

**Lodge Hill Cemetery,
Birmingham, West Midlands**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2366 PRIVATE

C. J. FAUX

23RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 27

Charles John (Charlie) FAUX

Charles John Faux (jr) was born at Port Melbourne, Victoria, Australia in 1889 to parents Charles John and Jane Ann Faux (nee Sedgwick, formerly Sclater).

Charles John Faux attended Footscray State School, Victoria.

The 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Melbourne Ports, subdivision of Yarraville, Victoria recorded Charles John Faux junior, Labourer of 7 Ashton St, Yarraville. His parents Charles John, Labourer & Jane Ann, Home Duties, were listed at 7 Aston St, Yarraville.

Charles John Faux was a 26 year old, single, Labourer at Colonial Sugar Refinery from 7 Astin Street, Yarraville, Victoria when he enlisted on 10th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2366 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as C. J. Faux, 7 Astin Street, Yarraville, Victoria.

Private Charles John Faux was posted to Depot on 19th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 23rd Battalion on 3rd August, 1915.

Private Charles John Faux embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on RMS *Osterley* on 29th September, 1915 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements.

Private Charles John Faux was taken on strength of 23rd Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 11th January, 1916 from 5th Reinforcements.

Private Charles John Faux embarked from Alexandria to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on 19th March, 1916 on Troopship *Lake Michigan* & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 26th March, 1916.

Private Charles John Faux's pay account was charged 6/9d on 29th April, 1916 for cost of replacing W P Sheet (water proof).

Private Charles John Faux took part in a raid on enemy's trenches on night of 29th – 30th June, 1916.

War Diary – 23rd Battalion

Rue de Bois – 29th June, 1916:

Battalion in Reserve. Day quiet in S.S. LINE. Issued Operation Order No 12. Covering relief of 22nd BN. night of 30th June 1st July. At midnight a raiding party of 252 drawn from 21st/22nd/23rd & 24th BNS carried out a successful enterprise on enemy trenches. The line was entered in three places. The 23rd BN. party commanded by CAPT H. M. CONRAN. LIEUT. W.A. CULL (Scout Officer) entered at I 26 B 10 6 ¼ (Ref Map 36 N.W. 1/10,000) considerable difficulty in entering as wire had not been cut. Party remained in enemy trench 8 minutes doing considerable damage. Our Artillery & Trench Mortars co-operated. The results of the raid by all parties were: Enemy Killed 80 Prisoners 5. 23rd BN casualties were O.R. 1 KILLED 4 WOUNDED 1 MISSING. Strength 31 Officers 941 O.R.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Charles John Faux was wounded in action in France on 4th August, 1916. He was admitted to 36th Field Ambulance on 5th August, 1916 with shrapnel wound/s & fractured leg. Private Faux was transferred to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 5th August, 1916 with multiple shrapnel wounds. He was transferred to No. 26 Ambulance Train & admitted to 8th Stationary Hospital at Wimereux, France on 6th August, 1916. Private Faux was transferred to Boulogne on 10th August, 1916 & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Cambria* with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) multiple.

23rd Battalion

The 23rd Battalion was raised in Victoria in March 1915 as the third battalion of the 6th Brigade. After initial training, it left Australia in March and arrived in Egypt, where it would complete its advanced training, in June.....

The battalion was next "in the line" on 10 April 1916, when it occupied forward trenches of the Armentieres sector in northern France. This relatively gentle introduction to the Western Front was followed in July by the horrific battles of Pozieres and Mouquet Farm, after which it was estimated that the Battalion lost almost 90 per cent of its original members.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 23rd Battalion

Pozieres – 4th August, 1916:

C & D Coys front line. A & B CHALK PIT Reserve Trench.

Lieut. Col W. K. Fethers wounded. Major W. Brazenor assumed command. Operation Order received from Brigade that 22nd Battalion would attack O.G1 & 2. 23rd Battalion 1 Coy would secure left flank 22nd Battalion and entrench along BRINDS ROAD from Pt 36 to 91 (91 exclusive). Issued OPERATION ORDER No 27. Lieut Parkes commanded this covering party.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Charles John Faux was admitted to Dudley Rd Hospital, Birmingham, England on 10th August, 1916.

(Note: The next entry on the Casualty Form – Active Service recorded he was then admitted to 15th General Hospital, Birmingham on the same date but no other forms in the Service Record file mention this).

