

**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery,  
Folkestone, Kent  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**590 PRIVATE**

**E. T. FROUD**

**43RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**13TH JULY, 1917 Age 36**

## Edward Thomas FROUD

Edward Thomas Froud was born in London, England between 1872 & 1885.

*[There are several differences recorded for Edward Froud's age - Burial report states he died aged 35; CWGC states he died aged 36, Death Registered in UK states he died at age 43 & his age on Attestation Papers states he was 31. It is also difficult to research Edward Froud's earlier life as there are no family details listed on the CWGC. However, his sisters are both listed as being present at his funeral, so a search was conducted on his sister Jessie Kidner – Jessie Froud married George Frederick Kidner on 13th March, 1899 in St. Thomas' Church, Hackney. Jessie was aged 19, living at 109 Osbaldeston Road & her father was recorded as Charles Maxwell Froud, A Licensed Victualler].*

From the above information regarding Jessie Froud, sister of Edward Froud & the recording of their father's name, the Censuses were then able to be searched & the following information obtained & confirmed.

It is quite probable from the information obtained that Private Edward Thomas Froud who died on 13th July, 1917 was actually baptised on 19th August, 1877 at Christ Church, Chelsea, Middlesex, England with the name Edward Henry Froud. His parents were Charles Maxwell Froud & Lucy Peters Froud (nee Jarmain).

The 1881 England Census recorded Edward H. Froud as an 8 year old Scholar, born Ealing, Middlesex, living with his family at Holly Mount, Hampstead – Holly Bush Hotel. His parents were listed as Charles M. Froud (Licensed Victualler, aged 44) & Lucy Froud (aged 41). Edward was one of seven children listed on this Census - Lucy (aged 20), Lillian (aged 16), Alice M. (Scholar, aged 14), Ada (Scholar, aged 12) then Edward, Rosina (scholar, aged 6) & Jessie (aged 1). Five servants were also listed.



**Holly Bush Hotel**

The 1891 England Census recorded Edward H. Froud as an 18 year old Fish \_\_\_\_\_ living with his family at 106 Mildmay Grove, Highbury, Islington, London – Radnor Arms. His parents were listed as Charles M. Froud (Licensed Victualler, aged 54) & Lucy Froud (aged 51). Edward was one of six children listed on this Census – Alice M. (aged 24) then Edward, Albert F. (scholar, aged 13), Jessie (Scholar, aged 12), Thomas (Scholar, aged 9) & Herbert K. (Scholar, aged 8). Also listed was a Boarder working as a Barmaid.



### **Radnor Arms**

A death was registered in March quarter, 1892 in the district of Islington, London for Charles Maxwell Froud, aged 55, father of Edward Henry Froud. Charles Maxwell Froud had died on 26th February, 1892 at the Radnor Arms, Islington, London.

Edward Henry Froud married Lillian Sheldon Dean on 9th March, 1897 at St Michael and All Angels, Stoke Newington, Hackney. Edward Henry Froud was recorded as a 25 year old Licensed Victualler from 109 Osbaldeston Road (the same address as his sister Jessie Froud gave for her marriage in 1899).

The 1901 England Census recorded Edward Froud as a 28 year old \_\_\_ Water Traveller living with his wife Lily Froud in a 2 room dwelling at 48 Cumberland Market, St. Pancras, London.

A birth was registered for Edward Albert Froud, son of Edward & Lillian Froud, in the September quarter, 1901 in the district of Pancras. He was born on 5th July, 1901 at 48 Cumberland Market, St. Pancras, London. (Lillian Sheldon Froud died on 19th October, 1908 at Bethnal Green, London. Probate details – Lillian Sheldon of 87 Buxton Road, Stratford, Essex (wife of Edward Henry Froud) died 19th October, 1908 at Bethnal Green Infirmary, Middlesex. Administration – London 5 March to the said Edward Henry Froud – Ship's Steward. Effects £85).

Thomas Froud married Maude M. Vaughan in 1903 in Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Lucy Peters Froud, mother of Edward Henry Froud, died on 11th February, 1910 at 72 Princess Street, Southend.

Edward Thomas Froud was a 31 year old, married, Barman from 42 South Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia when he enlisted on 26th January, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Brigade, 43rd Infantry Battalion "C" Company of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 590 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his friend – Mrs Ellen Curnow of 12 Porter St, Parkside, South Australia. Later his wife was listed as next-of-kin – Mrs Maud Mabel Froud care of Harry Hedge, 16 Payneham Road, St. Peters, South Australia. Edward Thomas Froud enlisted under the name of "Edward THOMAS."

Private "Edward Thomas" was posted to "A" Company of 2nd Depot Battalion, Exhibition Camp on 7th February, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "C" Company, 1st Depot Battalion on 16th February, 1916. Private "Edward Thomas" was transferred to 43rd Infantry Battalion "C" Company on 7th March, 1916.

Private "Edward Thomas" was absent without leave from 7 pm Parade on 1st June, 1916 while posted at Morphettville A.I.F. Camp. He was fined 5/-.

