

**Haslingden Old Congregational Chapelyard,
Haslingden, Lancashire**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3934 PRIVATE

J. CLARK

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH MARCH, 1919 Age 21

James CLARK

James Clark was born at Haslingden, Lancashire, England in 1898 to parents David Siddall Clark and Hetty Clark (nee Cansfield).

The 1901 England Census recorded James Clark as a 3 year old living with his family at 16 Elthorne Avenue, Hanwell, Middlesex, England. His parents were listed as David S. Clark (Sanitary Inspector, aged 25, born Haslingden, Lancs) & Hetty Clark (aged 27, born Idle, Yorks). Also listed was James' younger sister – Mary Clark (aged 1, born Ipswich, Suffolk) & David Clark's sister – Martha J. Clark (Cotton Weaver, aged 31, born Haslingden, Lancs).

The 1911 England Census recorded James Clark as a 13 year old Apprentice Plumber, living with his family at 20 Blackburn Road, Haslingden, Lancashire, England in a 5 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as David Siddall Clark (Plumber, Grazier & Gasfitter, aged 35) & Hetty Clark (aged 37). David & Hetty had been married for 14 years & had four children. James was the eldest of four children listed on this Census – James then Mary Clark (At School, aged 11), Robert Clark (aged 7, born Haslingden, Lancashire) & David Clark (aged 6, born Haslingden, Lancashire). Also listed was a Boarder – William Ewart Thomas (Apprentice Plumber, aged 18, born Liverpool, Lancashire).

James Clark attended Higher Grade School, Haslingden, Lancashire, England and Technical School at Launceston, Tasmania, Australia.

James Clark came to Australia when he was 15 years old according to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour. David Clark & his wife – Hetty Clark & 4 children – James, Mary, Robert & David were passengers on *Arawa* which departed from the port of London on 28th March, 1912 bound for New Zealand. The Clark family had contracted to land at Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

James Clark was an 18 year old, single, Plumber (information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour states James was an Orchardist) from 64 Lord Street, Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania when he enlisted on 24th August, 1915 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3934 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr D. S. Clark, of 64 Lord Street, Hobart, Tasmania. James Clark stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets at Granton, Tasmania for 11 months. He also stated he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service as he was not up to measurement.

Private James Clark was posted to Depot Company on 24th August, 1915. He was transferred to 12th Reinforcements of 12th Battalion on 14th October, 1915.

Private James Clark embarked from Melbourne on RMS *Orontes* on 24th November, 1915.

Private James Clark was taken on strength of 12th Battalion on 17th March, 1916 at Serapeum.

Private James Clark proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 29th March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 5th April, 1916.

Private James Clark was wounded in action in France on 14th April, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance with gunshot wounds to right ear then transferred to 51st Casualty Clearing Station. Private Clark was transferred to the 11th Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France on 17th April, 1917. He embarked on Hospital Ship *St. George* from Rouen, France for England on 21st April, 1917 with gunshot wounds to right ear.

Private James Clark was admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England on 23rd April, 1917. He was transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford on 11th May, 1917.

Private James Clark was on furlough from 11th June, 1917 to 25th June, 1917 & was then to report to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth.

Private James Clark was marched out from No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth, Dorset on 7th September, 1917 & marched in the same day to No. 4 Command Depot at Codford, Wiltshire.

Private James Clark was marched out to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 20th October, 1917.

Private James Clark proceeded overseas to France via Southampton from Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 15th November, 1917.

Private James Clark was marched in to 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 16th November, 1917. He was marched out to join his Unit on 19th November, 1917.

Private James Clark rejoined his Battalion in France on 22nd November, 1917.

Private James Clark was sent to hospital sick on 2nd June, 1918. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance with Influenza then transferred to 18th Casualty Clearing Station. He was discharged to duty on 9th June, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 11th June, 1918.

Private James Clark was on leave to UK on 17th December, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from leave on 9th January, 1919.

Private James Clark was marched out from the field on 30th January, 1919 ready to be returned to Australia (1915 Personnel). He embarked from Havre, France for England on 3rd February, 1919 & was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 4th February, 1919.

Private James Clark was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England on 29th March, 1919 with Influenza.

Private James Clark died at 4.25 pm on 30th March, 1919 at No.1 Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England from Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for James Clarke, aged 21, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.



