

**Camberwell Old Cemetery,
London, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



655 PRIVATE

H. G. JAMES

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

8TH JANUARY, 1918 Age 22

Harry James FULLJAMES

(enlisted as Harry George JAMES)

Harry James Fulljames was born at Peckham, Surrey, England on 1st April, 1895 to parents Harry George & Emma Garton Fulljames (nee Bradshaw). His birth was registered in the June quarter, 1895 in the district of Camberwell, London, England.

Harry James Fulljames attended Council School at Oliver Goldsmith, Camberwell, London, England.

Harry J. Fulljames was admitted to St. Mary Magdalene's School, Southwark, London on 18th September, 1899. His father was listed as Harry G. Fulljames & the family lived at 7 Waghorn Street. Harry's date of birth was listed as 1st April, 1895. He left the school on 23rd July, 1902 for "Boys Dep."

The 1901 England Census recorded Harry J. Fulljames as a 6 year old, living with his family at 7 Waghorn St, Camberwell, London, England. His parents were listed as Harry G. Fulljames (Painter, aged 30, born London, Camberwell) & Emma Fulljames (aged 26, born London, Camberwell). Harry was the eldest of four children listed on this Census – Harry (listed as born London, Nunhead) then Leslie J. Fulljames (aged 4, born London, Dulwich), John Fulljames (aged 3, born London, Dulwich) & William R. Fulljames (aged 3 months, born London, E. Dulwich). Also listed was a Boarder – Frederick W. Church (widower, Clerk, aged 29).

Harry Fulljames was admitted to Choumert Road School on 25th August, 1902. His father was listed as Harry Fulljames & the family lived at 7 Waghorn Street. His date of birth was listed on the Admissions form as 1st April, 1895. Harry's previous school was listed as Choubert Rd Infants. He was removed from the school on 3rd April, 1903.

Harry Fulljames was admitted to Cator Street School on 24th August, 1903. His father was listed as Harry Fulljames, Decorator & the family lived at 17 Wells Crescent. His date of birth was listed on the Admissions form as 8th April, 1895. Harry's previous school was listed as Heber Road. He left the school on 28th August, 1903.

The 1911 England Census recorded Harry Fulljames as a 16 year old Clerk (to a Builder), living with his family at 17 Wells Place, Camberwell, London, England which was a 4 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Harry George Fulljames (Painter, aged 40) & Emma Fulljames (aged 37). Harry & Emma Fulljames had been married for 17 years & had 7 children – one having since died. Harry Fulljames was the eldest of six children listed on this Census – Harry then Leslie Fulljames (Errand Boy (Oil Shop), aged 14), John Fulljames (at School, aged 12), Ivy Fulljames (at School, aged 8, born London, Dulwich), Emily Fulljames (at School, aged 6, born London, Camberwell) & James Fulljames (aged 8 months, born London, Camberwell).

According to information provided by his mother for the Roll of Honour – Harry came to Australia when he was 18 years old. "*Having been refused for our English Army on account of heart trouble before the war he came to Aus & barley got through as he so wanted to do his part.*" A Mr H. Fulljames, Clerk, aged 18, was a passenger on the *Port Macquarie* which had embarked from the port of London (Tilbury) on 16th September, 1913 bound for Australia.

Harry James Fulljames enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) in Melbourne, Victoria on 23rd October, 1914 under the name of Harry "George James". He stated he was a 21 year old (he listed his date of birth as 1st April, 1893), single, Switchboard operator from 28 Motherwell Street, Hawksburn, Victoria. His religion was Baptist & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr H. James, 17 Wells Place, Camberwell, London, England. Harry "James" stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 1 year with Lord Rodney's Cadets.

Harry "George James" was posted to 4th Infantry Brigade for recruit training on 23rd October, 1914 as Sapper.

Sapper Harry "George James", Service number 655, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Borda (A30)* on 22nd December, 1914 with the 2nd Divisional Signal Company, No. 2 Section.

Sapper Harry "George James" proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli on 5th April, 1915.

Sapper Harry "George James" was wounded at Anzac on 10th September, 1915. He was transferred to Hospital Ship *Gascon* & admitted to Floriana Military Hospital at Malta on 16th September, 1915 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Lung, Chest & Right Shoulder. Sapper "James" embarked from Malta for England on Hospital Ship *Karoola* on 27th September, 1915.

Sapper Harry "George James" was admitted to 3rd Western General Hospital at Cardiff, Wales on 5th October, 1915 with G.S.W. Back. He was transferred on 30th November, 1915.

