

**Durrington Cemetery,
Wiltshire, England
War Graves
World War 1**



Lest We Forget



6320 PRIVATE

J. L. FARRANT

27TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

22ND MARCH, 1917 Age 25

In Loving Memory

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte J. L. Farrant is located in Grave Plot # 226
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

James Lascelles FARRANT

James Lascelles Farrant was born in Perth, Western Australia in 1891 to parents John & Emily Kadina Farrant (nee Graham).

James Lascelles Farrant attended Midland Junction State School, Western Australia.

James Lascelles Farrant was a 25 year old, single, Timber Clerk from Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted on 13th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6320 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John Farrant of 158 St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia. According to details on his Attestation Papers – James had previously been rejected from the Navy due to defective teeth on 25th September, 1916.

Private James Lascelles Farrant embarked from Fremantle on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 23rd December, 1916 with the 27th Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements. He had been admitted to Ship's Hospital with suspected Measles & was in observation for 3 days – from 22nd January until 25th January, 1917. Private Farrant disembarked at Devonport, England on 16th February, 1917.

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.

Private James Lascelles Farrant was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 8th March, 1917 from 7th Training Battalion suffering from Influenza. He was reported seriously ill with Pneumonia on 16th March, 1917.

Private James Lascelles Farrant died at 3.40 p.m. on 22nd March, 1917 from haemorrhage of self inflicted wound to his throat while temporarily insane.

A death for James L. Farrant, aged 25, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

From the Inquest held into the death of Private James Lascelles Farrant on 23rd March, 1917 (with thanks to [Salisbury Inquests](#)):

Mr Trethowan held another inquest at Fargo Hospital on Friday afternoon, concerning the death of an Australian soldier named James Lascelles Farrant, aged 25, who came from Perth, West Australia, and was stationed at Rolleston Camp.

Private R. W. Annear, A.I.F., stationed at Rolleston Camp, said Farrant was his cousin, and he believed he had some home trouble, but when he last spoke to him he did not appear to be worried.

Lieutenant-Colonel Le Quesne, RAMC, officer in charge of Fargo Hospital, said Farrant was admitted to the Hospital on March 8th, suffering from bronchial-pneumonia. On Thursday afternoon he was informed that Lascelles had injured his throat, and on going to the bedside found his throat cut. There was a razor on the bed. There had been no signs of delirium or insanity, and accordingly the man was allowed the use of the razor. Despite efforts to stop the bleeding, the man died from haemorrhage in about a quarter of an hour.

Lieutenant G. H. Hanna, RAMC, said the man had been under his charge while at the Hospital. He considered that his illness caused him to be temporarily insane at the time he inflicted the wound to his throat.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide during temporary insanity.

Private James Lascelles Farrant was buried on 27th March, 1917 in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – plot number 226. He was given a Military Funeral.

Private James Lascelles Farrant requested in his Will, dated 15th March, 1917, that all of his money be given to his "dear sister Jessie Lascelles Farrant, 98 Harold St, Mount Lawley, Perth, Western Australia."

Private James Lascelles Farrant was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Farrant's father – Mr J. Farrant (both June, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private James Lascelles Farrant – service number 6320 as being 25 years old & served with 27th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John and Emily Kadina Farrant of 158 St. George Terrace, Perth, Western Australia.

Private J. L. Farrant is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 110.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



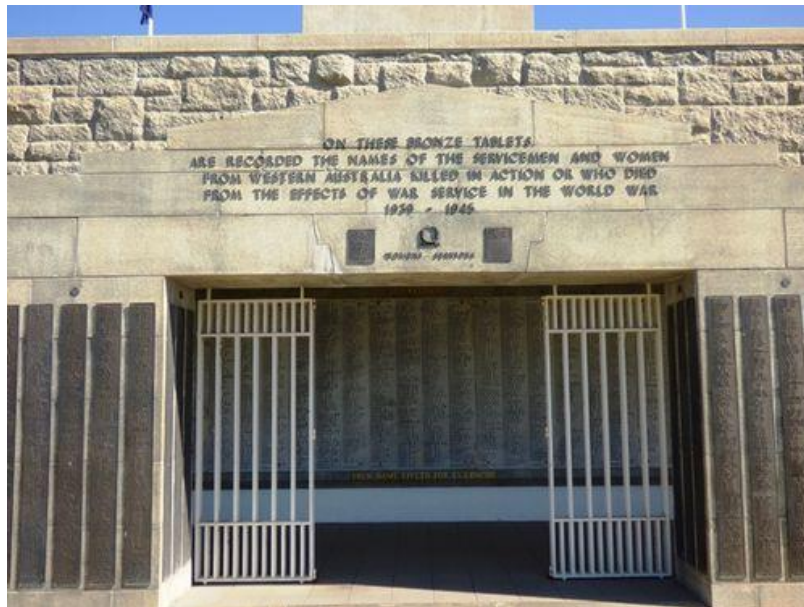
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. L. Farrant is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park



The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



(Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

J. L. Farrant is remembered on the Kalamunda District Roll of Honour, located in Kalamunda Agricultural Society Hall, Canning Road, Kalamunda, Western Australia.