Mr C. J. Faux, 7 Aston Street, Yarraville, Victoria, father of Private Charles John Faux, was advised by Base Records on 31st August, 1916 that No. 2366 Private C. J. Faux was dangerously ill, suffering from wounds. Mr Faux was advised by Base Records on 19th September, 1916 that Private C. J. Faux had been admitted to 8th Stationary Hospital on 8th August, 1916 suffering from multiple gunshot wounds (severe).

Private Charles John Faux died on 19th September, 1916 at 1st Southern General Hospital (Dudley Rd Section), Birmingham, England from wounds received in action in France – G.S.W. multiple – Leg amputated & Septicaemia.

A death for Charles J. Faux, aged 27, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

Private Charles John Faux was buried in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England – his name is remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall B10. 226 as he does not have a headstone.

Base Records wrote to Mr C. J. Faux, 7 Aston Street, Yarraville, Victoria, on 19th April, 1920 with the following *"With reference to my communication of 9th March, 1917, regarding the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 2366 Private C. J. Faux, 23rd Battalion, I am now in receipt of further advice which show that his remains have been exhumed from former site, and re-interred in Grave No.226, Section "B" 10, Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain. The utmost care and attention is being devoted to the graves of our fallen soldiers, and photographs are being taken as soon as possible for transmission to next-of-kin."*

A Pension was granted to Jane Ann Faux, 7 Aston St., Yarraville, mother of the late Private Charles John Faux, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 3rd December, 1916.

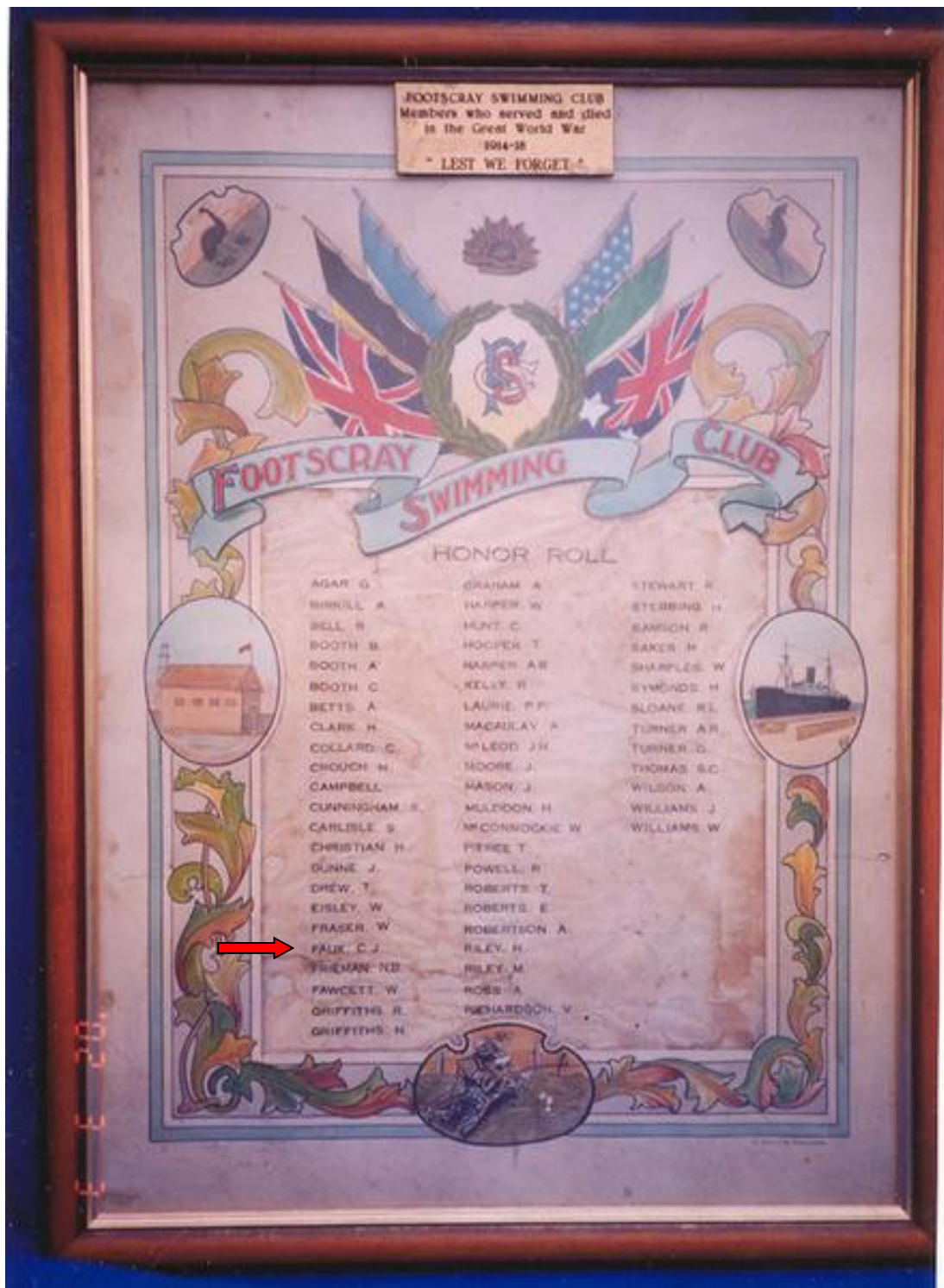
Mr Charles J. Faux, father of the late Private Charles John Faux, advised a change of address on 23rd December, 1920 from 7 Aston Street, Yarraville to 46 Leeds St, Footscray.

