

**Willesden Jewish Cemetery,
Willesden, Brent, London
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2363 DRIVER

L. J. DURLACHER

AUST. MACHINE GUN CORPS

16TH FEBRUARY, 1919 Age 22

Scatheless

Through Battle's Dangers

Stricken Down By Disease

Leslie Joseph DURLACHER

Leslie Joseph Durlacher was born at Kilburn, London, England to parents Samuel and Rose Jeanette Durlacher (nee Kyezor). His birth was registered in March quarter, 1896 in the district of Paddington, London, England. Leslie Joseph Durlacher was a twin with Gordon Durlacher. They were born on 24th March, 1896.

Leslie & Gordon's parents - Rose & Samuel Durlacher separated around 1898 but the children were told that their father had died. Samuel Durlacher went to live in Germany, remarried & had 5 children to that marriage.

The 1901 England Census recorded Leslie J. & Gordon L. Durlacher as 5 year olds, living with their widowed mother – Rose J. Durlacher (Living on Own Means, aged 23, born Marylebone, London) at 5 Priory Park Road, Willesden, Middlesex, England. Also listed were Jenny Cohen, a Visitor (Teacher, aged 21) & Lilian J. Davison, a Visitor (Living on Own Means, aged 23). Three separate households were listed at the same address.

Rose Jeanette Durlacher, mother of Leslie & Gordon Durlacher, remarried on 18th July, 1903 to Henry Augustus Webb.

Leslie Joseph Durlacher & his twin brother Gordon Henry Durlacher attended St. Augustine's School, Westminster from 11th April, 1904. The family were living at 87 Hartland Road.

Rose Jeanette Durlacher, mother of Leslie & Gordon Durlacher, died on 26th June, 1908 in the Southwark Infirmary, Surrey, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded Leslie J. & Gordon L. Durlacher as 15 year old Students boarding at Tivoli House School, 89 Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, England.

Leslie Joseph Durlacher came to Australia when he was 16 years old, according to information provided for the Roll of Honour by Miss Jean Cohen (old friend of family). Leslie J. Durlacher, aged 16, was listed as a passenger on *Orvieto* which departed from the port of London, England on 20th December, 1912 bound for Australia. The two names above Leslie's name on the passenger list were females – the first having the occupation of "Barmaid" with "do" listed for the name above & also for Leslie.

Leslie Joseph Durlacher was a 19 year old, (listed on Embarkation Roll as 22 years old) single, Farmer when he enlisted at Lismore, NSW on 12th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2363 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his grandmother – Mrs Julia Keyzor, 10 Cambridge Gardens, Cambridge Avenue, Kilburn, London, England.

Leslie Joseph Durlacher was posted to 5th Reinforcements of 25th Battalion on 12th August, 1915 as a Private for recruit training.

Private Leslie Durlacher (name as listed on the WW1 Embarkation Roll) embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Warilda (A15)* on 5th October, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements.

Private Leslie Durlacher was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Cairo with Influenza & discharged to Base at Zeitoun on 15th February, 1916.

Private Leslie Durlacher was taken on strength of 47th Battalion from 25th Battalion on 9th March, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir.

Private Leslie Durlacher was transferred to 12th Brigade Machine Gun Company on 19th March, 1916 & was to be Driver from 21st March, 1916.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was written up on 4th April, 1916 while posted at Serapeum – "removing Company Stores without permission." He was awarded 3 days Confined to Barracks.

Driver Leslie Durlacher proceeded to join B.E.F. from Alexandria on *Kingstonian* on 2nd June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 11th June, 1916.

A.I.F. Order 1151 – Designation Change for Driver Leslie Durlacher to join 4th Machine Gun Battalion. Recorded on his Casualty Form – Active Service on 1st April, 1918.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was reported with his Unit (4th Machine Gun Battalion) in France on 2nd June, 1918.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was on leave to UK from 17th August, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from leave on 5th September, 1918.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was struck off strength in France on 9th January, 1919 for Return to Australia – 1915 Personnel.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was to embark for England from A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Havre, France on 15th January, 1919 as part of R.T.A. (Return to Australia) - 1915 Personnel.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England on 16th January, 1919. He was marched out to 2nd Training Battalion on 7th February, 1919.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was sent sick from 2nd Training Depot to No. 4 Clearing Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 10th February, 1919.

Driver Leslie Durlacher was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 11th February, 1919 with Influenza.

