

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6022 PRIVATE

J. T. FRAZER

9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

25TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 25

Have Mercy Upon Him Lord

And Let Perpetual Light

Shine Upon Him

James Thomas Frazer

James Thomas Frazer was born on 22nd September, 1890 at Shakespeare Street, Mackay, Queensland to parents Robert & Mary Jane Frazer (nee Thomsen) (*Maiden name as listed on Queensland B.D. & M. Several trees on Ancestry had the maiden name as "Thompson"*).

James Thomas Frazer attended Mackay State & Convent Schools, Queensland.

James Thomas Frazer was a 25 year old, single, Farm Labourer from Shakespeare Street, Mackay, Queensland when he enlisted on 11th February, 1916 at Rockhampton, Queensland with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs M. J. Frazer, Shakespeare Street, Mackay, Queensland.

Private James Thomas Frazer was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 24th February, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 19th Reinforcements of 9th Battalion on 5th April, 1916.

Private James Thomas Frazer, Service number 6022, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Itonus* (A50) on 8th August, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 19th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th October, 1916.

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 Thomas Frazer was marched in from Fovant to 3rd Training Battalion, Wiltshire, England on 10th December, 1916.

Private James Thomas Frazer was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 5th January, 1917 with Mumps then transferred to hospital at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 6th January, 1917. He was transferred & admitted to Tidworth Military Hospital on 8th January, 1917 seriously ill.

9th Battalion

The 9th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Queensland, and with the 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Mrs M. J. Parker, Shakespeare Street, Mackay, Queensland was advised by Base Records on 16th January, 1917 that her son Private James T. Frazer had been admitted to Tidworth Military Hospital on 8th January suffering from a severe illness. She was advised on 20th January, 1917 that her son was seriously ill.

Private James Thomas Frazer died on 25th January, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Pneumonia. (Note: The "Morning State of Sick" Army form A. 27 recorded that he died of Empyema at Military Hospital, Tidworth.)

A death for Thomas Frazer, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

Private James Thomas Frazer was buried on 1st February, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number A. 46 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Mary Jane Frazer, Mackay, widowed mother of the late Private James Thomas Frazer, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 29th March, 1917.

Private James Thomas Frazer was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Frazer's widowed mother – Mrs M. J. Frazer, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent January, 1922).

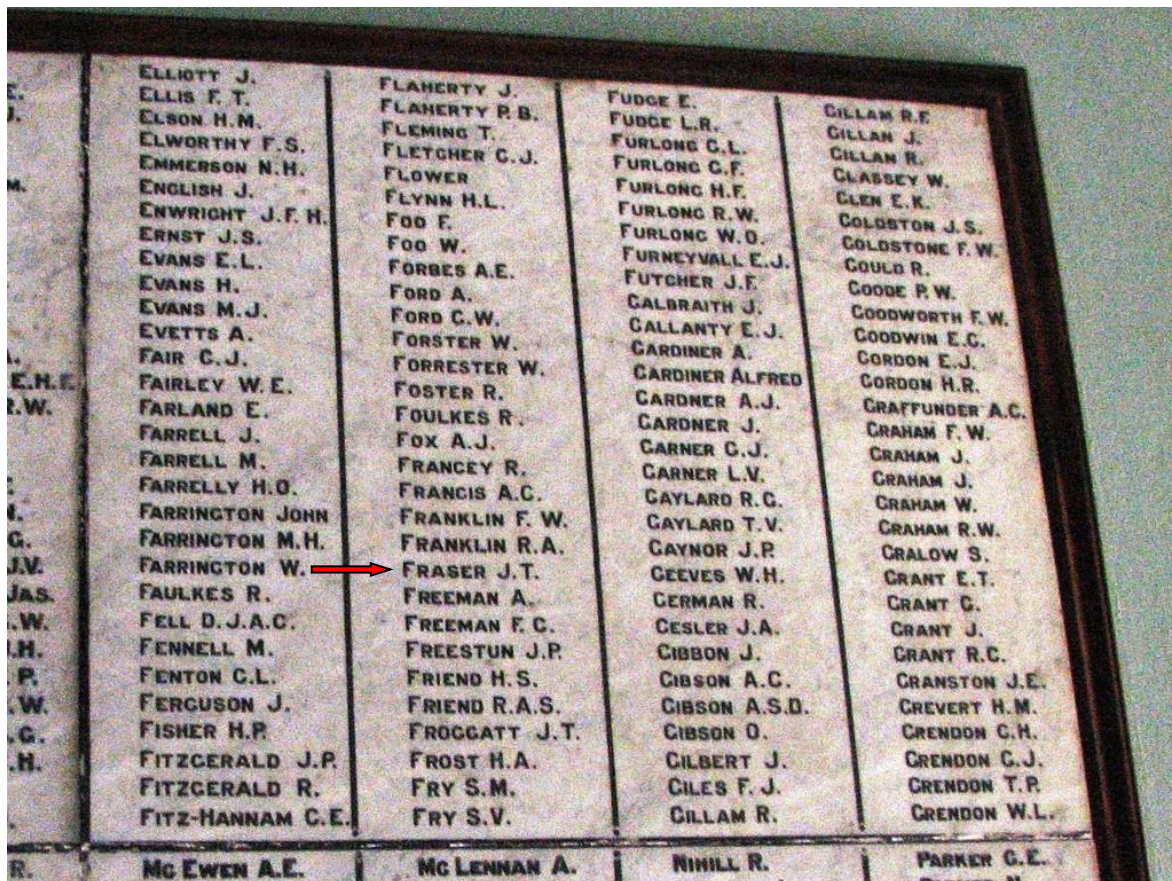
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private James Thomas Frazer – service number 6022, aged 25, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Robert & Mary Jane Frazer, of Shakespeare St., Mackay, Queensland.