Private "Edward Thomas" embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 9th June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 20th July, 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 "Edward Thomas" was written up for a Crime while posted at Larkhill, Wiltshire – Absent without leave from 12 pm on 7th August, 1916 until 9 pm on 9th August, 1916. He was awarded 14 days Confined to Barracks.

Private Edward Thomas Froud was written up for a Crime – Absent without leave from 24.00 hrs on 12th November, 1916 to 19.30 hrs on 14th November, 1916. He was awarded 2 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited 4 days' pay.

Private Edward Thomas Froud proceeded Overseas to France from Southampton, England on 25th November, 1916.

Private Edward Thomas Froud was wounded in action on 27th June, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Field Ambulance on 27th June, 1917 with gunshot wounds to back then transferred to 2nd Australian Casualty Station. Pte Froud was transferred to Ambulance Train on 29th June, 1917 & admitted to 32nd Stationary Hospital at Wimereux on 29th June, 1917. He was reported as seriously ill on 1st July, 1917 & marked for transfer to England on 2nd July, 1917. Pte Froud was invalided to England from Boulogne, France on 3rd July, 1917 on Hospital Ship *St. David*.

### **43rd Battalion**

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 43rd Battalion was South Australia's contribution to the strength of the division. Along with the 41st, 42nd, and 44th Battalions, plus support troops, it formed the 11th Brigade.

The battalion embarked in June 1916 and, after landing briefly in Egypt, went on to Britain for further training. The battalion arrived on the Western Front in late December. The 43rd Battalion spent 1917 bogged in bloody trench warfare in Flanders. In June the battalion took part in the battle of Messines and in October the Third Battle of Ypres.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Edward Thomas Froud was admitted to York House Hospital, Folkestone, Kent, England on 3rd July, 1917 seriously ill with gunshot wounds to back and buttock & fractured pelvis.

Private Edward Thomas Froud died at 12.25 pm on 13th July, 1917 at York House Hospital, Folkestone, Kent, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds to back and buttock & fractured pelvis. The Telegram to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. states his relatives were present at the death.

A death for Edward T. Froud, aged 43, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Elham, Kent, England.

Private Edward Thomas Froud was buried at 2.30 pm on 16th July, 1917 in Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England – Plot number N. 576. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Edward Thomas Froud - *Coffin was good polished Elm with brass furnishings. The deceased soldier was buried with full Military Honours. The coffin was borne from the Shorncliffe Military Hospital to the Garrison Cemetery on a Gun Carriage drawn by 6 horses, the coffin being draped with the Union Jack. A Band, Firing Party and 2 Buglers were furnished by the Canadian Forces station at Shorncliffe, the "Last Post" being sounded at the graveside. The service was conducted by Chaplain the Rev. J. J. McCaskill, a Presbyterian Chaplain attached to the Canadian Forces. Four wreaths were sent by relatives. The brother and two sisters of the deceased*

*soldier present at the funeral expressed their gratification with the manner in which it was carried through. An oak cross to temporarily mark the grave will be erected by the A.I.F.*

Relatives present at the funeral - Mr A. F. Froud (Brother), 22 Oldhill Street, London, Mrs Ada Dennis (Sister), Pelican Hill, Strood, Kent, England and Mrs Jessie Kidner (Sister), 45 Frederick Road, Winton, Bournemouth.

A War Pension was granted to Maude Mabel Froud, widow of the late Private Edward Thomas Froud, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 19th September, 1917.

Private Edward Thomas Froud was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also to be sent to Pte Froud's widow - Mrs M. M. Froud, as the closest next-of-kin.

Base Records contacted Mrs Froud, c/- 16 Payneham Road, St. Peters, South Australia, in August, 1922 to advise that the Memorial Plaque had been received at their office inscribed with the name of "*Edward Thomas Froude*" & there was doubt as to the correct spelling of the surname. Mrs M. M. Froud, c/- No. 2 Port Road, West Croydon replied in January, 1923 stating that "*it will not make any difference the name being spelt incorrectly.*" (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1923).

*(Note: The Victory Medal for Pte E. T. Froud was sold at Auction in July, 2015 for \$140)*

A death was registered in 1925 in Adelaide, South Australia for Maude Mabel Froud.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edward Thomas Froud – service number 590, aged 36, of 43rd Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private E. T. Froud is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 136.