Driver Leslie Joseph Durlacher died at 7.45 pm on 16th February, 1919 at 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England from Broncho Pneumonia.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The entrance and signboard to No. 1 Australian General Hospital (1AGH). 1AGH opened at Sutton Veny on 15 January 1919 after coming from Rouen, France. The signboard seen is that used in France and accompanied the unit from Rouen, Normandy. The flagstaff is seen over top of signboard and carries the Geneva Red Cross flag, the Australian flag on a horizontal bar. The entrance is upon the main road from Warminster to Sutton Veny. The lettering upon the noticeboard is in the colours of the unit, viz, chocolate and green. Four patients stand on the road, two on crutches.

A death for L. Durlacher, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Driver Leslie Joseph Durlacher was buried on 21st February, 1919 in Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Willesden, Brent, London, England – Plot number KK.3 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Driver Leslie Durlacher - *Coffin was Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was conveyed to the graveside surmounted by floral tributes sent from brother of deceased, and the Rev: J. Danglow M.A. (Jewish Chaplain) conducted the burial service. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside by a Bugler of the A.I.F. London. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives & friends present at the Funeral – Brother – Mr G. Durlacher; Uncle – Mr Geo. Keyzor & Friend – Mr Gotlop.

Private Leslie Joseph Durlacher requested in his Will, dated 2nd June, 1917, that all his personal estate be bequeathed to his brother – Gordon Louis Durlacher – 2364, No. 2 Section 113th Machine Gun Company, B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force).

Driver Leslie Joseph Durlacher was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Durlacher's brother – Mr Gordon Durlacher, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

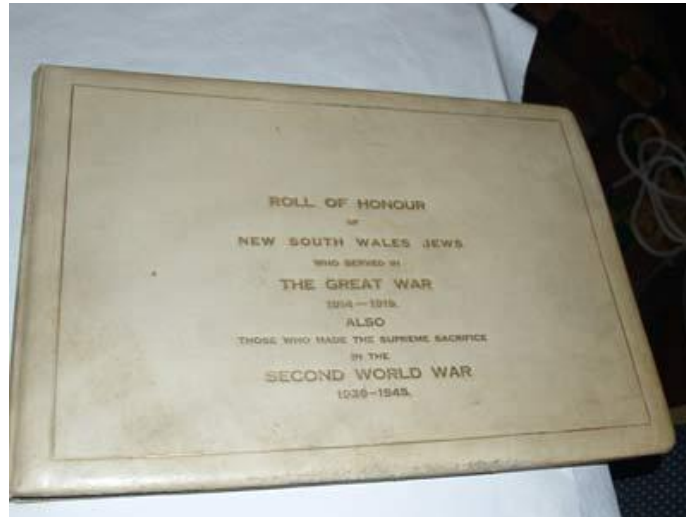
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Leslie Joseph Durlacher – service number 2363, aged 22, of 4th Battalion, Australian Machine Gun Corps. He was the son of Samuel and Rose Janeth Durlacher, Born in London.

Driver L. J. Durlacher is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 176.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

L. J. Durlacher is remembered in the Great Synagogue Roll of Honour Books, located at The Great Synagogue, Sydney, 166 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, NSW.

