

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2147 PRIVATE

C. V. FISHER

28TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

18TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 30

He Was Dearly Loved

And Will Always

Be Remembered

Clarence Victor FISHER

Clarence Victor Fisher was born at Richmond, Victoria in 1886 to parents William Alfred and Agnes Fisher (nee Stubbs)

Clarence Victor Fisher attended Perth Boys School, Western Australia.

From the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 27 February, 1904:

Commonwealth of Australia

Postmaster-General's Department

The following transfers and appointment have been approved....

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLARENCE VICTOR FISHER, Telegraph Messenger, Brisbane-street, Perth, to be Telegraph Messenger, Perth, vice Carlisle.

From the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 6 July, 1907:

Commonwealth of Australia

Postmaster-General's Department

His Excellency the Governor-General, by and with the advice of Federal Executive Council, has approved that the following staff changes, &c. be made in the Postmaster-General's Department, namely.....

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CLARENCE VICTOR FISHER, Telegraph Messenger, Perth, salary £52 per annum, to be Assistant, General Division, Bunbury, with salary of £60 per annum, vice Palmer dismissed; as from 15th May, 1907.

The 1914, 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Perth, subdivision of Balkatta, Western Australia recorded Clarence Victor Fisher, Assistant Engineer, G.P.O. from 11 Rose Street, North Perth.

Clarence Victor Fisher was a 30 year old, single, Assistant, Engineering Department from 11 Rose Street, North Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted on 26th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2147 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Fisher, 11 Rose Street, North Perth, Western Australia.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was posted to 18th Depot (Battalion) on 26th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 28th Battalion on 16th August, 1915.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Hororata (A20)* on 1st October, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 28th Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements.

28th Battalion

The 28th Battalion was raised at Blackboy Camp in Western Australia on 16 April 1915 from recruits previously earmarked for the 24th Battalion, which was instead being raised in Victoria. The battalion left Australia in June, and after two months spent training in Egypt, landed at Gallipoli on 10 September....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was admitted to 4th Auxiliary Hospital at Abbassia on 11th January, 1916 with Mumps. He was discharged to duty on 26th January, 1916.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was attached for duty to Garrison Headquarters at Zeitoun on 4th March, 1916 as a Motor Despatch Rider.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was admitted to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital at Heliopolis on 18th March, 1916 with an injury to his Face.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was admitted to 1st Auxiliary Hospital at Heliopolis on 20th March, 1916 with "*Syph Testicle*". He was discharged to duty on 27th March, 1916 in regards to the injury to his face.

Base Records advised Mr W. Fisher, 11 Rose Street, North Perth, W.A., father of Private Clarence Victor Fisher, on 26th March, 1916 that No. 2147 Private C. V. Fisher, 28th Battalion had been admitted to Third Auxiliary Hospital, Cairo on 18th March, 1916 with an injury to his face – mild.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was marched in to Garrison Headquarters at Zeitoun on 1st April, 1916 from Hospital.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was On Staff with C. T. & G. B. Depot.

A Telegram/ Lettergram was sent to Base Records on 4th April, 1916 from Secretary Red Cross (Reply Paid) which reads: "*Casualty list one sixty reports fisher C. V. twentyeight battalion injured mother received no advice can you supply further information regimental number two one four seven.*"

Base Records replied to Secretary, Australian Red Cross Society, Perth, W.A. on 5th April, 1916 with "*Memo despatched from this Office twentysixth ultimo to Mr William Fisher Eleven Rose Street North Perth stating son Private Clarence Victor Fisher twentyeighth Battalion admitted Hospital suffering from injury Face mild.*"

Private Clarence Victor Fisher proceeded overseas from Tel-el-Kebir on 10th June, 1916.

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was taken on strength of A.I.F. Headquarters on 25th June, 1916 from Camp 26, Larkhill, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

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 Clarence Victor Fisher died on 18th September, 1916 at Delhi Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from a fractured Skull – the result of a Motor-cycle accident.

