

**Colchester Cemetery,
Colchester, Essex
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



38651 GUNNER

C. C. WILLCOCK

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

25TH DECEMBER, 1918 Age 38

Happy In My Lot

Colin Clive WILLCOCK

Colin Clive Willcock was born at Albrighton, Salop, England around 1880 to parents Robert Alfred and Emma C. Willcock (nee Cope).

The 1881 England Census recorded Colin C. Willcock as a 1 year old living with his family at Ivy House, Albrighton, Shropshire, England. His parents were listed as R. Willcock (name crossed out & marked "absent") & Emma Willcock (aged 27, born Wolverhampton, Staffordshire). Colin's older sister – Edith G. Willcock (aged 2, born Albrighton, Salop) a visitor - Emily Bostock (Scholar, aged 9) & Elizabeth Lewis (Servant, aged 18) were also listed.

Emma Willcock, mother of Colin Clive Willcock, died in 1883 at Wolverhampton, Staffordshire.

The 1891 England Census recorded Colin C. Willcock as an 11 year old, living with his family at Bredon House, Wolverhampton Western, Staffordshire, England. His father was listed as a Widower - Robert A. Willcock (Solicitor, aged 40). Colin & his older sister – Edith G. Willcock (aged 12) were listed along with Robert's Sister-in-law Ann Cope (Housekeep, aged 39) & two servants – Annie Reynolds (Housemaid, aged 28) & Harriet Billings (Cook, aged 19).

The 1901 England Census recorded Colin C. Willcock as a 21 year old Clerk – Color Works, boarding at 4 The Creasant, Dale Road, Matlock Bath, Derbyshire, England. He was living with John Teasdale (Foreman Color Works, aged 60) & John's wife Sarah (aged 58) & son Thomas (Painter, aged 32). Frederick Thornton (aged 41) was also boarding at the same house.

The 1911 England Census recorded Colin Clive Willcock as a 31 year old Colour Manufacturer Assistant, living at Willersley Cottage, Matlock, Derbyshire, England with his Uncle & Aunt. Colin's Uncle was listed as Henry Wheatcroft (Coal & Corn Merchant & Colour Manufacturer, age 54) & his wife Sophia Critchley Wheatcroft (aged 62). Two Servants were also listed – Ada Brace (House Parlour maid, aged 30) & Mary ____ing (General Servant, aged 23).

Robert Alfred Willcock, father of Colin Clive Willcock, died on 5th June, 1911 at Staffordshire.

Colin C. Willcock, Tourist, aged 25, was a passenger on S.S. *Argyllshire* which had departed from the port of Liverpool, England on 5th July, 1912 & arrived at the port of Brisbane, Australia on 19th August, 1912.

New South Wales Police Gazette – 4 September, 1912:

S.S. Argyllshire.—Stolen, between the hours of 3 p.m. the 26th and 10 a.m. the 27th ultimo, from a cabin on board s.s. "Argyllshire," then lying at No. 6 jetty, Pyrmont, the property of Colin Clive Willcock, a passenger.—Two brown leather port-manteaux; first, 3 feet x 2 feet 6 inches; second, 3 feet 9 inches x 18 inches, with "R. A. Willcock, Wolverhampton, on side, Gladstone bag about 18 inches long; a brief bag, containing a light grey flannel suit, a grey cloth suit, a brown cloth suit, a dark cloth suit, a dinner jacket with silk facings, a green Norfolk suit, two pairs of white flannel trousers, a pair of dark flannel trousers, a grey suit of coarse material, fifteen shirts (cotton and canvas), forty collars (linen and cotton), size 15½, four suits of flannel-ette pyjamas, six night shirts, a fawn overcoat, a yellow and red check travelling rug, a tartan dressing gown, a cloth cap, a brush and comb, three pairs of boots, size 7; a bank draft for £150, payable at Bank of Australasia; a bank-book, in owner's name, on Compton and Evans, Union Bank (Ltd.); total value, about £35.