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No.1 Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny (Photo taken 19 April, 1919)

Private James Clark was buried on 4th April, 1919 in Haslingden Old Congregational Chapelyard, Lancashire, England – Plot number 73 (Family vault) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private James Clark - *Coffin was Elm with metal fittings. The deceased soldier was interred privately by relatives, in a private family vault. A very large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral, and many beautiful wreaths were sent from: "Uncle George and Aunt Sally", Mr & Mrs Hindle, "From his Aunt", Mr & Mrs Hayreads, Mrs Causfield and the "Congregational Church and Sunday School Comforts Fund". The burial service was conducted by the Revd. L. R. Ellis, of Haslingden, Lancs. A.I.F. Headquarters, London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives & friends present at the Funeral – *Mr & Mrs Vass, Miss Hawthorn, and at least 150 residents of Haslingden who were either relatives or close friends of the deceased's.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private James Clark contains a letter from Constance Keys for Matron, No.1 Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire which reads: *"3934 Pte James Clarke 12th Battn., was admitted to this hospital on the 29th March 1919 suffering from Influenzal Pneumonia. He was very ill indeed when he came in. Next morning his condition was much worse, and in spite of everything possible being done for him he died at 4.25 pm on the day after admission, Poor boy he had evidently just kept going till he'd collapsed. He is buried at the little cemetery at Sutton Veny."*

Another letter in the Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private James Clark is from A.I.F. Headquarters which reads: *"Died Broncho pneumonia 30.3.19 at 1st Aust. Gen. Hpl. – Buried Haslingden Cong. burial ground – family vault 4.4.19 by Chap. L. R. Ellis."*

James Clark requested in his Will dated 14th October, 1915 that his father David Liddal Clark be appointed as Executor. His worldly possessions he bequeathed to his mother Hetty Clark to dispose of as she may think fit.

Private James Clark was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Clark's father – Mr David Clark, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private James Clark – service number 3934, aged 21, of 12th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of David Siddall Clark and Hetty Clark. Born at Haslingden, Lancs., England.

Private J. Clark is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 65.



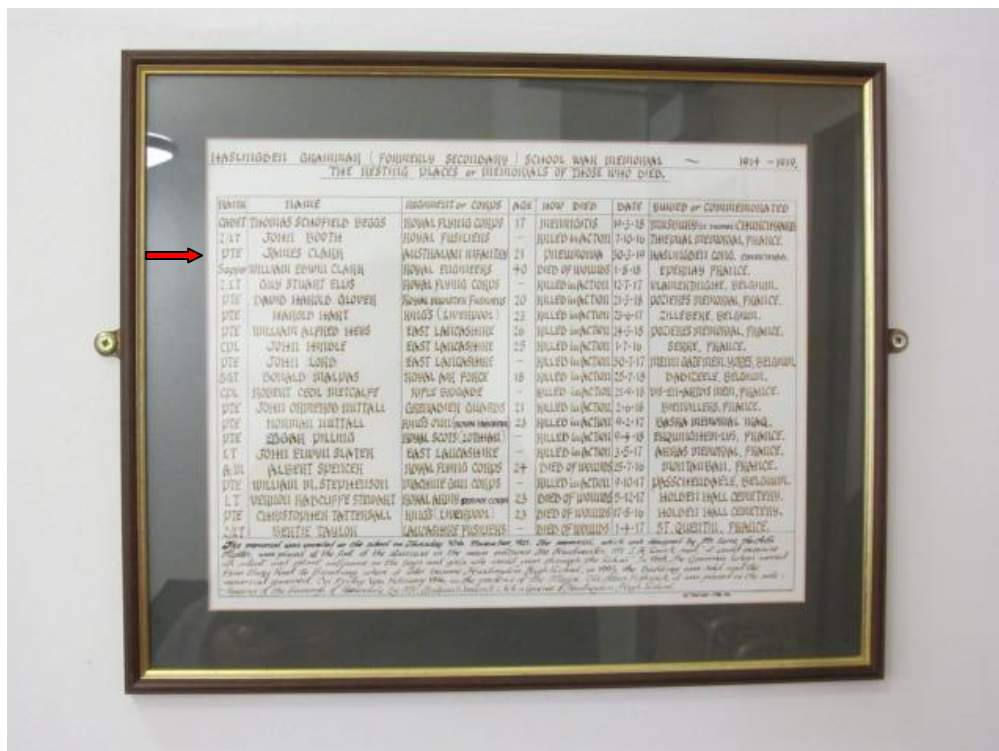
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

James Clark is remembered on the Haslingden Secondary School Roll of Honour Plaque, now on display in Haslingden Library, Lancashire, England.



