

# Durrington War Graves

## World War 1



*Lest We Forget*



**1520 PRIVATE**

**F. BREMER**

**33RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**2ND AUGUST, 1916 Age 31**

*Since 1901*

*Mariner In England*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte F. Bremer is located in Grave Plot # 97  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## Frederick BREMER

Frederick Bremer was born at Riga, Russia in 1884.

F. Bremer was listed as Crew – Able Seaman, aged 26, born Russia on S. S. *Age* arriving in Sydney, New South Wales on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1911 which had departed from the port of Edithburgh, South Australia.

F. Bremer was listed as Crew – Able Seaman, aged 26, born Russia on S. S. *Age* arriving in Sydney, New South Wales on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1911 which had departed from the port of Edithburgh, South Australia.

F. Bremer was listed as Crew – Able Seaman, aged 26, born Russia on S. S. *Age* arriving in Sydney, New South Wales on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1911 which had departed from the port of Melbourne, Victoria.

F. Bremer was listed as Crew – Able Seaman, aged 26, born Russia on S. S. *Age* arriving in Sydney, New South Wales on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 1911 which had departed from the port of Port Pirie, South Australia.

Frederick Bremer was a 31 year old, single, Labourer from Narrabri, NSW when he enlisted at Narrabri on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 1916 with the 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 1520 & his religion was Lutheran. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Jane Bremer of Burkeek, Sweiple via Riga, Russia.

Pte Frederick Bremer embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Marathon* (A74) on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Bremer was marched in to 9<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion at Larkhill from Australia on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1916.

Pte Bremer was admitted to Hospital at Fargo Hospital, Wiltshire on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 1916 with Pyrexia (Fever).

Pte Frederick Bremer died on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 1916 of Pneumonia at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire.

A death for Fred Brenner, aged 32, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Pte Frederick Bremer was buried at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire in Plot number 97.

\* Pte Frederick Bremer's file was marked "Stated to be Fritz Richard Bember – 20/9/1920"

Pte Frederick Bremer was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Bremer's mother – Mrs J. Bember "To be returned to England for issue " (May, 1922 & July, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Bremer – service number 1520 as being 31 years old & served with 33rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Fritz and Julia Jane Bremer of Bunkeek, Russia. Born at Burtneek, Latvia.

A War Pension was claimed for by Juhle Bember, Wolmar Livonia, Russia –widowed mother of late Pte Bremer – result of the claim "Claimant cannot now be communicated with" dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1918.

Private F. Bremer is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 121.



*(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)*



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

(38 pages of Pte Fredrick Bremer'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**

### **CASUALTIES**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

Died of Illness

Pte F. Bremer, Russia

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW Saturday 19 August, 1916)*

### 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 Durrington War Graves 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. Bremer does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire** *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*



Photo of Pte F. Bremer's Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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