New South Wales Police Gazette – 11 September, 1912:

John Bryant (28), John Connelly (34) and William James O'Brien (22), charged with stealing a quantity of wearing apparel, value £45 (recovered) and a bank draft for £150 (not recovered), the property of Colin Clive Willcock, have been arrested by Senior-sergeants Ross and McIntosh and Constables Ellis and Kelly, Sydney Police, All committed for trial at Sydney Sessions.

Newspaper item – The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 5 October, 1912:

QUARTER SESSIONS

(Before Judge Murray)

THE ARGYLLSHIRE CASE

John Bryant, John Connelly and William James O'Brien, convicted of receiving wearing apparel which on August 26 was stolen from a passenger's (Colin Clive Willcock) cabin, in the steamer Argyllshire, were each sentenced to six month's hard labour in Goulburn Gaol.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Wilmot, subdivision of Beaconsfield, Tasmania listed Colin Clive Willcocks, Orchardist, Glengarry.

Colin Clive Willcock was a 37 year old, single, Farmer from Glengarry, West Tamar, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont Camp, Tasmania on 24th April, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 38651 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Edith Gardiner, Cambridge, England.

Colin Clive Willcock was posted to 1st Depot Battalion at Claremont on 24th April, 1917 as Gunner for recruit training. He was transferred to Field Artillery Reinforcements at Maribyrnong on 7th July, 1917. Gunner Willcock was transferred to Field Artillery 32nd Reinforcements – Tasmania on 12th November, 1917.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on SS *Indarra* on 26th November, 1917 with the Field Artillery, 32nd Reinforcements. Gunner Willcock was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea on 14th December, 1917 & was discharged on 17th December, 1917. He disembarked at Suez on 27th December, 1917.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock entrained from Suez to Alexandria on 22nd January, 1918 & detrained to Camp A at Gabbari on 23rd January, 1918.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock embarked on HMT *Abbassiah* from Alexandria on 29th January, 1918 & disembarked at Taranto, Italy on 4th February, 1918.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock entrained from Rest Camp at Taranto on 7th February, 1918 & detrained at Cherbourg, France on 14th February, 1918.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock embarked from Cherbourg on 14th February, 1918 on HMT *Prince George* & disembarked at Southampton, England on 15th February, 1918.

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.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Heytesbury, Wiltshire on 15th February, 1918 from Australia.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was written up for an Offence while posted at Heytesbury – overstaying leave from midnight on 9th April, 1918 till 9 pm on 12th April, 1918. He was awarded 7 days C.B. (confined to Barracks) with a total forfeiture of 8 days' pay.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was written up for an Offence while posted at Heytesbury – on 23rd May, 1918 In hut during Parade hours playing cards & smoking. He was awarded 7 days C.B. (confined to Barracks).

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock proceeded overseas to France via Southampton from Heytesbury on 17th July, 1918. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 18th July, 1918. Gunner Willcock was marched out of A.G.B.D. on 23rd July, 1918 to 3rd Divisional Artillery. He was taken on strength of 25th Battery, 7th Field Artillery Brigade in the Field on 30th July, 1918.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was wounded in action – gas on 29th September, 1918. He remained at duty & it was not reported as a Battle Casualty.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was sent to Hospital sick on 21st November, 1918. He was admitted to 4th Australian Field Ambulance on 22nd November, 1918 then transferred & admitted to 37th Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd November, 1918 with Appendicitis. Gunner Willcock was transferred to Ambulance Train 42 on 23rd November, 1918 & admitted to 18th General Hospital at Camiers, France on 24th November, 1918. Gunner Willcock embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Brighton* on 12th December, 1918 with an appendicial abscess - severe.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was admitted to Essex County Hospital at Colchester on 12th December, 1918 with an Appendix Abscess.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock died at 10.45 pm on 25th December, 1918 at General Military Hospital, Colchester, Essex, England from Appendix Abscess, Pneumonia & Embolism.

A death for Colin C. Willcock, aged 39, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Colchester, Essex, England.