Sapper Harry "George James" was admitted to 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell, London, England on 6th December, 1915. His disease was recorded as "*Morbus Cordis. 10-9-15...G.S.W. of back. Mid diastolic murmur heard best at apex.*"

A Medical Report was completed on Sapper Harry "George James" on 17th December, 1915 at 1st London General Hospital, R.A.M.C., England. His disability was recorded as Valvular Disease of Heart which had originated in 1913 in civilian life. The facts of his history of the disability : "*10/9/15 G.S.W. Back – no complications. 25/9/15 while in Hospital in Malta, sudden praecordial pain and catch in breath. No cough, not faints, no oedema. Dyspnoea on exertion.*" The Officer in charge of the case stated that disability was "*not caused, but aggravated by Active Service*" & due to "*Stress of Active Service .*" Sapper "James's" present condition was recorded as "*Pale thin man. Dyspnoea on exertion. No pains. Heart: - Rt: border 2" to Right of midline in 4th space. Lt: border 6" to Left of midline in 6th space. Mid-diastolic Mr. heard best at apex. Action regular. Electrocardiogram shows left side hypertrophy with notching of P. wave. Slight oedema of ankles.*" The Officer in charged of the Medical case recommended that Sapper "James" was permanently unfit for War Service & recommended him for duty as a Clerk in A.P.D. or A.O.D. The Medical Board decided on 17th December, 1915 that Sapper Harry "George James" was permanently unfit for War Service but fit for light duty _____.

Sapper Harry "George James" was discharged from 1st London General Hospital, Camberwell, London, England on 2nd December, 1915 as "*Light Duty.*"

Sapper Harry "George James", No. 655, 2nd Signal Company, Australian Engineers, was discharged medically unfit from Australian Imperial Force on 15th June, 1916 in London, England – "*being permanently unfit for Home or War Service although fit for civil employment.*" His military character was listed as very good & he had served for 1 year & 236 days. Sapper "James" intended place of residence was listed as 17 Wells Place, Camberwell, London.

A War Pension was granted to Sapper "Henry George James", 17 Wells Place, Dalwood St. Camberwell, in the sum of £26 per annum commencing from 16th June, 1916 with a review on 13th September, 1916 (B/175 Z. P.A. 378).

A War Pension was granted to Sapper "Henry George James", 17 Wells Place, Dalwood St. Camberwell, in the sum of 30/- per fortnight commencing from 16th June, 1916 with a review on 20th December, 1916 – Cancels P.A. 378. (B 175Z. 776)

Harry G. Fulljames married Florence M. Sewell on 22nd July, 1916 in Camden Church, Camberwell, Surrey, England. Their marriage was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Camberwell, London, England.

A Pension was granted to Florence Mabel Fulljames, 133a Wells Street, Camberwell, wife of "Henry George James (now Fulljames)" in the sum of 15/- per fortnight from 22nd July, 1916 with a review on 28th March, 1917. (B/175 Y. P.A. 1756)

A War Pension was granted to Sapper "Henry George James", 133a Wells Street, Camberwell, in the sum of 30/- per fortnight commencing on 21st December, 1916 with a review on 28th March, 1917 – cancels P.A. 776 B/175 Z. P.A. 1578)

Sapper "H. G. James" signed a form on 25th January, 1917 acknowledging "*receipt of your letter dated the 24 together with Silver War Badge and Certificate No. A. 37.*"

Silver War Badge

The Silver War Badge was issued in the United Kingdom and the British Empire to service personnel who had been honourably discharged due to wounds or sickness from military service in World War I. The badge, sometimes known as the "Discharge Badge", the "Wound Badge" or "Services Rendered Badge", was first issued in September 1916, along with an official certificate of entitlement.

The large sterling silver lapel badge was intended to be worn on civilian clothes. The decoration was introduced as an award of "King's silver" for having received wounds or injury during loyal war service to the Crown's authority. A secondary causation for its introduction was that a practice had developed in the early years of the war in the United Kingdom where some women took it upon themselves to confront and publicly embarrass men of fighting age they saw in public places who were not in military uniform, by ostentatiously presenting them with white feathers, as a suggestion of cowardice. As the war had developed substantial numbers of servicemen who had been discharged from His Majesty's Forces with wounds that rendered them unfit for war service, but which were not obvious from their outward appearance, found themselves being harassed in such a manner and the badge, to be worn on the right breast while in civilian dress, was a means of discouraging such incidents being directed at ex-forces' personnel. It was forbidden to wear the badge on a military uniform.

(Information from Wikipedia)



Silver War Badge

A son – Harry Anzac Leslie Fulljames was born on 5th February, 1917 at Camberwell, London, England.

