

Bulford War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1874 PRIVATE

F. J. BEATTIE

41ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

17TH APRIL, 1917 AGE 29

*The Lord Gave
And The Lord Hath Taken Away*

Frederick Joseph BEATTIE

Frederick Joseph Beattie was born in 1886 in Brisbane, Queensland to parents Joseph & Mary Beattie (nee Lawrie).

Frederick Joseph Beattie attended Woolloongabba School.

Frederick Joseph Beattie married Eva Brady on 1st December, 1909 in Queensland. Births were registered in Queensland for Thelma Irene Mary Beattie (born 1910) & Frederick Thomas Oakley Beattie (born 1914).

Frederick Joseph Beattie was a 29 year old, married, Stockman from Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted on 12th February, 1916 at Brisbane with the 49th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1874 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Eva Beattie of Malcome Street, Hawthorn, Bulimba, Brisbane, Queensland. Frederick Beattie stated that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to Hydrocele.

Pte Frederick Joseph Beattie embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Clan McGillivray (A46)* on 1st May, 1916 & disembarked at Egypt on 13th June, 1916.

Pte Beattie embarked from Alexandria on 6th August, 1916 on Troopship *Megantic*.

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 Beattie was transferred to 41st Battalion (11th Training Battalion) from 13th Training Battalion on 23rd September, 1916.

Private Frederick Joseph Beattie was appointed to Lance Corporal on 12th March, 1917.

Private Frederick Joseph Beattie died on 17th April, 1917 at the Military Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire from Pneumonia.

A death for Frederick J. Beattie, aged 30, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Frederick Joseph Beattie was buried in Bulford Church Cemetery, Wiltshire Grave No. 3 Plot "C" Australian Reserve Section (CWGC Plot number 3. I. 3.) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Pte Frederick Joseph Beattie did not execute a Will.

An advertisement was placed in the Newspapers for the next-of-kin of the late Pte F. J. Beattie. Pte Beattie's father wrote to Base Records, having seen the advertisement & advised them that the widow of Pte Beattie had remarried & he had no communication with her. A Marriage was registered in Queensland in 1917 between Eva Beattie & Henry Arthur Thomas. Mrs Eva Thomas contacted Base Records in May, 1918 to advise them of her whereabouts.

War Pensions were granted to the following in respect of the service of the late Pte Frederick Joseph Beattie:

- Eva Beattie, widow - £2 per fortnight, granted from 21st June, 1917.
- Thelma Irene May Beattie, Daughter - £1 per fortnight, granted from 21st June, 1917.
- Fredk. Thos. Oakley, Son – 15/- per fortnight, granted from 21st June, 1917.

Private F. J. Beattie is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 133.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Private F. Beattie is remembered on the Buderim Mountain Roll of Honour board located in Buderim Community Hall, King St, Buderim, Queensland.



Buderim Mountain Roll of Honour (Photo by Shirley & Trevor McIvor – Queensland War Memorial Register)

Pte Frederick Joseph Beattie was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Beattie's widow – Mrs E. Thomas (Remarried) (both sent January, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Joseph Beattie – service number 1874 as being 29 years old & served with 41st Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Beattie; husband of Eva Thomas (formerly Beattie) of Belwood, Belmont, Brisbane, Queensland. Born at Queensland.

(42 pages of Pte Frederick Joseph Beattie'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

PERSONAL NOTES

... Advice has been received of the death on April 17, from pneumonia, of Private F. J. Beattie, aged 31 years, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Beattie, of Malcolm Street, Hawthorn, Bulimba. On the day the sad news was received, Private Beattie had been away exactly 12 months, being a member of the 41st Battalion.

(The Brisbane Courier, Brisbane, Qld. – Wednesday 2 May, 1917)

FAMILY NOTICES

ROLL OF HONOUR

BEATTIE – Died of illness, on the 17th April, 1917, at the Bulford Military Hospital, England, Private F. J. Beattie, A.I.F., aged 31 years, the beloved husband of Mrs Eva Beattie, Geelong-street, East Brisbane.

BEATTIE - Died of illness, on the 17th April, 1917, at the Bulford Military Hospital, England, Private F. J. Beattie, A.I.F., aged 31 years, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Beattie, Malcom-street, Hawthorne, Bulimba. Deeply regretted.

(Daily Standard, Brisbane, Qld. – Thursday 3 May, 1917)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

290th LIST

Queensland

DIED OF ILLNESS

F. J. Beattie, Hawthorne, 17/4/17

(The Queenslander, Brisbane, Qld. – Saturday 5 May, 1917)



PRIVATE F. J. BEATTIE

Died of illness. Eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. Beattie, Hawthorne.

(*Daily Standard*, Brisbane, Qld. – Saturday 5 May, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

BEATTIE – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private F. J. Beattie, Hawthorn, who passed away on 17th April, 1917.

No loved ones stood around him to catch his last
faint sighs,
Or whisper just one loving word before he closed
his eyes.

Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters.

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Brisbane, Qld. – Wednesday 17 April, 1918) & (*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Qld. – Wednesday 17 April, 1918) & (*The Week*, Brisbane, Qld. – Wednesday 17 April, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

BEATTIE – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private F. J. Beattie, 41st Battalion, A.I.F., died 17th April, 1917.

Cool is the grave where dear Fred is laid,
Sweet is the memory that never will fade;
Gone and forgotten by some he may be,
But never forgotten one moment by
His father, mother, brothers and sisters.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Qld. – Thursday 17 April, 1919)

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 in Bulford Church 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 F. J. Beattie does have a personal inscription on his headstone.



Bulford Church Cemetery *(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Pte F. J. Beattie's Headstone at Bulford Church Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Andrea Charlesworth 2012)



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