A death for Clarence V. Fisher, aged 31, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

Communications were sent from A/Camp Commandant, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth on 19th September, 1916 to D.A.A.G. "*Will you please arrange for a firing party of one Sergeant, one Corporal and twelve men, for the funeral of the late Lance Corporal C. V. Fisher, 28th Battalion, A.I.F., which leaved the Mortuary, Tidworth, at 2.30 pm on Friday the 22nd instant.*"

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was buried on 22nd September, 1916 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 195 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Central Registry, Tidworth, A.I.F. Headquarters forwarded reports by the Officer i/c Headquarters Garage and the Driver of Imperial Ambulance No. A.A. 8510 on the death of No. 2147 Dvr. C. V. Fisher to Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in UK on 20th September, 1916. (Note – no copies of the reports were located in Private Fisher's Service Record File).

Communications were sent from Camp Commandant, Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth on 27th September, 1916 to Officer in charge Military Hospital, Tidworth in regards to the death of No. 2147 Lance Corporal C. V. Fisher, 28th Battalion, requesting "*a certified copy of the inquest papers or any Army Forms relative to this man in order that I may furnish same for record purposes to our Record Office.*"

A reply was sent stating that *"the Hospital has forwarded all army forms and particulars regarding L/Cpl Fisher's death to Administrative Hd Qrs."*

Agnes Fisher, c/o Mr George Stubbs, 2 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, Victoria, wrote to Base Records in May, 1917, requesting the death certificate of her son "Lance Cpl C. V. Fisher".

Base Records replied to Mrs A. Fisher on 21st May, 1917 enclosing a certificate of report of death of the late No. 2147 L/Cpl. C. V. Fisher, 28th Battalion.

William Fisher, father of the late Private Clarence Victor Fisher, wrote to Base Records on 22nd June, 1917 stating *"I received parcel as per Inventory but Mrs Fisher & I are very disappointed at not receiving some of his most valued possessions namely Camera Negatives etc Ring & Wallet. He was stationed at Headquarters Tidworth & therefore his things ought to have been safe. I should be pleased if you could communicate with the hone Headquarters & see if they could not be traced."*

The contents of Mr Fisher's letter regarding the missing items belonging to his son was forwarded to The Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, Westminster, London on 4th July, 1917.

A report was made to The Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne on 19th February, 1918 from Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London regarding the enquiry into the missing items belonging to the late Private Clarence Victor Fisher. *"... exhaustive enquiries have been made in an endeavour to trace the articles mentioned, but without success."* A report was made by 9381 Sergeant G. C. Appleton, 2nd Divisional Supply Column who collected the deceased's kit & he stated in his report *"On entering his room I found that kit was distributed round the room, and I had to make enquiries as to which was his. To the best of my recollection there was no camera, negatives, wallet or ring there. He used to wear a ring on his finger every day, and it would probably have been on him when the accident occurred. I was informed by a Sister of Delhi Hospital Tidworth, that all effects found on him would be forwarded direct from hospital to Kit Store. Deceased was a personnel friend of mine, and I took every care in collecting his property as instructed."*

Private Clarence Victor Fisher was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Fisher's father – Mr W. Fisher, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent June, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Clarence Victor Fisher – service number 2147, aged 30, of 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Agnes Fisher, of St. George's Terrace, Perth, Western Australia.

Private C. V. Fisher is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 112.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

C. V. Fisher is remembered on the Postmaster General's Department Honour Roll, located in former G.P.O. Building, Murray Street, Perth, Western Australia.