J. T. Frazer is remembered on the Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Board, located in Old Mackay Town Hall foyer, Sydney Street, Mackay, Queensland.



Old Mackay Town Hall (Photo above by Andreas Nagel, München)





Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Board

(Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Glen Hall, Mackay Historical Society)

Private J. T. Frazer is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 56.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(38 pages of Private James Thomas Frazer'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

PERSONAL

Mrs M. J. Frazer, of Shakespeare Street, has received the following telegram from the Defence Department: "Regret reported son, Private James F. Frazer, admitted Tidworth Military Hospital 8th January, suffering from severe illness."

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 23 January, 1917)

DEATH

FRAZER – At Tidsworth, England, on the 25th January, 1917, Private J. T. Frazer, sixth son of Mrs and the late Robert Frazer, Shakespeare Street. Aged 26 years. Deeply regretted.

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 31 January, 1917)

PERSONAL

Mrs J. Frazer, of Shakespeare-street, was yesterday advised of the death, through illness, of her sixth son, Private J. T. Frazer, of the 9th Battalion, at Tidsworth, England, on 25th January last. The message conveyed to the bereaved mother the sympathy of the King, Queen, and Commonwealth Government. Deceased was a brother of Mr W. Frazer, the well-known contractor.

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 31 January, 1917)

THE ROLL OF HONOR

The 271st Casualty List

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There are 106 Queenslanders mentioned, of whom 10 were killed in action, 7 died of wounds, 7 died from illness, 1 is a prisoner of war, 30 are wounded, and 51 ill.

The names include Private J. T. Frazer, Mackay, died of illness.....

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 9 February, 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 J. T. Frazer does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Have Mercy Upon Him Lord And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

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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Tidworth Military Cemetery – 12 June, 1919



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)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

D00319

Snow cover on graves marked with a cross in the AIF cemetery.

Identified, left row, back to front: 3049 Private (Pte) John Joseph Cahill, 57th Battalion (Bn), who died 16 March 1917; 769 Lance Sergeant Gerald Ryan, 14th Bn, died of accidental injuries caused when he fell sliding on ice 6 February 1917; **6022 Pte James Thomas Frazer, 9th Bn, died of pneumonia 25 January 1917**; 2680 Pte William Humphreys, 13th Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps, died of sickness 23 January 1917; 2435 Pte James Byrne, 39th Bn, died of accidental injuries 18 January 1917.

Right row: 1094 Lance Corporal Henry Matthews, 13th Australian Light Horse, died of accidental injuries 8 January 1918; 3701 Pte Thomas Henry Goss, 37th Bn, died of sickness 28 August 1917; 2769 Gunner James O'Connell, 13th Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, date of death 31 July 1917; 6961 Pte Alexander Bruni, 67th Bn, died of sickness 15 July 1917; 3135 Henry John Vaughan Percy-Dove, 40th Bn, aged 28, died of sickness 11 June 1917; 3512A Sapper John (Jack) Wallace, Australian Tunnelling Company, who died 7 June 1917.

Photo of Private J. T. Frazer's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Kevin – Portsmouth Remembers)