Haslingden Secondary School Roll of Honour (Photo – Berenice Baynham)

James Clark is remembered on the Haslingden Grammar (formerly Secondary) School War Memorial, now on display in Haslingden Library, Lancashire, England.



Haslingden Grammar (formerly Secondary) School War Memorial (Photo – Berenice Baynham)

J. Clark is remembered on the Sandy Bay Methodist Church Roll of Honour located inside the Sandy Bay Uniting Church, 22 Princes Street, Sandy Bat, Tasmania.



Sandy Bay Methodist Church Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

J. Clark is remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour, located in the Town Hall Foyer, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.



Hobart Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland)

James Clark 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)

1919 - 1921

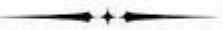
THE ARMISTICE THAT ENDED WORLD WAR ONE OCCURRED AT 11 AM ON THE 11TH NOVEMBER 1918.
THE OFFICIAL DATES FOR INCLUSION ON THE ROLL OF HONOUR ARE 4/8/1914 TO 31/3/1921

1919						
63246	Pvt	Baker	Frederic Roy	24.01.1919	21 12th Inf Bn	Deloraine
35750	Pvt	Barnes	Colford Andrew	14.06.1919	25 18th Inf Bn	King Island
4588	Pvt	Barnes	Lionel Laurence	26.10.1919	22 48th Inf Bn	Zeehan
4547	Pvt	Bawick MIA	William	18.11.1919	30 22nd Inf Bn	Oatlands
7196	Sgt	Beaumont	Henry	03.05.1919	31 3rd Tunnell Coy	Longford
16204	Pvt	Beaumont	Gordon Miles	11.11.1919	25 40th Inf Bn	Westbury
2443	Sgt	Stakoon MSM	Douglas George	04.05.1919	31 12th Inf Bn	Deerport
3122	Pvt	Blacklow	William Edward M	05.10.1919	29 81st Inf Bn	Cyprus
62849	Pvt	Black	Harry James Gordon	08.02.1919	28 12th Inf Bn	Hobart
841	Pvt	Brown	Roy Alexander	12.01.1919	25 16th Inf Bn	Hobart
361	Sgt	Burbury	Alan Cecil	30.04.1919	25 3rd LI Horse Regt	Oatlands
38137	Cnr	Burke	Richard Charles	01.03.1919	19 12th Inf Bn	Launceston
4613	Pvt	Canwell	Charles Eric	22.02.1919	26 12th Inf Bn	Oatlands
3824	Pvt	Clark	James	30.03.1919	21 12th Inf Bn	Hobart
1817	Pvt	Clarke	Claude Ernest	13.03.1919	31 12th Inf Bn	Deloraine
1213	Cpl	Courtesy MIA	Roy	23.07.1919	28 2nd Pioneer Bn	Launceston
1815	Lt	Conrad MC DCM	Thositor George	05.01.1919	27 40th Inf Bn	Stanley
24122	Pvt	Crosby	Percy	23.10.1919	32 NZEF WB	Chudleigh
1249	Pvt	Daly	John	19.03.1919	28 28th Inf Bn	Hobart
7307	Pvt	Dixon	Bertie Joseph	30.05.1919	23 40th Inf Bn	Cyprus
440	Pvt	Dixies	Reuben Thomas H	08.10.1919	27 8th WIS Coy	Lattrobe
1240	LCpl	Dooling	John William	16.04.1919	22 28th Inf Bn	Geelong Gas Co
48287	Pvt	Drahan	Kenneth Grant	29.01.1919	19 12th Inf Bn	Westbury
1987	Pvt	Falcon	Clyde	24.01.1919	22 28th Inf Bn	Devonport
817	Tpr	Ferris	Michael Edward	23.03.1919	24 3rd LI Horse Regt	Oatlands
4568	Pvt	Fisher	Robert George	15.11.1919	24 82nd Inf Bn	Reas
5909	Pvt	Fox	Charles Francis	24.06.1919	38 40th Inf Bn	Stanhild
38731	Cnr	Garrett	Francis Henry	24.01.1919	24 13th Fd Amy Bde	Walahah
1330	Pvt	Grimes	David Edgar	05.02.1919	20 12th Inf Bn	Hobart