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was buried on 30th December, 1918 in Colchester Cemetery, Colchester, Essex, England – Grave No. 57, Section 1, Division 1. From the burial report of Gunner Colin Clive Willcock - *Coffin was Military, unpolished Elm with Metal fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent by:- "Allan" Ward 5, Brother Cadelick, Miss Lovibond and many others. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev. J. M. Harris officiated. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented.*

Names of relatives and friends present at the Funeral – Brother-in-law – Professor Gardiner, Sister Latimer of Essex County Hospital, Miss Lovibond, 19 Soldiers (Patients from above Hospital) and many residents of Colchester.

[Note – Other Australian Soldiers buried in Colchester Cemetery have a letter in their Service Record file that was sent to the next-of-kin advising that the remains had been exhumed & re-interred. There is no such letter in the Record file for the late Gunner Colin Clive Willcock, however his remains would have been re-interred as the current information of the location of his grave by the CWGC is T. 5.63.]

Gunner Colin Clive Willcock has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Probate details:

Willcock, Colin Clive, of Glengarry, Tamar Valley, Tasmania died 25 December, 1918 at Essex County Hospital, Colchester. Administration London 6 July to Edith Gertrude Gardiner (wife of John Stanley Gardiner) Effects £1,687 2s. 7d.

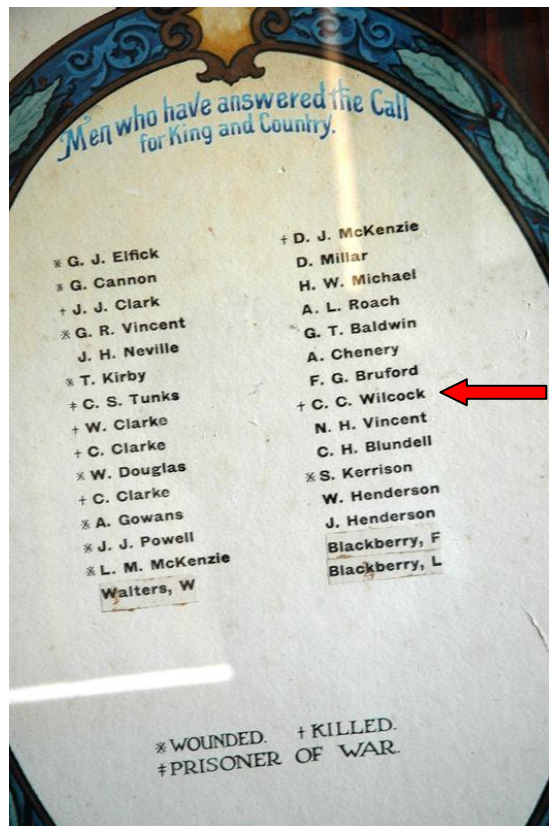
Gunner Colin Clive Willcock was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Willcock's sister in England - Mrs E. Gardiner, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Colin Clive Willcock - service number 38651, aged 38, of 7th Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Robert Alfred and Emma C. Willcock.

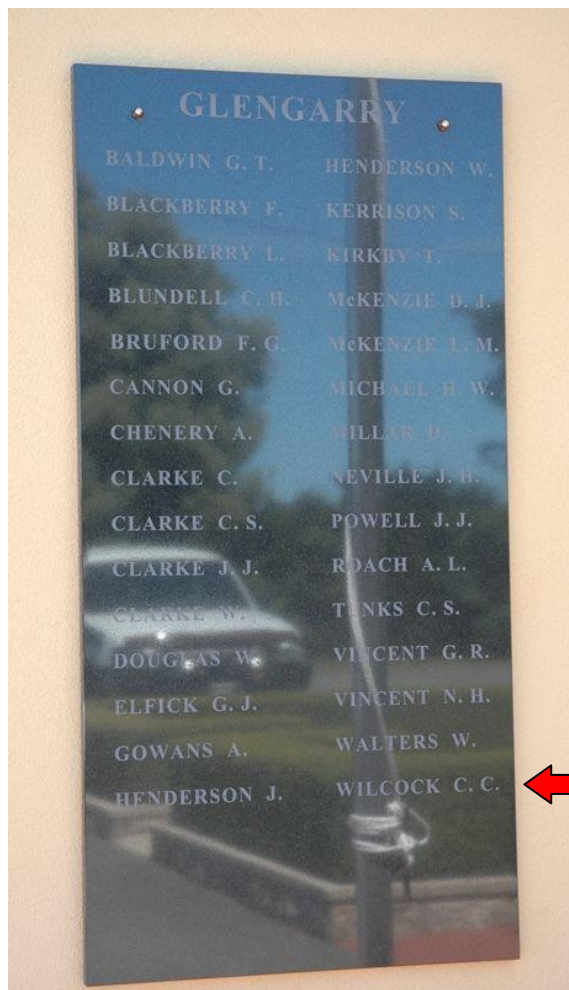
C. C. Wilcock is remembered on the Glengarry Honour Roll, located in Exeter R.S.L. Club, 10 Murray Street, Exeter, Tasmania.



