



6th Light Horse Regiment

Private Cyril Cecil INGLE 788 – 6th Light Horse Brigade, B Squadron

Born: 5 Feb 1887 Rylstone, NSW

Parents: Ambrose and Kezla Ingle

Occupation: Miner

District Connection: Cumnock

Enlistment Date: 5 Nov 1914, Liverpool, NSW.

Enlistment Age: 28yrs

Embarkation: 6 Feb 1915, Sydney,
HMAT Clan Maccorquodale A6

Served: Gallipoli, Egypt.

Fate: RTA 22 Jul 1916

Honour Boards: Cumnock War Memorial Gates.

Biography

Cyril Cecil Ingle was born on 5 Feb 1887 at Rylstone, NSW, the son of Ambrose Curzon and Kezia (nee Nevell) Ingle. They had five children: Annette Mary 1885-1970; Cyril Cecil 1887-1960; Percy Nevell 1889-1960; Nellie Alice (Parker) 1892-1960; & Lucy Winifred 1896-1901.

Ambrose Ingle was a somewhat notorious school teacher in Cumnock from Feb–Nov 1908. Ambrose was suspended from teaching at the Cumnock School on 23 Nov 1908 due to his eccentric teaching methods, overzealous use of the cane and various indiscretions. Following an inquiry at the Cumnock Court House on 14 Jan 1909, he was suspended from teaching altogether.

Some of the Ingle family stayed in Cumnock or the district for some years later. Ambrose became a Sanitary Inspector (Inspector of slaughter-houses) at Bourke around 1911. His wife Kezia died in Wellington in August 1912, while visiting her daughter, Nellie Ingle, then a school teacher at Wellington and later an assistant teacher in Molong.

Cyril Ingle enlisted with the AIF at Liverpool, on 5 Nov 1914, aged 28yrs. He stated he was working as a miner in Wollongong, and gave his address as Tattersall's Hotel, Wollongong. He listed both sisters as next of kin: Nurse Annette Ingle, St Margaret's Hospital, Redfern and Miss Nellie Ingle, Public School, Molong. Private Ingle embarked from Sydney on 6 Feb 1915 on *HMAT Clan Maccorquodale A6*, with the 6 LHR, 1-10 Reinforcements.

Pte Ingle trained with the 6th Light Horse at Egypt and then served in Gallipoli from May 1915. On 28 July 1915 he suffered from Influenza and was transferred to a Clearance Station at Murdos. On 7 Aug 1915 he was transferred from Gallipoli to Murdos with sunstroke and rejoined his unit at Anzac Cove on 29 Aug. On 14 Nov, he was transferred to St David's Hospital in Malta with deafness, staying there until embarking for Alexandria, where he disembarked on 19 Mar 1916. He rejoined his regiment on 21 Mar.

The 6th Light Horse Regiment was at that time taking part in the defence of the Suez Canal, which was hot and monotonous work. On 3 May 1916, Pte Ingle was admitted to hospital at Tel el Kebir with deafness and then transferred to Cairo Hospital. On 24 Jun he embarked at Suez for return to Australia per *HT Port Sydney*, arriving in Sydney on 22 Jul 1916.

The Molong Express and Western District Advertiser – 5 Aug 1916, p9:

“Pte C Ingle, who enlisted from Cumnock, returned to the district on Thursday, invalided from the front. He was met at the Molong station by the band, to the strains of “See, the Conquering Hero Comes, “ and other appropriate airs.”

After his return to Australia he visited his sister, Nellie Ingle, a school teacher at Molong Public School, and gave a talk to the school children, as reported in *The Molong Express and Western District Advertiser* – 12 Aug 1916, p8:

“Trooper Ingle addressed the Molong Public School children on Friday last on his experiences at Gallipoli, Egypt, and Malta, and showed them some souvenirs of his travels. The children enjoyed the instructive address immensely.”

Pte Ingle was discharged 2nd MD on 5 Sep 1916. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star Medal, the British War Medal 1914-1920, and the Victory Medal.

On 20 Dec 1917, Cyril Ingle married Maude Irene Wheeldon at Goulburn and then moved to Sydney. They lived at Enmore, Sydney between 1918-1923. They had three children – 1 son and two daughters.

At the time of their marriage, Cyril's brother, **1622 Percy Nevell Ingle - 6th Light Horse Regiment**, was fighting in France. His father, Ambrose Curzon Ingle, on 3 Nov 1916, at 52yrs of age (but stated his age was 45yrs) enlisted with the AIF at Charters Towers. His occupation was listed as a Sanitary Inspector and his next of kin his second wife, Alice (nee Righetti) Ingle, of Hunter's Hill, NSW. **Private 7273 Ambrose Ingle**, embarked from Sydney on *HMAT Ayrshire A33* on 24 Jan 1917. He served with the Army Pay Corps in London and returned to Australia on 7 Feb 1920. Ambrose Ingle returned to England to live in Oct 1920 and died in Lambeth, Greater London, in 1946, aged 85yrs.

Cyril and Maude were living at Naradhun Siding, where Cyril was farming, in the 1930 Electoral Roll for Riverina/Cargelligo but by 1937 had moved to Invereargill, Erigolia. Erigolia is located approximately 83km west of West Wyalong, NSW.

Cyril Ingle died on 12 May 1960 at a Sydney hospital, aged 73yrs, and was buried on 15 May at in the cemetery at Griffith. Maude Ingle died, aged 80yrs, on 7 Apr 1975 at Griffith.

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Trooper Cyril Cecil Ingle (eldest son of Mr Ingle and the late Mrs. Ingle, of Queensland, and a brother of Miss Ingle of the Molong Public School), was married to Maude Irene (second daughter of Mr and Mrs. G. Wheeldon, of Goulburn), on December 20, at the Goldsmith Methodist Church, Goulburn. Rev. J. W. Leadley performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a demy gown of white silk, with a headpiece of white plumes. A shower bouquet of white blooms was the bridegroom's gift. Miss Vera Wheeldon, a sister of the bride, attended her, wearing a white embroidered voile frock, and pink hat. Mr Roy Wheeldon acted as best man. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a gold wristlet watch and to the bridesmaid a gold brooch. A reception was held at the Joppa tea rooms, and later Trooper and Mrs. Ingle left for Sydney their future home.