

**All Souls Cemetery,
Kensal Green, London, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3292 LANCE CPL.

A. J. CLAYDEN

59TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

25TH JULY, 1916

The Dearly Loved Husband Of

Matilda

& Father Of

Arthur & Bessie

Arthur James (Jim) CLAYDEN

Arthur James Clayden was born at Kentish Town, London, England to parents William and Elizabeth Clayden (nee Baldwin). Arthur James Clayden was baptised on 10th April, 1887 at St. Mary's Church, Hendon, Barnet, London. The family lived at 124 Telford Road & his father's occupation was a Carpenter.

Arthur James Clayden came to Australia when he was 6 years old, according to information provided for the Roll of Honour by his wife.

Arthur James Clayden attended Prince of Wales Park School, Northcote, Victoria.

Arthur James Clayden married Matilda May Brennan in 1906. A son – Arthur James Clayden Jnr was born on 1907 at Northcote, Victoria. A daughter – Elizabeth Dinah (Bessie) Clayden was born in 1908 at Warrnambool, Victoria.

The 1912, 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Northcote, Victoria listed Arthur James Clayden, Bootmaker of 8 Kelvin Grove, Northcote. Also listed at the address was his wife – Matilda May Clayden, Home Duties. His parents – William Clayden, Storeman & Elizabeth Clayden, Home Duties lived at 4 Kelvin Grove, Northcote.

The 1915 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Northcote, Victoria listed Arthur James Clayden, Bootmaker of 12 Hunter Street, Northcote. Also listed at the address was his wife – Matilda May Clayden, Home Duties.

Arthur James Clayden was a 32 year old, married, Bootmaker from 12 Hunter Street, Northcote, Melbourne, Victoria when he enlisted on 19th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3292 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. Clayden, of 12 Hunter Street, Northcote, Melbourne, Victoria. Arthur Clayden stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with No. 4 Field Artillery at Warrnambool, Victoria.

Arthur James Clayden was posted to "T" Company at Show Grounds on 2nd August, 1915 then transferred to "D" Company, 8th Battalion at Flemington on 5th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred on 16th September, 1915 to 11th Reinforcements, 7th Infantry Battalion at Broadmeadows.

Private Arthur James Clayden embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 11th October, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements,

Private Arthur James Clayden was allotted to & proceeded to join 59th Battalion on 26th February, 1916 at Zeitoun from 2nd Training Battalion. He was taken on strength of 59th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on the same day.

Private Arthur James Clayden was promoted to Lance Corporal on 10th May, 1916 at Hog's Back.

Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden embarked from Alexandria on 18th June, 1916 on *Kinfauns Castle* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden was wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to No. 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to chest & back then transferred to No. 1 Ambulance Train on 20th July, 1916. L/Cpl. Clayden was admitted to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne on 20th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to chest & back. He was transferred to England on 22nd July, 1916.

59th Battalion

On 19 July 1916, the 59th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front, less than a month after it arrived in France. The battle of Fromelles was a disaster for the 59th. Attacking in the first wave, the 59th suffered heavy casualties at the hands of German machine-gunners, and its advance faltered far short of its objective. Despite grievous losses, the units of the 5th Division manned the front line around Fromelles for a further two months.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 59th Battalion

19th July, 1916

12 noon – Heavy bombardment of enemy lines, 60th Battn relieved half our front from PINNEY AVENUE inclusive.

7 pm – 59th Battn. attacked enemy position in four waves. First wave going over parapet at 6.45 pm other three waves following at five minute intervals. Attack did not penetrate enemy trenches being held up by intense rifle and machine gun fire approximately 100 yds from enemy front line.

(Extract of War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden was admitted to Hospital for Epilepsy & Paralysis at Maida Vale, London on 23rd July, 1916 from 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth.

Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden died at 6.45 pm on 25th July, 1916 at Epilepsy & Paralysis Hospital at Maida Vale, London, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds to back & side.

(Note: Some forms in the Service Record file of Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden record that he died on 22nd July, 1916 in 14th General Hospital, Wimereux & was buried in Wimereux Cemetery, France – Grave no. 953. The discrepancy in dates & places of death was noticed & notification was sent to the Commandant A.I.F. Headquarters, Westminster, London, England & further investigations were required into the matter. Mrs M. Clayden, widow of the late Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden, was advised in October, 1916 that her husband had died on 22nd July, 1916 at Wimereux. Death notices placed in the papers in 1916 listed the incorrect date due to the incorrect information given to the family. Mrs M. Clayden was advised of the correct details of her late husband's death on 26th January, 1917.)