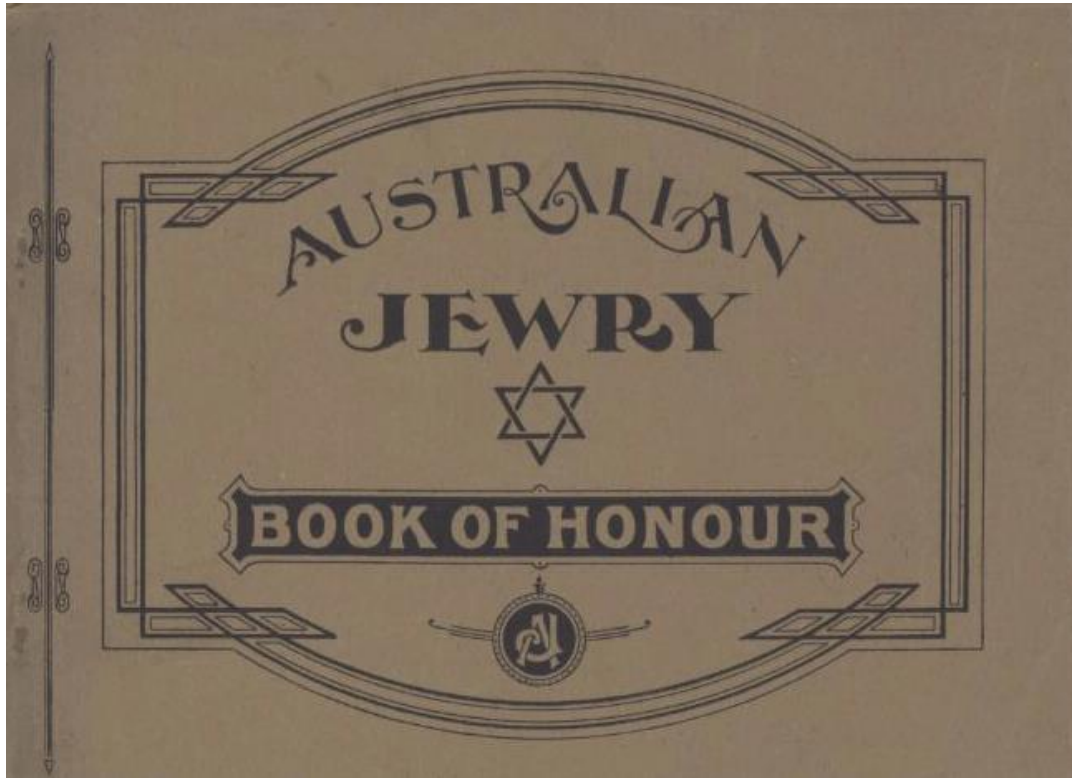


Great Synagogue Roll of Honour Books (Photos by Peter Levarre-Waters)

IN MEMORY OF NEW SOUTH WALES JEWS			WHO FELL IN THE GREAT WAR, 1914-1918		
AARONS, H. N.	ARZAC	8813	COHEN, M. D.	FRANCE	42117
ADEE, E. A.	FRANCE	22818	COHEN, R. F.	FRANCE	19117
ADHER, S.	BELGIUM	11017	COHEN, R. D.		
BENJAMIN, S. B. O.	FRANCE	22119	COHEN, S. I.	FRANCE	17918
BLASHKI, R. H.	BELGIUM	3817	CONROY, A. D.	GALLIPOLI	23725
BLOOM, J. S.	GALLIPOLI	5118	CULLEN, R. N.	MELBOURNE	118215
BRAUN, C. L.	FRANCE	18417	DURLACHER, L. J.	FRANCE	180214
BREITMAN, G.	FRANCE	19419	FERNANDEZ, J. F.	FRANCE	130112
COHEN, C.	FRANCE	22817	FINKELSTEIN, H.	FRANCE	120115
COHEN, C. H.	ENGLAND	18119	FREEDMAN, J.	FRANCE	12008
COHEN, C. S.	FRANCE	18716	FROMER, H.	FRANCE	11018
COHEN, D. G.	FRANCE	20716	FUNKENSTEIN, J.	GALLIPOLI	12015
COHEN, E. D.	FRANCE	10818	GABRIEL, S.	GALLIPOLI	22818
COHEN, H.	FRANCE	33018	GOLDENBERG, C.	GALLIPOLI	81811
			GOLDSTEIN, L. N.	SYDNEY	228111

† DURLACHER, L. J.	D ¹	2363	47 th B th
EDMONDS, A. I.	S. S ¹	4682	20 th B th
EDWARDS, A. G.	SIGNALER		4 th B th
EDWARDS, A. S.	P ¹		4 th B th
EKMAN, S.	ROH	7576	A. F. A.
ELLITT, S.	CAPT		R. A. M. C.
ELLIS, O. J.	C ¹	51717	13 th B th
ELLIS, V. B.	L. C ¹	29267	A. F. A.
ELLISON, H. H. N.			
ELLISON, N.			
EMANUEL, D.	C ¹	815	34 th B th
EMANUEL, F. O.	P ¹	7560	5 th FIELD AMB.
EMANUEL, H. L.			
EMANUEL, L.			
EMANUEL, S.			
ESSERMAN, E.	D ¹	26426	D. A. C.
FADER, H. A.	G ¹	34739	A. F. A.
FARCHY, L.	C ¹	1506	1 st B th
† FERNANDEZ, J. F.	P ¹	4789	45 th B th
FELDT, A.	P ¹	2163	56 th B th
FELT, D.	P ¹	3299	34 th B th
FELDT, I.	P ¹	4113	19 th B th
FELS, S.	P ¹	1126	13 th B th

Pte Leslie Joseph Durlacher is remembered in the Australian Jewry Book of Honour – The Great War, 1914-1918 compiled by Harold Boas.