Mr Charles J. Faux, father of the late Private Charles John Faux, advised a change of address on 10th June, 1921 from 46 Leeds St, Footscray to 107 Surrey Rd North, South Yarra, Victoria.

Private Charles John Faux was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Faux's father – Mr C. J. Faux, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent May, 1922).

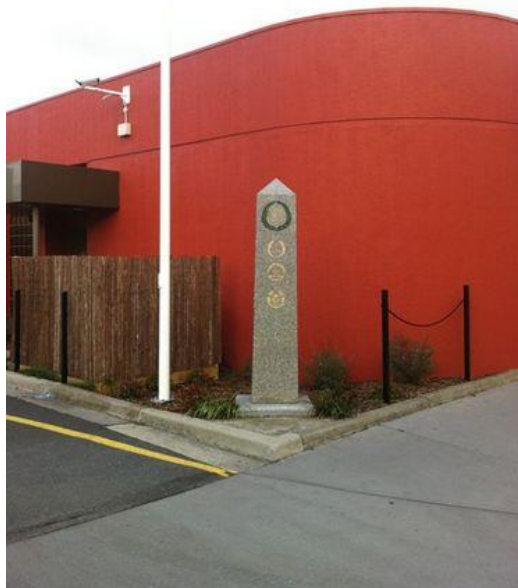
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles John Faux – service number 2366, aged 27, of 23rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Charles John and Jane Ann Faux.

C. J. Faux is remembered on the Footscray Swimming Club Honor Roll for World War 1. Its last known location was the Footscray Swimming Club.



Footscray Swimming Club Honor Roll (Photo from Victorian Heritage Database)

The Yarraville Cenotaph, located at Yarraville Club, 135 Stephen Street, Yarraville, Victoria does not list individual names.



Yarraville Cenotaph (Photo from Monument Australia)

Private C. J. Faux is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 99.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(47 pages of Private Charles John Faux'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



Connected to Private Charles John Faux:

Older Brother – John Henry Faux (born 1886) – Enlisted on 23rd February, 1916 as a 30 year old, married, Labourer. Embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on 3rd June, 1916 on HMAT *Persic* with 37th Infantry Battalion “A” Company as Private 270.

Awarded Military Medal 24th June, 1917.

Wounded in action – Gassed on 9th April, 1918. Admitted to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, England with Appendicitis. Dangerously ill with Influenza 3rd February, 1919.

Returned to Australia from England on 3rd May, 1919 & disembarked in Australia on 21st June, 1919.

Discharged from Australian Imperial Force on 6th July, 1919.

Entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.



Newspaper Notices

The parents of Pte C. J. Faux, of 7 Aston street, Yarraville, were notified last Saturday that he was dangerously ill from wounds received in the latest fighting in France. Pte Faux was an old member of the Swimming Club, and left Australia on September 26th last. After serving in Egypt against the Turks, he was transferred to France last March, and was there picked in a bombing party, afterwards being transferred to the trenches. He was an old employee of the Colonial Sugar Co. He has another brother now training in England.

(Independent, Footscray, Victoria – 9 September, 1916)

213th CASUALTY LIST

The Victorian names are:-

WOUNDED

Private C. J. Faux, Yarraville

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 20 September, 1916)

AUSTRALIA'S ROLL OF HONOR

In the 226th and 227th casualty lists issued by the Defence department yesterday morning.....

