

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**6269 PRIVATE**

**J. M. GARE**

**16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**28TH MARCH, 1917**

## Joseph Marshall GARE

Joseph Marshall Gare was born at Naracoorte, South Australia on 24th September, 1885 to parents Samuel & Ellen Gare (nee Williams).

Ellen Gare, mother of Joseph Marshal Gare, died on 16th March, 1898 at Naracoorte, South Australia.

The 1912, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Swan, subdivision of Katanning, Western Australia recorded Joseph Marshall Gare, Farmer, of "Uralla", Kojonup.

Joseph Marshall Gare was a 30 year old, single, Blacksmith from Kojonup, Western Australia when he enlisted on 26th April, 1916 at Black Boy Hill, Western Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6269 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Samuel Gare, Naracoorte, South Australia.

Private Joseph Marshall Gare was posted to 64 Depot on 26th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was posted to Signal School on 2nd May, 1916 then posted to 20th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion.

### 16th Battalion

The 16th Battalion AIF was raised from 16 September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. Three-quarters of the battalion were recruited in Western Australia, and the rest in South Australia. With the 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions it formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.....

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

Private Joseph Marshall Gare embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Suffolk (A23)* on 13th October, 1916 (date as per Embarkation Roll; however the Statement of Service form & Casualty Form – Active Service both recorded he embarked on 10th October, 1916) with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 16th Infantry Battalion, 20th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2nd December, 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 Joseph Marshall Gare was sent sick from 4th Training Battalion to Group Hospital, Codford, Wiltshire on 20th March, 1917 with Mumps.

Private Joseph Marshall Gare was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England on 28th March, 1917 with a wound to Abdomen. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Died 25 mins after admission to Hospital.*"

Private Joseph Marshall Gare died at 5.30 pm (as per Morning State of Sick form) on 28th March, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, England from self-inflicted wound to Abdomen. (A Telegram from S.M.O. Headquarters Depots in England, Tidworth to Commandant, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London on 30th March, 1917 recorded that Private Gare had died at 6.10 pm)

A Telegram from Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in England, Tidworth to Commandant, Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London on 29th March, 1917 reads: "*Regret to report death No. 6269 Pte GARE J.M. 16th Battn. At NO. 2 Camp Hospital, Parkhouse yesterday 28th inst.*"

A death for Joseph M. Gare, aged 30, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

The Coroner's Court held an Inquisition at Tidworth House on 30th March, 1917 into the death of Private Joseph Marshall Gare.

PROCEEDINGS OF CORONERS COURT.

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No. 6269. Pte. Joseph Marshall GARE.

16th. Battalion.....A.I.F.  
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SOUTHAMPTON )  
                  ) INFORMATION OF WITNESSES severally taken upon  
T O )  
                  ) Oath on behalf of our Sovereign Lord the King at  
W I T . )  
                  ) TIDWORTH HOUSE in the Parish of South Tidworth, in  
                  ) the County of Southampton, on the thirtieth day  
                  ) of MARCH in the year of our Lord one thousand nine  
                  ) hundred and seventeen, before Spencer Clarke, one  
                  ) of the Coroners of our said Lord the King, in and for  
                  ) the said County, on an Inquisition then and there held  
                  ) on view of the body of JOSEPH MARSHALL GARE then and  
                  ) there lying dead:-

SAMUEL BERNARD DAWSON on his Oath saith:-

I am a Private in the A.A.M.C. stationed at Park House, near Shipton. I knew the deceased Joseph Marshall Gare. He was a Private in the 4th. Training Battalion stationed at Codford. I last saw him alive just before 4 O'clock p.m. on Wednesday last. He had been admitted about 8 days previously into Camp 2. Park House and was removed into my Ward on Monday last. He was suffering from orchitis, a swelling of the testicles and had a high temperature. My ward is a mumps hospital. Gare had mumps. I found that he had wounded himself in the region of the stomach. I reported to the doctor. Capt. Thompson attended him and he was moved to Delhi Hospital. I saw no more of him. I know that the wounded was caused by a razor. A razor was in the wound. I am quite satisfied that he did it himself.

EWING G. THOMPSON on his Oath saith:-

I am a Captain in the A.A.M.C. and am stationed at No. 2. Camp. Park House. About 4 p.m. last Wednesday I went to No.1. Ward and found Pte. Gare in a collapsed condition, and found a large wound on the right side of the abdomen, opening the abdominal cavity for a length of five inches. His intestines were protruding from the wound and had been cut. He was also bleeding from several arteries which had been cut. I managed to get the intestines back, closed the wound roughly and hurried him to Delhi Hospital, with a view to immediate operation. He had been under my care suffering from mumps, and had had a high temperature owing to orchitis. He had never exhibited any signs of mental derangement. I last saw him at Delhi Hospital about 5 O'clock, and then went to Park House. He died within an hour of admission. The cause of death was due to haemorrhage and shock following on the injury to the abdominal viscera. I am satisfied that the injuries were self inflicted. He might have had a sudden attack of mania.