Glengarry Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)



C. C. Wilcock is remembered on the Exeter R.S.L. World War One Memorial located at Exeter R.S.L. Club, 10 Murray Street, Exeter, Tasmania.



Exeter War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

Colin Clive Willcock is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

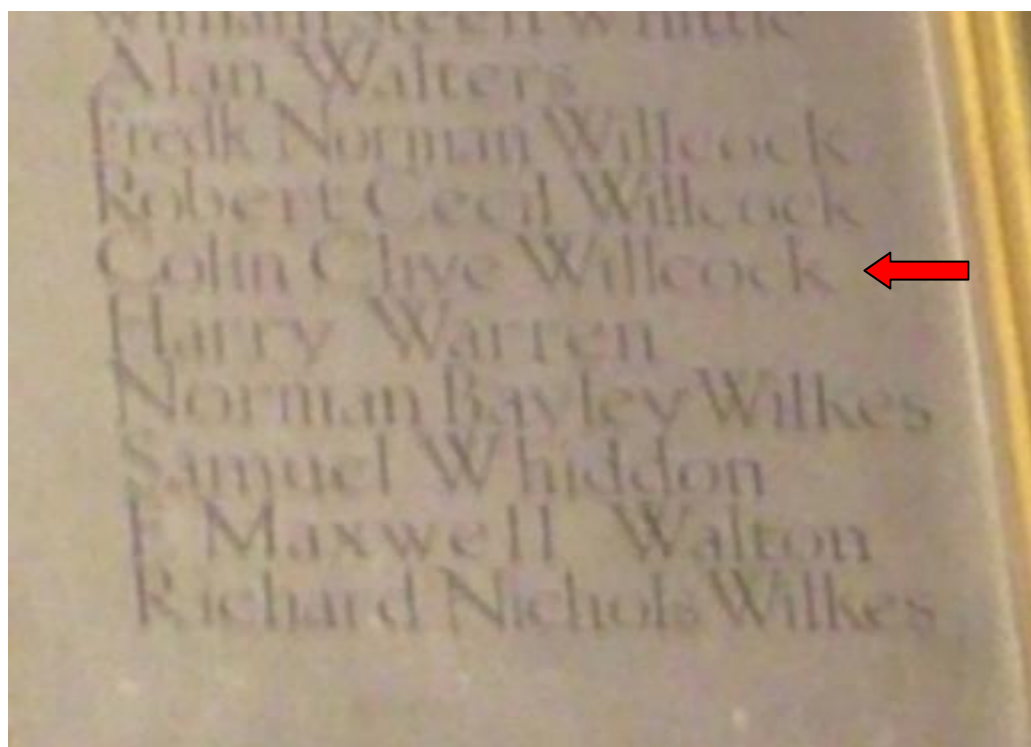
	4016	Sgt	Turner	John	08.01.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Swansea
	7344	Pte	Turner	Henry James	04.06.1918	0	NZEF OIB	Swansea
	83778	Sgt	Turner	MSM				
	6358	Pte	Van Driel	William	01.05.1918	29	12th Inf Bn	Launceston
	(4938)	Lt	Vaughan	Ben	21.04.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Hobart
	8078	Pte	Vaughan	Arthur Edward G	25.08.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Launceston
	3204	Pte	Vens	John Henry	13.06.1918	25	2nd Pioneer Bn	Launceston
	1395	Sapt	Vernon	Thomas Arthur	29.09.1918	24	2nd Tunnel Coy	Wilmot
	56619	Pte	Vincent	Frederick Allan	11.10.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Burnie
	7909A	Pte	Von Schl	William Alfred	24.08.1918	24	10th Fd Amb Coy	Latrobe
	64815	Pte	Wainwright	Charles	18.04.1918	0	NZEF Trenching Bn	Launceston
	2899	Pte	Wakefield	William Bertram	07.11.1918	24	40th Inf Bn	New Norfolk
	2294	Sitr	Walkden	Harold Gordon	04.10.1918	28	HMS M L10 (sub)	Launceston
	2590	Sgt	Walkem	MM	08.08.1918	27	59th Inf Bn	Launceston
	1197	Cpl	Walker	Edward	23.09.1918	25	26th Inf Bn	Evandale
ANZAC	101	L/Cpl	Walker	RRC	01.09.1918	23	40th Inf Bn	Mathinna
		Matron	Walker	RRC	30.10.1918	39	AAAS	Hobart
	7351	Pte	Waller	Sydney Murray	12.11.1918	21	40th Inf Bn	Ranelagh
ANZAC		Capt	Ward	Kenneth Hilary W	30.08.1918	33	8EF Rifle Regt	Hobart
	4329	Cpl	Ward	James Henry	06.08.1918	25	15th Inf Bn	North Hobart
	3562	Pte	Warren	Thomas Searle	15.06.1918	28	40th Inf Bn	Launceston
ANZAC	4788	Pte	Webb	Frank Charles	12.08.1918	38	24th Inf Bn	Launceston
	(185)	Capt	Webber	MID	10.03.1918	23	12th Inf Bn	Launceston
		FLJ	Webster	MC	21.09.1918	22	14 Sqn RFC	Launceston
	550	L/Cpl	Weeks	DCM	27.08.1918	28	41st Inf Bn	Somersal
	8051	Pte	Weir	Claude Ashton	17.08.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Queenstown
	2900	Pte	Wells	James	30.03.1918	36	40th Inf Bn	Queenstown
	7448	Pte	Wells	Marion Ulverstone	24.08.1918	28	32nd Inf Bn	Ulverstone
	4607	Ovr	Wells	Thomas	08.09.1918	30	49th Inf Bn	Campbelltown
	5784	Pte	Wells	Henry Edward Cecil	23.05.1918	22	12th Inf Bn	Ponhville
	(209)	Lt	Worthelmer	Arnold Talbot	04.06.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Bellerive