Epilepsy & Paralysis Hospital at Maida Vale, London

A death for Arthur J. Clayden, aged 33, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Marylebone, London, England.

Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden was buried on 29th July, 1916 in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number 13, Roe 6, Square 213 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A letter was written from Base Records to Mrs M. Clayden, 12 Hunter Street, Northcote, Victoria, the widow of the late L/Cpl A. J. Clayden, advising that the remains of her husband, the late No. 3292, Lance Corporal A. J. Clayden, 59th Battalion, had been exhumed from the former site & re-interred in Grave No. 13, Section 173, Kensal Green Cemetery, London. The letter stated that "This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain."

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden contains a letter from O.C., Hospital for Epilepsy & Paralysis, Maida Vale, London regarding the death of Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden: *"Died of Wounds. The patient was admitted to this Hospital on 23rd July 1916 suffering from a gun shot wound to the spine. On admission he was very ill but comfortable, contented & quite cheerful; he had no pain of any sort whatever, but he had total paralysis of the trunk and lower extremities but his arms were unaffected. Mentally he was quite clear and conscious almost to the last, and was an exceedingly good patient. He passed away at 6.45 pm on the 25th July 1916 and was given a military funeral from the Hospital, and the remains were interred in Kensal Green Cemetery London; the number of the grave was not recorded at the Hospital but was given to the aunt – Mrs King, 110 Wortling Rd, Basingstoke, Hants.*

A War Pension was granted to Matilda Clayden, widow of the late Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 27th August, 1916. Pensions were also granted to Arthur James Clayden's two children – Arthur James Clayden (jnr) in the sum of £1 per fortnight & Elizabeth Dinah Clayden, in the sum of 15/- per fortnight, both from 27th September, 1916.

Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Corporal Clayden's widow - Mrs M. Clayden, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden – service number 3292, of 59th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Clayden of 12 Hunter Street, Northcote, Victoria, Australia.

Lance Corporal A. J. Clayden is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 167.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(63 pages of Lance Corporal Arthur James Clayden'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



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Arthur James Clayden

Newspaper Notices

GALLANT AUSTRALIANS

STILL FURTHER ENLISTMENTS

The stream of local youths to join the colors has been well maintained during the week. Some hundreds of families in these parts must now have sons – in some cases a father – either in camp, in Egypt, or at the front.....

Mr A. J. Clayden, of 12 Hunter street, Northcote, has joined the colors and goes into camp on Monday.

(Preston Leader, Victoria – 31 July, 1915)

DEATHS

On Active Service

CLAYDEN – On the 22nd July, in hospital, France, of wounds received in action, Arthur James (Jim), beloved son of William and Elizabeth Clayden, Kelvin-grove, Northcote, and dearly loved brother of Harry, Herbert, Western Australia and William J. Clayden, Northcote, aged 32 years.

Duty nobly done.

Till the day breaks and shadows flee away.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 July, 1916)

DEATHS

CLAYDEN – Died in 14th General Hospital of wounds received in France, 22nd July, Lance-Corporal Arthur James (Jim), the dearly beloved husband of Matilda, and loving father of Arthur and Bessie.

His duty nobly done.

CLAYDEN – On July 22nd, in hospital in France, of wounds received in action, Arthur James (Jim), youngest son of William and Elizabeth Clayden, of Kelvin Grove, Northcote; brother of Harry, Herbert, Western Australia and William J. Clayden, Northcote, aged 32 years.

He gave his life for us all,
Nearer my God to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents and little nephew, Willie.

(Preston Leader, Victoria – 5 August, 1916) & (Northcote Leader, Victoria – 5 August, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

DIED OF WOUNDS

VICTORIA

Pte Clayden, A. J., Northcote, 22/7/16

(Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 August, 1916)

In Memoriam

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

CLAYDEN – In loving memory of A. J. (Jim), wounded in France 19th July, died in Maida Vale Hospital, London, 25/7/16; youngest son of William and Elizabeth Clayden; beloved husband of Matilda; father of Arthur and Bess; and brother of Harry, Herbert and Will.