A Pension was granted to Harry Anzac Fulljames, son of "Harry George James" in the sum of 15/- from 5th February, 1917 with a review on 5th July, 1917. (B. 175X. P.A. 3312)

A Pension was granted to Florence Mabel Fulljames, 85 (?) Edmond St, Camberwell, wife of "Harry George James" in the sum of 40/- per fortnight from 17th January, 1918 – increase of 3594. (B175. P.A. 3594)

A War Pension was granted to Sapper "Harry George James", 133a Wells Street, Camberwell, in the sum of 45/- per fortnight commencing on 29th March, 1917 with a review on 5th July, 1917 – renewing & increasing P.A. 1578 (B. 175i. P.A. 2545)

A Pension was granted to Florence Mabel Fulljames, 133a Wells Street, Camberwell, wife of "George Harry James" in the sum of 22/6d per fortnight from 29th March, 1917 with a review on 5th July, 1917 – renewal & increase of P.A. 1756. (B/175 Y. P.A. 2694)

A War Pension was granted to Sapper "Harry Geo. James", 19 Victoria Drive, Leigh on Sea, in the sum of £3 from 3rd January, 1918 to be revised on 4th July, 1918 – renewal of 3595. (B. 175. P.A. 3595).

A Pension was granted to Florence Mabel Fulljames, 19 Victoria Drive, Leigh on Sea, in the sum of 30/- from 3rd January, 1918 to be revised on 4th July, 1918 – renewal of 3594. (B. 175. P.A. 3594).

A Pension was granted to Harry Anzac Leslie Fulljames, son of "Harry Geo. James" in the sum of 20/- from 3rd January, 1918 with a review on 4th July, 1918 – renewal of 3596 (B. 175. P.A. 3596)

Ex-Sapper Harry "George James" died on 8th January, 1918.

(The Australian War Memorial's Roll of Honour records that Private Harry George Fulljames died from wounds.)

A death for Harry J. Fulljames, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Rochford, Essex, England.

Ex-Sapper Harry "George James" was buried on 14th January, 1918 in Camberwell Old Cemetery, London, England 85.26501. He is remembered on Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall as he does not have a headstone.

The War Pension for Sapper "Harry George James", 655, 2nd Signal Company, 19 Victoria Drive, Leigh on Sea, ceased on 16th January, 1918 on pensioner died on 8th January, 1918.

[Note: There is no reference in the Service Record file of Sapper Harry "George James" of his real name being Harry James Fulljames except for a Pension statement for his wife receiving a pension of 15/- commencing on 22nd July, 1916 where it refers to him as "Henry George James (now Fulljames)". – page 27/53]

England & Wales, National Probate Calendar:

Fulljames Harry James of 19 Victoria-drive Leigh-on-Sea Essex died 8 January 1918. Administration London 23 February to Florence Mabel Fulljames widow. Effects £74 16s. 10d.

Ex- Sapper "Harry George James" was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harry George Fulljames – service number 655, aged 22, of 2nd Div. Signal Coy., Australian Engineers. Served as JAMES. He was the son of Harry George & Emily Fulljames, of 17 Wells Place, Camberwell, London, England.

Private H. J. Fulljames is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 25.

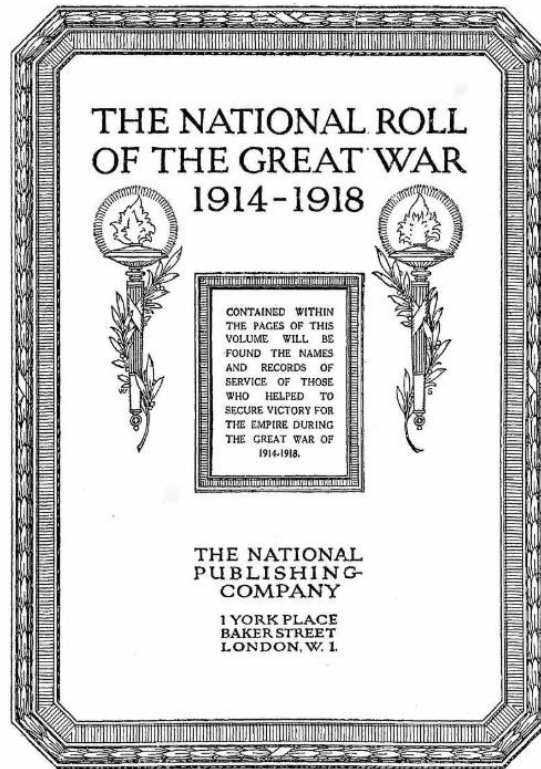


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(53 pages of Private Harry "George James" – real name Fulljames 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

The National Roll of the Great War, 1914 – 1918 (Section VII London Page 137)



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Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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 "H. G. Fulljames who served as Private H. G. James" does not have a headstone but is instead named on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall.