	2882	L/Cpl	Westcott	William Wynne	18.04.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Hastings
	35335	Gnr	Westerway	Edgar	29.09.1918	28	6 LITrenchMtrBty	Glenora
	2289	Cpl	Whaley	William Thomas	04.06.1918	25	7 LITrenchMtrBty	Sheffield
	63951	Pte	White	Raynald Sydney	31.08.1918	0	NZEF WB	Llydale
	1450	Pte	White	Edmond John	18.11.1918	38	1st AusCasClrHosp	Hobart
	7955	Pte	Whittle	Eric Arthur	31.08.1918	25	40th Inf Bn	Hobart
	7091	Pte	Wiggins	Robert	11.08.1918	28	12th Inf Bn	Hobart
	474	RSM	Wilby	Gordon	08.08.1918	27	23rd Inf Bn	Beaconsfield
ANZAC	38951	Gnr	Wilcock	Colin Clive	25.12.1918	38	7th Fd Arty Bde	Glenary
ANZAC	297	L/Cpl	Williams	George Douglas	02.05.1918	24	47th Inf Bn	Waralah
ANZAC	4816	Pte	Williams	Henry Roy Tasman	02.07.1918	21	12th Inf Bn	Hobart
	3488	Pte	Williams	Thomas Peter	18.04.1918	23	14th Inf Bn	Claremont
	5995	Pte	Williams	James Jumier	29.06.1918	31	40th Inf Bn	Cygnat
	7589	Pte	Williamson	Clements Fred	23.03.1918	28	40th Inf Bn	North Motton
	4079	Gnr	Wilmot	John William	15.09.1918	22	3rd, 8th FAB	Barrington
	(8)	Capt	Wilmot	William Frederick	25.04.1918	27	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston
ANZAC	7346	Pte	Wilson	Charles	23.04.1918	20	12th Inf Bn	Hobart
	4048	Pte	Wilson	George William	11.01.1918	22	12th Inf Bn	Beaconsfield
ANZAC	4907	Gnr	Wilson	Thomas John	18.01.1918	25	4 LITrenchMtrBty	York Plains
	1909	Pte	Wilson	Kenneth Eastland	23.03.1918	26	12th Inf Bn	Ulverstone
	26629	Pte	Wilson	Allred Ernest	23.04.1918	24	12th Inf Bn	Mount Seymour
	29124	Pte	Winwood	Harold Lewis	18.01.1918	0	NZEF Rfl Bde	Longford
	2858	Pte	Wood	George Arthur	28.04.1918	28	40th Inf Bn	Newtown
	3779	Pte	Woodard	George William	08.10.1918	21	2nd Pioneer Bn	Stowport
	2515	Pte	Woods	Augustus Henry	13.11.1918	36	52nd Inf Bn	Newtown
	2831	L/Cpl	Woods	Teris Oakley	02.09.1918	34	12th Inf Bn	Newtown
ANZAC	2912	Maj	Woods	MC MID	02.09.1918	34	12th Inf Bn	Ranelagh
	2418	Sgt	Woodward	Walter	31.08.1918	37	26th Inf Bn	Newtown
	4807	Sqr	Woolley	DCM	21.02.1918	30	40th Inf Bn	Burnie
ANZAC	7871	Pte	Wright	William	07.08.1918	40	2nd Tunnel Coy	New Norfolk
	6189	Pte	Wright	George Simon	28.03.1918	23	40th Inf Bn	Hobart
	776	Pte	Wyell	Eric Lawrence	12.01.1918	19	25th Inf Bn	Richmond
	1107	Pte	Wyles	Keith Lalobol	12.06.1918	22	37th Inf Bn	Turners Marsh
	518	Pte	Yates	James Henry	02.04.1918	22	15th Inf Bn	Beaconsfield
ANZAC	3129	Pte	York	Alexander John	08.04.1918	32	52nd Inf Bn	Hobart
				James William	09.04.1918	25	8th MG Bn	Zeehan
								ANZAC
								Fingal