Kalamunda District Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Wayne Loughrey)

J. L. Farrant is remembered with a Memorial Plaque on the Stirk Park Memorial Walk, Kalamunda Road, Kalamunda, Western Australia. The walkway consists of a double row of trees & was established in the 1950's. Some 20 men who were not included in the existing plaques has new plaques installed in April, 2015 by the Kalamunda Shire & Darling Range R.S.L. Private James Lascelles Farrant's plaque was one of the new plaques added in 2015.



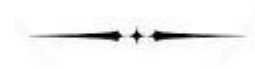
Stirk Park Memorial Walk (Photos from Monument Australia – Father Ted Doncaster)



Private J. L. Farrant is apparently one of four names on a marble memorial plaque located in Kalamunda History Village, Railway Road, Kalamunda, Western Australia. *“Great love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friends.”*

(63 pages of Private James Lascelles Farrant'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

ANSWERED THE CALL

TO-DAY'S ENLISTMENTS

To-day the following submitted themselves for examination by the recruiting officer's with the noted results:-

FIT

J. L. Farrant, 155 St. George's Terrace, Perth.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia Thursday 5th October, 1916)

W.A. CASUALTIES – 285th Official List

DIED, CAUSE NOT STATED

Private J. L. FARRANT, Perth.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia Thursday 5th April, 1917)

W.A. CASUALTIES – 286th Official List

4th Military District.

J. L. Farrant, Perth, died of injuries, previously reported cause not stated.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia Tuesday 10th April, 1917)

KILLED IN ACTION

FARRANT.- In Loving memory of Private James Lascelles Farrant, 6320 A.I.F., 18-27 reinforcements, on active service, at Fergo Military Hospital, England, on March 22, 1917, aged 25 years. He never saw suffering without trying to alleviate it. God's will be done.

-Inserted by his sorrowing parents, John and E. K. Farrant.

(The Western Mail, Perth, Friday 6 April, 1917)

DEATHS

FARRANT.-In loving memory of our dear son, James Lascelles Farrant, aged 25, who died March 22, 1917, in Fergo Hospital, England. Mr. and Mrs. J. Farrant THANK their many relatives and friends for their kindly sympathy in their sad bereavement.

-Inserted by his parents, John and E. K. Farrant, Gooseberry Hill.

(The Western Mail, Perth, Friday 4 May, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

FARRANT – Sacred to the loving memory of Private James Lascelles Farrant (Jim), died Fargo Military Hospital March 22, 1917.

At rest.

-Inserted by his loving aunt, E. M. Annear.

(The West Australian, Perth, Friday 22 March, 1918)

STATE WAR MEMORIAL

Names For Tablet

A FURTHER LIST

The names of all West Australian soldiers who gave their lives during the Great War are to be handed down to posterity by means of a series of tables bearing their names, on the walls of a section of the State War Memorial on Mount Eliza. It is intended to include, apart from those who enlisted within the State the names of all West Australians who enlisted in other parts and paid the supreme sacrifice. Already, a list of 6,000 names is in the hands of the War Memorial Committee, and this list is being published in alphabetical order in 'The West Australian' from day to day. Friends and relatives of West Australian soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice and whose names are not included in the published list are asked to assist the committee by supplying particulars which, for obvious reasons, must be endorsed by the Defence Department. A further section of the list of names is published below: —

Cpl. FARMER. Augustus Pegg (M.M.), 16th Bat.

Pte. FARMER, George Henry. 43rd. Bat.

Pte. FARMER, Lowrie, 28th Bat.

Pte. FARMERY, Arthur, 11th Bat.

Pte. FARRANT, James Lascelles, 27th Bat.

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(The West Australian, Perth, Friday 25 July, 1930)

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)

A letter from Base Records, dated 11th July, 1921, to Mr J. Farrant advising that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription of the late Pte J. L. Farrant's headstone had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken. Several letters were exchanged back & forth.

The family of the late Pte James Lascelles Farrant had originally requested the following to be inscribed on his headstone but this was rejected as the length was too long & there was repetition of information:

In Memoriam

James Lascelles Farrant

Age 25

He gave his life for my motherland. During his short life his heart was ever open to suffering – but God in His infinite mercy has only called his own. Requiscent in Peace.

Father Mother Brothers Sisters and many friends.

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

In Loving Memory



Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo by Dave Healing 2013)

Photo of Private J. L. Farrant's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



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