(Sgd) Spencer Clarke. CORONER.

S O U T H A M P T O N  
TO WIT.

) AN INQUISITION taken for our Lord the King at  
) TIDWORTH HOUSE in the Parish of South Tidworth  
in the said County of Southampton, on the thirtieth  
day of MARCH in the year of our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and seventeen before SPENCER CLARKE  
one of the Coroners for the said County, on  
view of the body of JOSEPH MARSHALL GARE  
then and there lying dead, upon the oath of sever-  
al persons whose names are hereunder written,  
good and lawful Men of the said County, who  
being then and there duly sworn, and charged to  
enquire when and where and by what means, the said  
deceased came to his death, do upon their oath  
present and say that the said Joseph Marshall  
GARE being a male of the age of thirty years  
on the twenty eighth day of MARCH in the year  
aforesaid, at the Parish and County aforesaid  
Killed himself by intentionally cutting his  
abdomen with a razor, but that there is no  
evidence to show what the state of his mind at  
the time when he so cut himself with a razor  
aforesaid was.

IN WITNESS whereof the said Coroner and Jurors have hereunto set  
their hands at the time and place above written.

Whitechurch.

Hants.

I certify the above to be a true copy of the Inquisition returned  
by the Coroners Jury at the Inquest held by me on the thirtieth day  
of March 1917, on the body of Joseph Marshall Hare.

(Sgd) Spencer Clarke.  
Coroner for the County of  
SOUTHAMPTON.  
10th. June 1918,

*"The Court find the aforesaid killed himself by intentionally cutting his abdomen with a razor but that there is no evident to show what the state of his mind was at the time when he cut himself was. (Sgd Spencer Clarke – Coroner)."*

Private Joseph Marshall Gare was buried on 31st March, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 314 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mr S. Gare, Marracoort, South Australia, was advised by Base Records on 2nd July, 1917 with the following information: *“With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 6269 Private J. M. Gare, 16th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice which shows that he died at Parkhouse, on 28th March, 1917, of self-inflicted wound abdomen, and was buried on 31st March, 1917 in Grave No. 314, Plot “C” Australian Imperial Force Section, Tidworth Cemetery, Salisbury, the Rev. A. E. White, 44th Battalion, officiating. These additional details are furnished by direction, it being the policy of the Department to forward all information received in connection with deaths of members of the Australian Imperial Force.”*

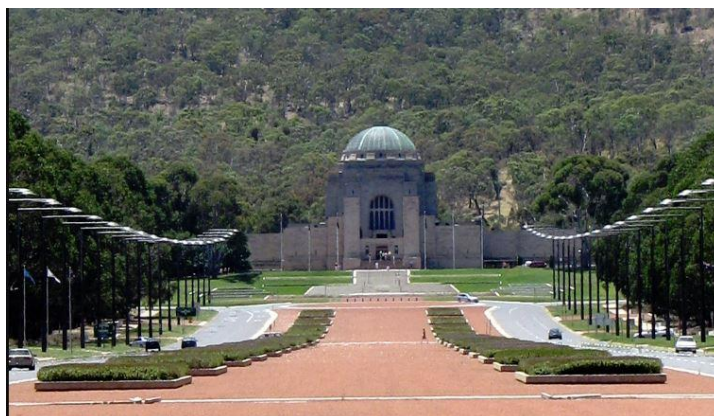
Private Joseph Marshall Gare was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Gare’s father – Mr S. Gare, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Joseph Marshall Gare – service number 6269, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private J. M. Gare is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 79.



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



J. Gare is remembered on the Kojonup RSL War Memorial, located on Albany Highway & Spencer Street, Kojonup, Western Australia.



**Kojonup RSL War Memorial** (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Harry Frochter)



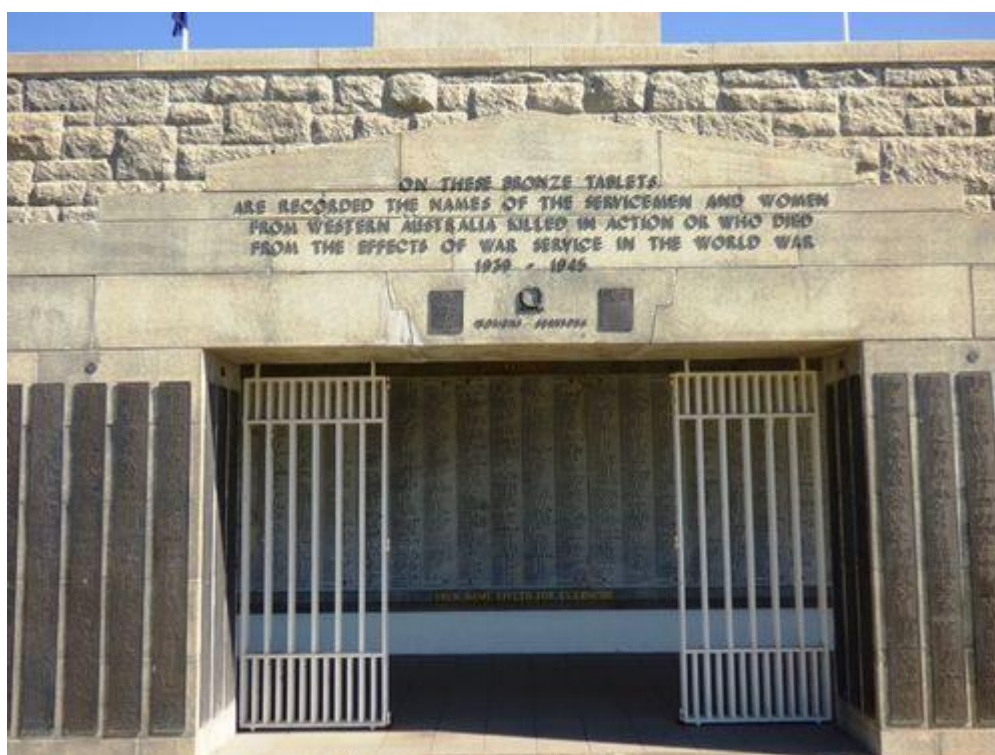
J. M. Gare is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica 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 (above)  
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