Gunner C. C. Willcock is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 15.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Colin Clive Willcock is remembered on the St. Peter's Church Roll of Honour, located in The Lady Chapel, St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, England.





St. Peter's Church Roll of Honour, Wolverhampton (Photo from War Memorials Online- Patricia Hughes)

(41 pages of Gunner Colin Clive Willcock's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives

Newspaper Notices

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

LIST NO. 456

DIED OF ILLNESS

Gnr C. C. Willcock, England – 24/12/18

(*Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania – 30 January, 1919)

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT COLCHESTER

GRAVES CAREFULLY TENDED

Prominent Englishmen and women were quick to spring to the defence of Australian soldiers when they were libelled recently in one of the flood of belated war books on the market. The abiding sense of gratitude felt by the English people towards the men from overseas who rallied to the defence of the Empire, is typified in the action of the members of the women's section of the British Legion at Colchester. Mrs. Florence T. Towsey, chairman of the Colchester section, has sent a message to the Australian relatives of the men of the A.I.F. who were laid to rest in the cemetery at Colchester, the quaint old Essex town, which was established in the time of the Saxons, and was once a stronghold of the Danes in the days when they ravaged the coasts of England. It was strongly fortified by the Romans, and the great Roman walls remain almost entire to this day. The countryside must have seen much fighting, and the frowning Norman keep is one of the largest in England, and there is something singularly touching in the fact that the soldiers of the younger countries rest here, amid the brotherhood of warriors of long ago.

Impressive Ceremony

Mrs. Towsey says on Anzac Day, 1929, the members of the British Legion (Women's Section), Colchester Branch, assembled at the cemetery to pay a tribute to the memory of the men of the overseas Dominions, who came to fight for the British Empire in the Great War, and who lie buried there. A simple but impressive little service was held, and then flowers were placed on each grave. It is proposed to hold this service annually. The graves are carefully tended. The following are the names of the Australians who rest in Colchester Cemetery, and the simple inscriptions on their graves: —

38 651. Gunner C. C. Willcock, Field Artillery. Dec. 25, 1918. Age 38. 'Happy in my lot.'

