at Sutton Veny** (*Photos from CWGC*)

Photo of C. H. R. Rosenthal's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



*(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)*



**War Graves at Sutton Veny** *(Photos from CWGC)*