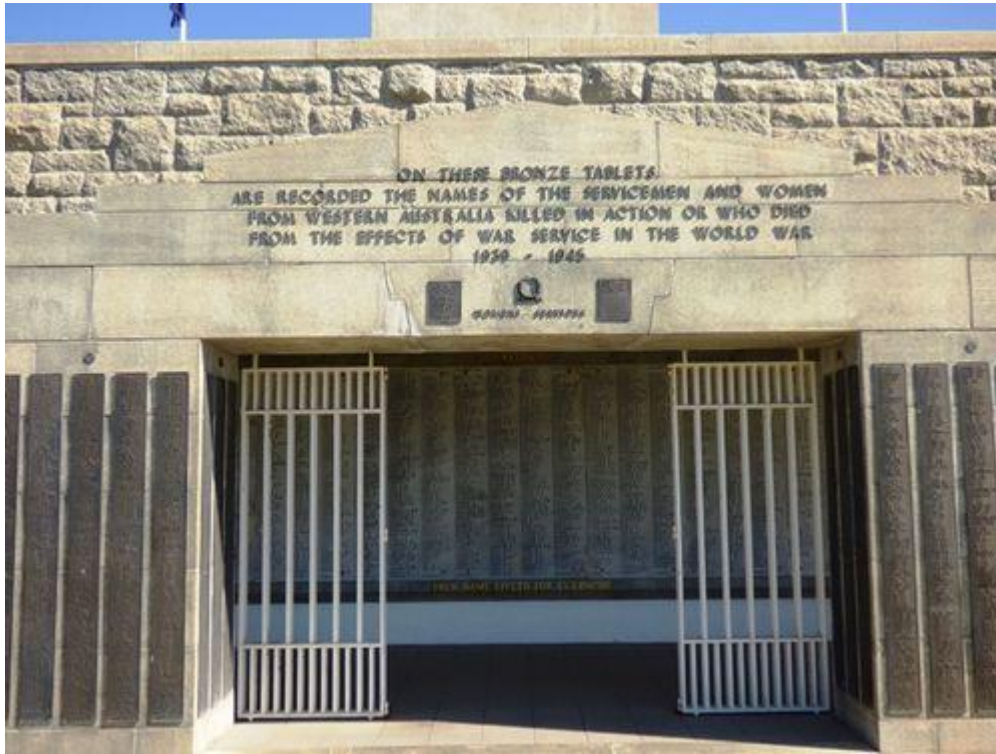
Postmaster General's Department Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Bryan Hardy)

C. V. Fisher 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



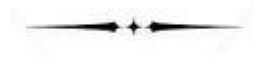
The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names
(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



28th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

(54 pages of Private Clarence Victor Fisher'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

CASUALTIES

160th LIST

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

INJURED

Pte C. V. Fisher

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 4 April, 1916)

DEATHS

FISHER – On September 18, at Dehli Hospital, Tidworth, England, died result of motor cycle accident, Lance-Corporal Clarence Victor Fisher, motor despatch rider, dearly beloved eldest son of William and Agnes Fisher, T. and G. Chambers, Perth (late of North Perth), only brother of Sergeant S. C. Fisher (Blackboy Camp) and Constance Fisher.

FISHER – Died in England on September 18, as result of accident while engaged in motor despatch, Clarence V, Fisher, the dearly loved friend of Miss L. Davidson, Wasley-street, North Perth.

Loved and respected by all who knew him.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 7 October, 1916)

THE AUSTRALIANS

231st CASUALTY LIST

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DEAD – Lce.-Cpl C. V. Fisher.....

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 10 October, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

FISHER – A tribute to the memory of Lance-Corporal C. V. Fisher, who died September 18, 1916, from injuries received whilst engaged in motor despatch work.

-Inserted by his sincere friend, Albert C. Crockford, Gwalia.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 18 September, 1917)

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 C. V. Fisher does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

He Was Dearly Loved And Will Always Be Remembered

Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

(Information from CWGC)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.

Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground

Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.

Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.

Note Gunner McDonald has a large headstone which reads in part 'erected by his sorrowing comrades of the Australian Field Artillery. His duty done.'



Tidworth Military Cemetery (Photo by *julia&keld* – Find a Grave)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo courtesy of *John Prestidge*)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)

Photo of Private C. V. Fisher's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)