Australian Jewry Book of Honour – The Great War, 1914-1918

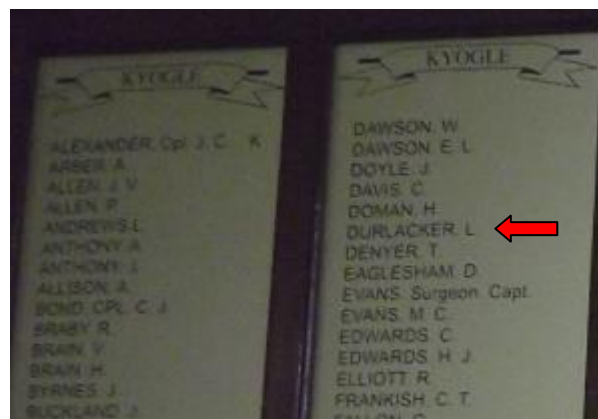


L. Durlacker is remembered on the Kyogle Memorial Institute First World War Honour Roll, located in Kyogle Memorial Institute, Summerland Way & Strathden Street, Kyogle, NSW.



Kyogle Memorial Institute First World War Honour Roll

(Photo from NSW War Memorial Register – Graham Kennett)



(40 pages of Driver Leslie Joseph Durlacher'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



Driver Leslie Joseph Durlacher



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LIST NO. 147

QUEENSLAND

ILL

L. Durlacher

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 29 February, 1916)

THE 462nd CASUALTY LIST

DEAD, OTHER CAUSES

Dvr. L. Durlacher (England)

(The Farmer and Settler, Sydney, NSW – 11 April, 1919)

LEGAL NOTICES

DECEASED SOLDIERS' ESTATES ACT, 1918

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned members of the Australian Imperial Forces have died, and the amount of the Military Estate of each member is now being ascertained with a view to its distribution amongst the persons entitled thereto under provisions of the Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act, and the regulations made thereunder. All persons who claim to be entitled to share in the distribution of the Military Estate of any of the

deceased Soldiers mentioned in this notice are required to submit the particulars of their claims by letter addressed to the District Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, on or before the 24th May, 1919.

Dated 24th April, 1919

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DURLACHER, Leslie, Driver, 2363, 4th M.G.B., late 25th Battn. Formerly of Kilburn, London*

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*Intestate

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 25 April, 1919)

OBITUARY

Private Durlacher and Sergeant Jonas

For the third time within three months it has been the painful duty of the Australian Jewish Chaplain, the Rev. J. Danglow, to officiate at the burial, in England, of a member of the A.I.F. On the 21st February, Private L. Durlacher, of the 4th Machine Gun Company, was buried with full military honours at the Willesden Jewish Cemetery; on the 24th April, Private J. Breitman, of the 3rd Battalion, was similarly buried; and on 14th May, No. 225, Sergt. B. Jonas, attached to Australian Headquarters, but originally attached to the 23rd Battalion, A.I.F., was similarly buried.

(*Jewish Herald*, Victoria – 11 July, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

OF

AUSTRALIAN JEWISH SOLDIERS

WHO HAVE DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR KING AND COUNTRY

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DURLACHER, Driver Leslie

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(*Jewish Herald*, Victoria – 14 November, 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*)

Private L. J. Durlacher does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Willesden, Brent, London, England

Willesden Jewish Cemetery contains burials of both wars. Of the 33 First World War graves, six form a small plot by the assembly hall and 22 of the 78 Second World War burials form a separate plot. The rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. In place of the more usual Cross of Sacrifice, a specially designed memorial to men and women of the Jewish faith who lost their lives in both wars stands opposite the Second World War plot. The memorial is in the form of an obelisk and was the first Jewish national war memorial to be erected in the United Kingdom. *(Information from CWGC)*



Willesden Jewish Cemetery & below 3 Australian Headstones from left *(Photos by julia&keld)*



Photo of Driver L. J. Durlacher's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Willesden Jewish Cemetery, Willesden, Brent, London, England.



(Photo courtesy of julia&keld)