[Note: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Archives has a 23 page file regarding "Private H. G. Fulljames" (served as "James") in which his mother applied in June, 1939 to request to be buried in the same grave as her son. She was granted permission based on several conditions – the family accept full responsibility for the removal & replacement of the Commission's headstone & for any damage that might be occasioned in the process.]

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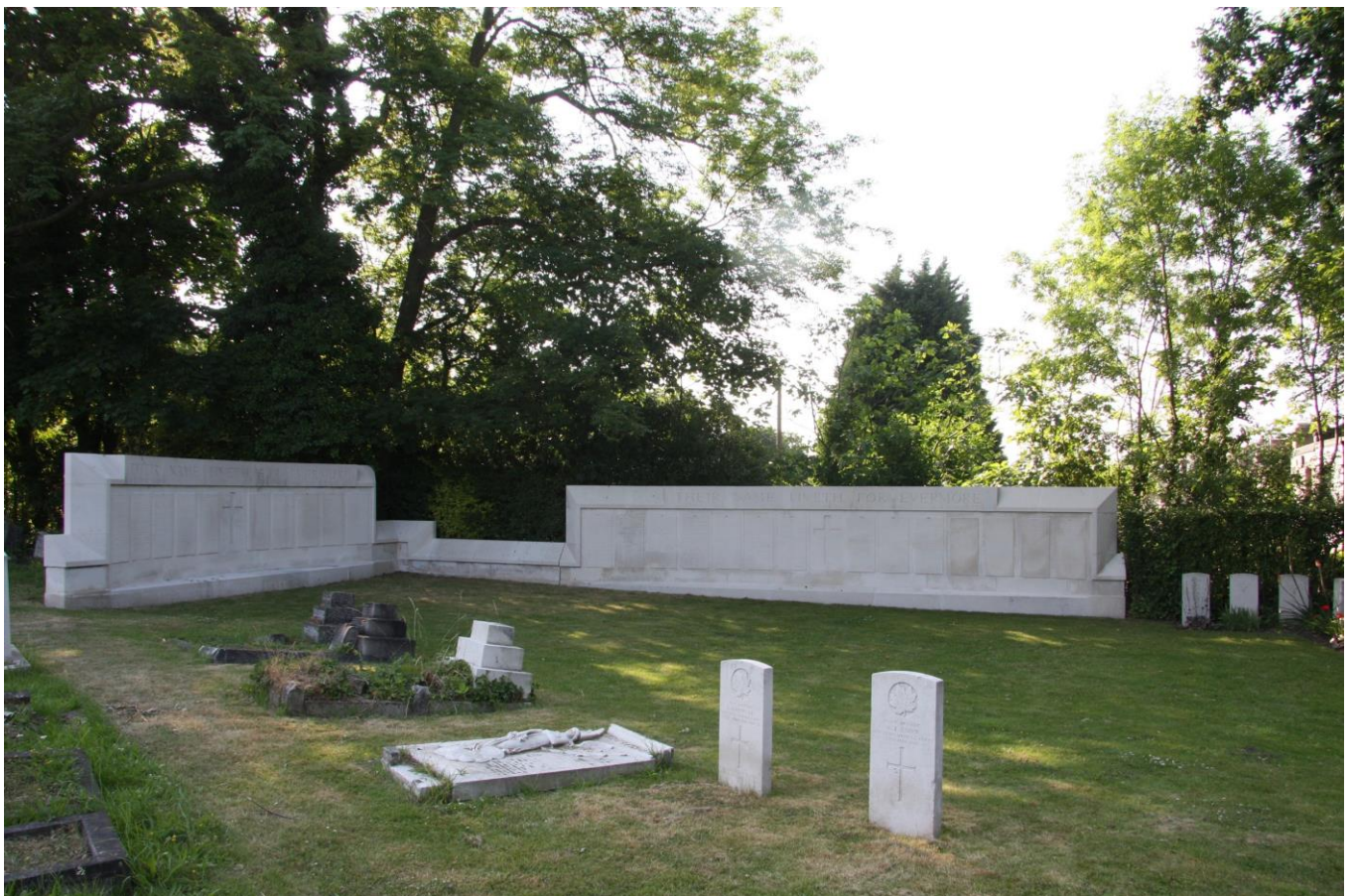
This cemetery contains 291 First World War burials. The war graves plot is in the north-east corner of the cemetery and contains two screen walls. One commemorates almost 160 casualties buried in the plot, the other bears the names of those buried in the remaining war graves scattered throughout the cemetery that could not be individually marked.