*Roll of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*



E. T. Froud is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.

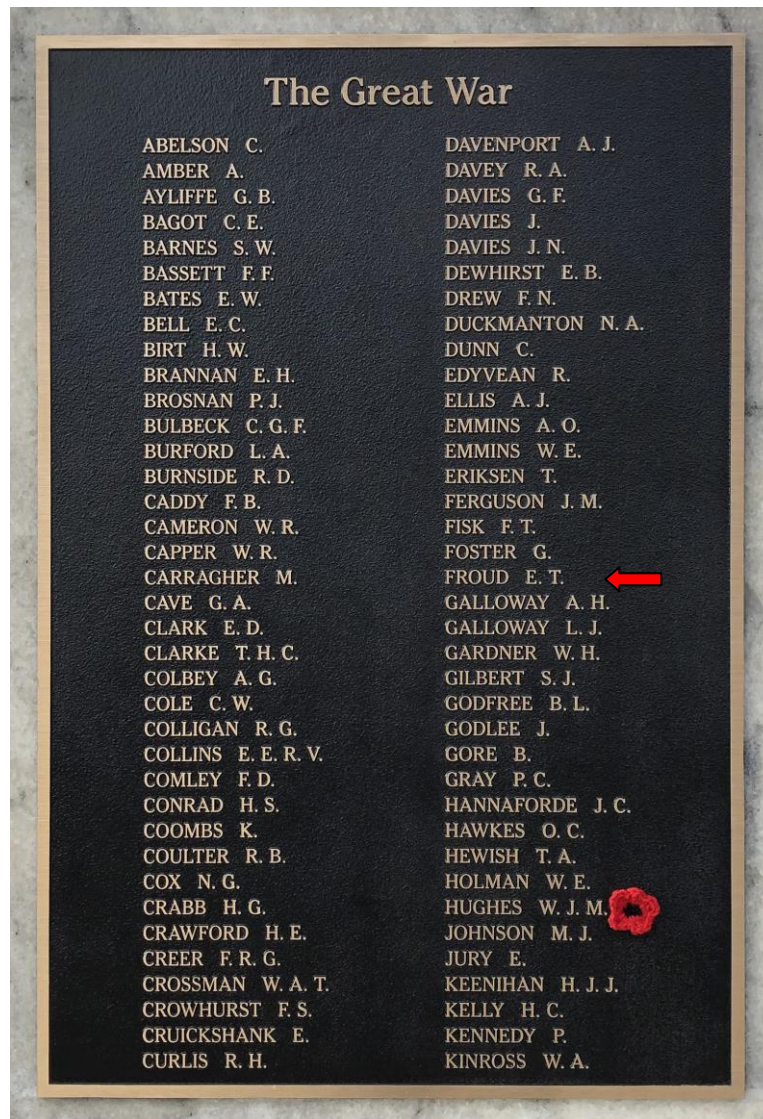


**National War Memorial – Adelaide** (Photos by Bilby)

E. T. Froud is remembered on the St. Peter's Heroes Memorial, located in St. Peters Street, St. Peters, South Australia. The memorial which was erected in 1922 was one of the Great War Memorials that did not feature the names of the fallen. A grant was awarded along with other funding & on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 the memorial was re-dedicated with the names of 145 men from the suburbs of Hackney, College Park, East Adelaide, St. Peters, Stepney, Evandale and Maylands.



**St. Peters Heroes Memorial** (Photo courtesy of St Peters Residents Association Inc.)



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(52 pages of Private Edward Thomas Froud'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*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **THE AUSTRALIANS**

#### **329th CASUALTY LIST**

#### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

#### **WOUNDED**

590 – Pte E. T. FROUD, St. Peters

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 20 July, 1917)

## **THE AUSTRALIANS**

### **329th CASUALTY LIST**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OF WOUNDS

590 – Pte E. T. FROUD, St. Peters, July 13 (p.r. wounded)

(*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 August, 1917)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR: THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND COUNTRY**



**PTE E. T. FROUD**

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 September, 1917)

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### 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)*

A letter from Base Records, dated 12th July, 1921, to Mrs M. M. Froud, C/- 16 Payneham Road, St. Peters, South Australia, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her husband, the late Pte E. T. Froud, 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.

Private E. T. Froud does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

### **Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England**

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery belongs to the Ministry of Defence and contains war graves of both World Wars. It is close to the military camp at Shorncliffe, 2 miles west of Folkestone

During the First World War a number of Canadian military establishments were centred on Shorncliffe. There were camps and a Machine Gun School which were served by the Shorncliffe Military Hospital (later No. 9 Canadian General), the Moore Barracks Military Hospital (later No. 11 Canadian General), and other Canadian hospitals. The Canadian Army Medical Corps Training Depot was at or near Shorncliffe during almost the whole of the war. On three occasions Canadian soldiers were killed during air raids on Shorncliffe.

Shorncliffe Military Cemetery contains 471 First World War burials, more than 300 of them Canadian. Second World War burials number 81, including 1 unidentified U.K. soldier and 1 Polish Foreign National. The cemetery also contains a screen wall on which are commemorated 18 Belgians originally buried in a mausoleum, now demolished.

There are 11 Australians from World War 1 buried in this Cemetery – 2 with Royal Air Force.

*(Information from the CWGC)*



**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone** *(Photo courtesy of Paul Kendall)*



**Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone** (Photo above courtesy of Paul Kendall & below Stephen Summerfield)





Photo of Private E. T. Froud's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Shorncliffe Military Cemetery, Folkestone, Kent, England.





**Cross of Sacrifice** *(Photo courtesy of Paul Kendall)*