SEVERELY WOUNDED

Victoria

C. J. Faux, Yarraville

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 October, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

FAUX – A tribute of love to our dear one, Private C. J. Faux, who died of wounds received in France, loved brother of Jack, now on active service, aged 28.

We shall not stand beside his grave,
And none shall point to where he lies;
We only know that he was brave,
And faced the foe with smiling eyes.

By whispering ball or crushing shell,
No tidings come of how he died;
But we who loved him know full well
He did no turn or swerve aside.

-(Inserted by his living brother and sister-in-law, J. and M. Faux).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 7 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR

VICTORIAN LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte FAUX, G. J., Yarraville, 19/9/16

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 October, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

FAUX – In fond and loving memory of Pte C. J. Faux, who died on 19th September, at Birmingham Hospital, England, of wounds received in France, the dearly loved step-brother of Thomas Slater, aged 28 years.

Loved by all who knew him.
Deeply mourned

-(Inserted by Mr and Mrs Slater and family)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 October, 1916) & (*The Australasian*, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 October, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

FAUX – On the 19th September, at the 1st Southern Hospital, Birmingham, died of wounds received in France, Charlie, the dearly loved youngest son of Charles and Jean Faux, of 7 Aston-street, Yarraville, loved brother of Henry and Jack (on active service), loved brother-in-law of Ada, also loved friend of Will Jones, aged 27.

Loved by all who knew him.

It seems but a day since he bade us good-bye,
His heart full of hope, and his spirits so high;

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How little we thought when he left us that day,
The grim hand of death would soon tear him away.
So gentle and kind, how we miss his dear face;
We know that on earth we cannot fill his place;
Though asleep in his Saviour, where grief is unknown,
In sorrow and tears are his loved ones at home.

-Inserted by his sorrowing parents, brothers and sister-in-law.

FAUX – On the 19th September, in the Birmingham Hospital, Private Charles John, from wounds received in France.

He rose responsive to his country's call,
And gave for her his best, his life, his all.

A respected member of the Footscray Swimming Club.

-J.A.G.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR



PRIVATE C. J. FAUX

News has been received by the parents of Pte. C. J. Faux, of Aston st., Yarraville, that he has succumbed to wounds received on the 4th August in the battle of Pozieres. Death took place in the Birmingham hospital on 19th Sept. Pte. Faux was 28 years of age and an old employee of the Colonial Sugar refining Co. at Yarraville, and was for years a member of the Footscray Swimming Club. He enlisted July 1915; sailed September 7th, 1915; was in France from March 12th. Another brother, Pte. J. Faux, enlisted as a bandsman at Broadmeadows camp. He has now been transferred to the A. M. C. as stretcher bearer.

(*The Footscray Advertiser*, Victoria - 14 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR



PTE. C. J. FAUX.

News has been received by the parents of Pte. C. J. Faux, of Aston st., Yarraville, that he died of wounds received on August 14 in the battle of Pozieres. Private Faux died in the Birmingham Hospital on September 19. He was 28 years of age, and an old employee of the Colonial Sugar refining Co. at Yarraville, and for years a member of the above club. He enlisted in July, 1915, sailed September 7th, 1915, and was in France from March 12th until his death. He has another brother now at Salisbury Plains, Pte J. Faux.

(Independent, Footscray, Victoria – 14 October, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

FAUX – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, who died on 19th September, 1916, of wounds received at Pozieres.

It was in the early morning,
Just a year ago to-day,
Just as the day was dawning,
Our dear boy passed away.

His weary hours and days of pain,
His troubled nights are past,
The ever-patient, worn-out frame
Has found sweet rest at last.

-(Inserted by his loving mother, father, and brother, Jack, M.M., on active service, 7 Aston street, Yarraville).

FAUX – In loving memory of our dear brother Charlie, who died of wounds on 19th September received at Pozieres.

Poor old Charl, I fancy I hear him laugh,
See his humorous smile, hear his good-natured chaff.
He was always so kind, and had such winning ways,

None ever spoke of him except to praise.

-(Inserted by his fond brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Ada Faux, 38 Byron street, Footscray.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

FAUX – In loving memory of our dearly loved cousin, Private Charlie Faux, who was killed in action at Pozieres on the 19th September, 1916.

He leaves behind some aching hearts
That loved him ever dear;
Hearts that never shall forget
Cousin Charlie, hero of Pozieres.

-Inserted by his loving cousins, Arthur, Walter, Alice Randle.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

FAUX – In loving memory of our dear brother, Charlie, who died of wounds on the 19th September, 1916, received at Pozieres.