43227	Pvt	Hall	Harry Jessie W	08.09.1919	22 42nd Inf Bn	Wynyard
3142	Pvt	Hartman	Albert	17.03.1919	50 NZEF CB	Deloraine
43219	Pvt	Hartshorn	Philip John	04.02.1919	24 12th Inf Bn	Mullinee
7999	Pvt	Hay	Hugh Cordey	03.04.1919	21 16th & 17th	Launceston
228	Sgt	Hogg	Henry George	28.08.1919	23 12th Inf Bn	Pureit
8753	Pvt	Jacobs	Frank	23.03.1919	32 12th Inf Bn	Beecham
8911	Sgt	Joseph	William Robert	07.05.1919	23 2nd Div Sig Bde	Canloch
3262	Pvt	Jordan	Alan Bertram	08.11.1919	28 40th Inf Bn	Nobahy
2813	Sgt	Kelly	Perchal James	20.01.1919	31 Railway Coy	Darwin
1853	Pvt	Kelly	Thomas William	15.11.1919	28 8th Inf Bn	Tannock
2353	Pvt	Kelly	Walter Ernest John	25.11.1919	42 40th Inf Bn	Deloraine
12	Capt	Knox MBE	Thositor James	18.05.1919	28 2nd RASC	St Helens
1225	Cpl	Laliff	William Douglas	04.05.1919	34 Ordnance Corps	Hobart
8111	Lt	Leah	James Dome	03.08.1919	66 3rd LI Horse Regt	Abbotsham
1748	Pvt	Lineary	Alfred Arthur John	17.06.1919	34 36th Inf Bn	Hobart
4006	Sgt	Llewellyn	Robert	13.07.1919	46 2nd Tunnell Coy	Championston
2920	Pvt	Lucas	William George	18.04.1919	11 52nd Inf Bn	Woodbridge
2887	Sgt	Lucas	Ray Kenneth	16.01.1919	24 12th Inf Bn	South Arm
5303	Pvt	Mathers	Charles George	29.01.1919	20 12th Inf Bn	Port Arthur
221	Pvt	McClure	George William	07.10.1919	48 47th Inf Bn	Hobart
2881	AM	McLuffe	Roy Nelson Victor	18.02.1919	31 7 King Sqn AFC	Hobart
41618	Der	McNery	Robert John	05.01.1919	35 1st Pioneer Bn	Launceston
2244	Pvt	McPherson	Percy Thomas	11.02.1919	23 4th Inf Div HQ	Hobart
468	Pvt	Meek MIA	Arthur Albert	07.03.1919	27 12th Inf Bn	Hobart
743	Pvt	Morris	Lenned Stanley	21.05.1919	19 42nd Inf Bn	Launceston
2848A	Sgt	Myler	Charles Thomas	19.02.1919	25 5th Signal Coy	Launceston
3229	Urgt	Nes	Charles Stuart	18.02.1919	17 1st Div HQ	Cyprus
7471	Sgt	Moody	Joseph	13.02.1919	30 1st Tunnell Coy	Chermside

389	Sgt	Burbury	Richard Charles	01.03.1919	19 12th Inf Bn	Launceston
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(50 pages of Private James Clark'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

CLARK – On March 30, 1919, at First Australian Gen. Hospital, Pte James Clark, aged 21 years, 12 Battalion, A.I.F., eldest son of David S. Clark, Glenhope, Granton, Tas., from broncho-pneumonia.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 1 May, 1919)

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

LIST No. 461

DIED

Pte J. Clarke, Sandy Bay 30/3/19, illness

(Advocate, Burnie, Tasmania – 10 May, 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. 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 J. Clark does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Haslingden Old Congregational Chapelyard, Lancashire, England

Haslingden Old Congregational Chapelyard, Lancashire has only 1 Commonwealth War Grave.



Photo of Pte J. Clark's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Haslingden Old Congregational Chapelyard, Lancashire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)