The war graves plot also contains a group of special memorials to the 14 casualties of the Second World War buried in the cemetery.

(Information from CWGC)



Entrance to Camberwell Old Cemetery (Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)



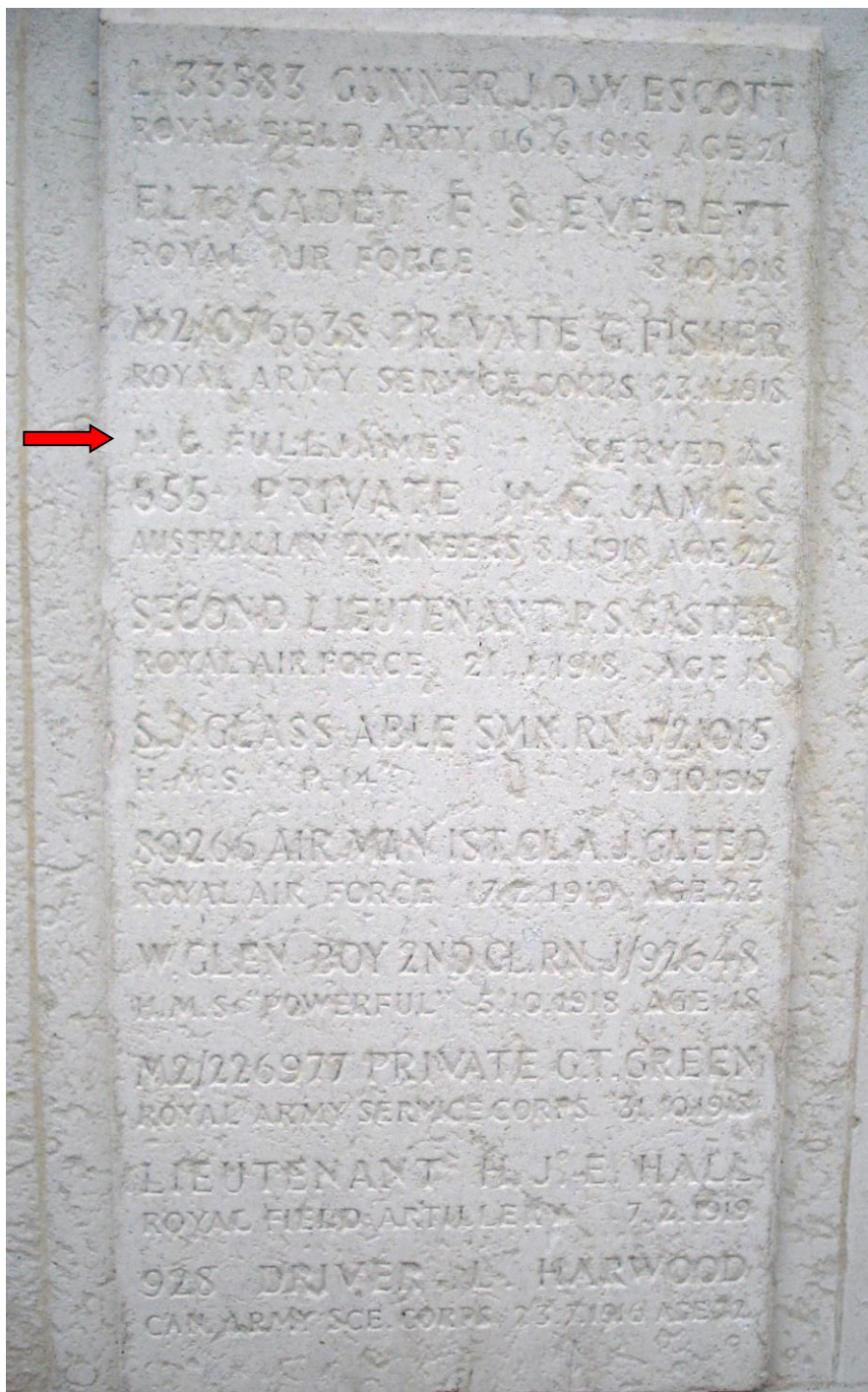
CWGC Screen Wall (Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)



(Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private "H. G. Fulljames who served as Private H. G. James" name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Camberwell Old Cemetery, London, England.



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