2 182. Corporal J. P. Byrne, 58th B.N., Australian T.N.F. Jan. 5, 1918. Age 29.

3370. Private H. M. C. D. McIntosh, 3rd B.N., Australian I.N.F. July 12, 1916. Age 18. 'My son, your memory we will cherish, until we follow you.'

1100. Driver R. C. Hendry, Australian Field Artillery. August 9, 1918. Age 25. ' 'Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.'

6035. Private J. Hought, 6th Bn., Australian Infantry. Nov. 17, 1917. Age 31. 'Thy purpose, Lord, we cannot see; He gave his life that we might live.'

1384. Private W. I. Mackenzie, 51st Bn., Australian Infantry, Aug. 5, 1916. Age 27. 'Gone, but not forgotten.'

10973. Driver W. R. Bennett. Australian Engineers, Nov. 23, 1918.

1906. Private S. E. Barclay, 45th Bn., Australian Inf. April 11, 1918. Age 24.

493. Private F. R. Rankin, 21st Bn. Australian Inf., Sept. 10, 1916. Age 21 'God has saved from weary strife, In its dawn this young, fresh life.'

2413. Driver C. S. McKellar, Australian Engineers, June 18, 1918. Age 25. The dearly-loved son of Mr. and Mrs. McKellar, of Sydney, late of Glasgow.

19477. Sapper H. F. Smith, Australian Engineers, Nov. 5, 1918. Age 31.

Getting in Touch with Relatives

Mrs. Towsey asked Mrs. Florence Muriel Paxman, a member of the Colchester branch, who is visiting Sydney on a holiday trip, to try and get in touch with the Australian relatives of any of these men. In a letter to 'The Chronicle,' Mrs. Paxman says— 'I visited all the graves the day before I left England, and I shall be most happy to give any relatives any further information, or to get them photographs of any particular grave if they will write to me at my address, Winton, New South Head-road, Rose Bay, Sydney.'

Mrs. Towsey's address is Tollgate House, Shrub End, Colchester, and many Australians will remember with gratitude the hospitality that was extended to them there during the war.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 March, 1930)

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. 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*)

Gunner C. C. Willcock does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Happy In My Lot

Colchester Cemetery, Colchester, Essex, England

Colchester Cemetery was opened in 1856 and now belongs to the Corporation. It originally covered about 30 acres, but was enlarged in 1940 to 67 acres. The newer part is on the western side of the original burial ground, and behind it is the site of a Roman Way. There are 267 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war, 1 being unidentified, of which 50 are in the War Plot, while 11 Australian graves are together in a group nearby, the remainder being scattered. After the war a Cross of Sacrifice was erected on a site overlooking both the plot and the group of war graves, in honour of all the servicemen buried here. There are also 114 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-1945 war here, 1 of which is unidentified. In the early months of the 1939-1945 War, shortly after the enlargement of the cemetery, land was set aside in the newer part for service war burials. This is now the War Graves Plot. Among these casualties are men who were killed at sea after being evacuated from Dunkirk. The non-war graves are those of a man of the Merchant Navy and two ex-servicemen who were buried in the War Graves Plot although their deaths were not due to war service. There are also 7 Foreign National burials. The plot is enclosed by a hedge of cotoneaster frigida and a Cross of Sacrifice stands on the western side. The graves are set in level mown turf, with continuous flower borders along the rows of headstones in which are polyantha roses and other seasonal flowers. *(Information from CWGC)*



Colchester Cemetery Entrance *(Photo by Iain MacFarlane – Find a Grave)*



Cross of Sacrifice, Colchester Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)



Australian Plot of World War 1 War Graves, Colchester Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)

Gunner C. C. Willcock's CWGC Headstone (marked with red arrow)

Photo of Gunner C. C. Willcock's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Colchester Cemetery, Colchester, Essex, England



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth)



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth – Find a Grave)