Thy will be done.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

CLAYDEN – In loving memory of my dearly loved husband and loving father, No. 3292 Lance-Corporal Arthur James (Jim) Clayden, 59th Battalion, A Company, died 25th July, 1916, in Maida Vale Hospital, London, from wounds received in France on 19th July, 1916.

His duty nobly done.

Friends may think we have forgotten

When at times they see us smile,

But they do not know the sorrow

That smile hides all the while.

From memory's pages we'll never blot

These three little words, "Forget me not."

-Inserted by his loving wife, Matilda, son and daughter, Arthur and Bessie Clayden, 12 Hunter Street, Northcote.

(Preston Leader, Victoria – 28 July, 1917) & (Northcote Leader, Victoria – 28 July, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

CLAYDEN – In loving memory of my dearly loved husband, No. 3292, 59th Battalion, Lance-Corporal Arthur James (Jim) Clayden; also the loving father of Arthur and Bessie, died in the Maida Vale Hospital, London, from wounds received in France on 19th July, 1916, aged 32 years.

No one know how much I miss you,

Friends may think the wound has healed;

But they cannot see the sorrow

Deep within my heart concealed.

-Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children, 12 Hunter Street, Northcote.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 July, 1918) & (Preston Leader, Victoria – 27 July, 1918)

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)

Lance Corporal A. J. Clayden does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

The Dearly Loved Husband Of Matilda & Father Of Arthur & Bessie

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All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

(Information from CWGC)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo by Rodney Burton)



Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo by Chris Doran)

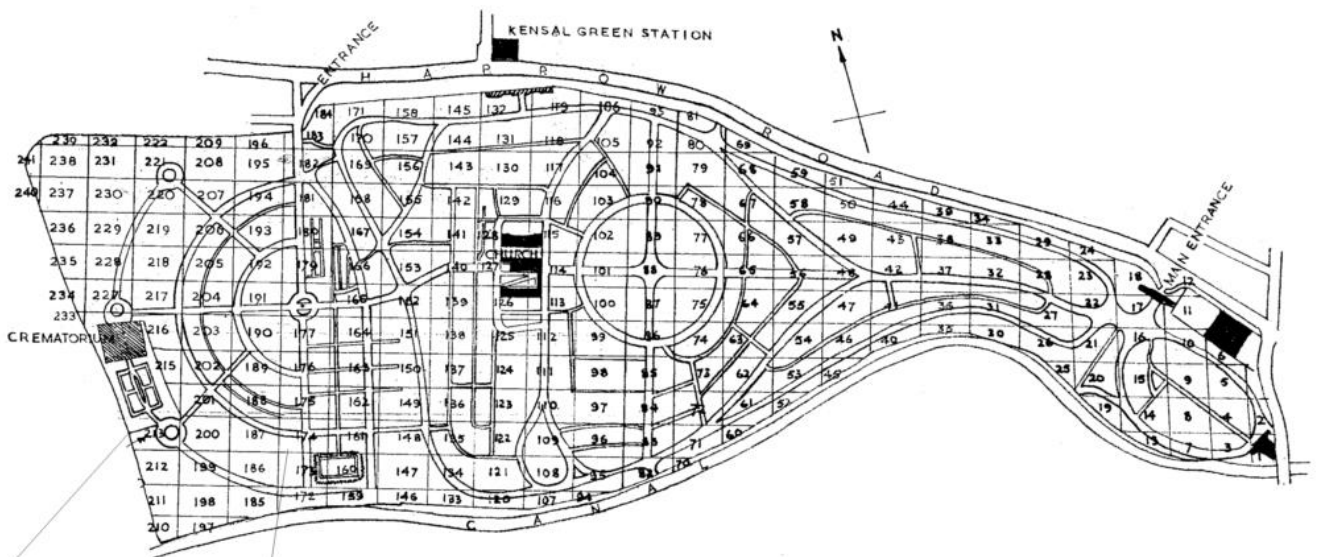
Photo of Lance Corporal A. J. Clayden's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



(Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)



Sect. 213 : Main U.K. and N.Z. Plot.
 Sect. 173 and 174 : Main Dominion Plot