A soldier, yes, and a hero too;
He played a man's part through and through;
His actions speak, though his voice be still,
Forget him, no, we never will,

As true a heart as ever beat
Has passed away from earth,
But memory dwells within the heart
Of those who knew his worth.

-(Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Jack (now on active service) and Mary Faux, 30 Castlemaine street, Yarraville.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 September, 1917)

**Notices were also placed in the newspapers in 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, & 1932

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private Charles John Faux does not have CWGC headstone, his name is instead remembered on a CWGC Screen Wall as his grave was one that could not be individually marked with a headstone.

Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England

The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41.

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY contains 499 First World War burials, most of them in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on a Screen Wall. Second World War burials number 125, most of them scattered throughout the cemetery, although there is a small plot in Section 2E. Birmingham Municipal Crematorium stands within the cemetery. In the chapel, there is a bronze plaque commemorating 48 servicemen of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

(Information from CWGC)



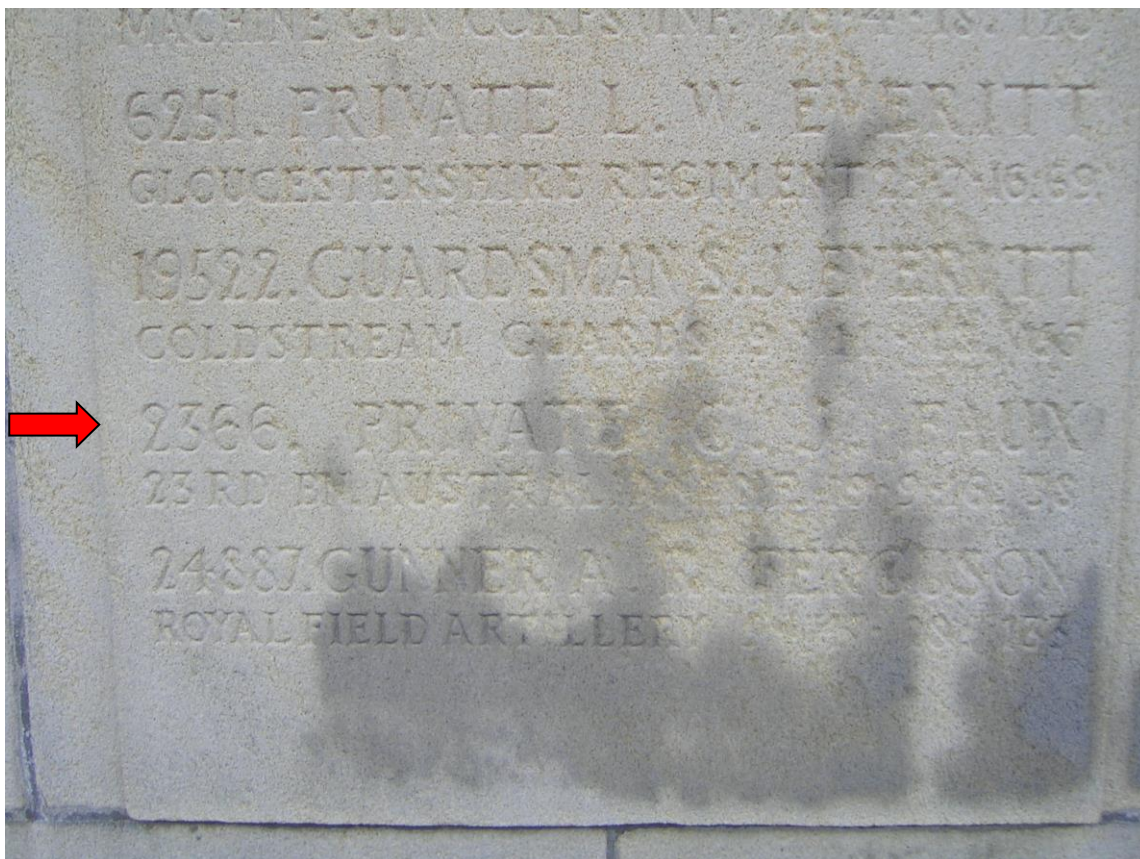
(Photo by Lepidus Magnus)



Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham *(Photos from CWGC)*



Photo of Private C. J. Faux's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission WW1 Screen Wall in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England.



(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



WW1 Screen Wall in Garden of Remembrance *(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)*



WW2 Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)

Lodge Hill Cemetery