*(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)*





16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

J. M. Gare is remembered on the Naracoorte & District Roll of Honour, located in Town Hall Building, Smith Street, Naracoorte, South Australia.





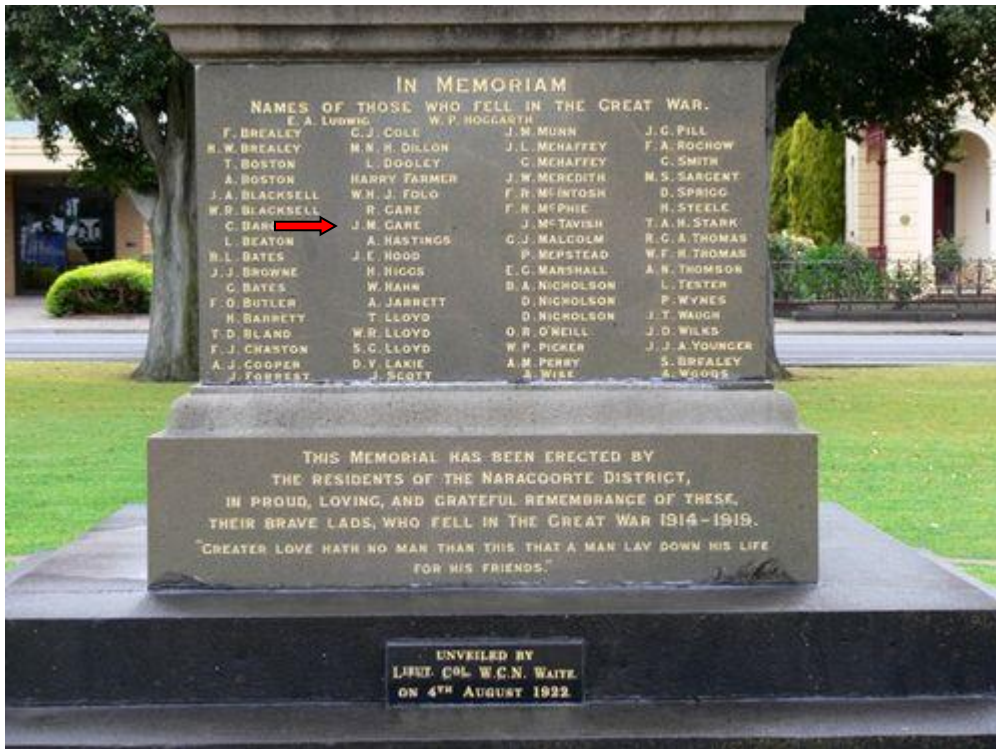


**Naracoorte & District Roll of Honour** (Photos from Monument Australia)

J. M. Gare is remembered on the Naracoorte War Memorial, located in Smith Street, Naracoorte, South Australia.



**Naracoorte War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia)



(46 pages of Private Joseph Marshall Gare'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



SIG. J. M. GARE,  
Died of wounds.

(Sunday Times, Perth, Western Australia – 26 August, 1917)

### Connected to Private Joseph Marshall Gare:

Older brother – Richard Llewellyn Gare: Enlisted 31st July, 1915 as a 37 year old Chainman from Naracoorte, South Australia. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Samuel Gare, Narracoorte, South Australia.

Embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Aeneas* on 11th April, 1916 with 32nd Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcements as Private & Service number of 2924.

Wounded in action on 2nd November, 1916.

Died of wounds in France on 22nd November, 1916. Buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, France.

Entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.

Younger brother – Frank Evan Gare: Enlisted on 23rd September, 1915 as a 22 year old Carpenter from Kojonup, Western Australia. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Samuel Gare, Narracoorte, South Australia.

Embarked on 17th December, 1915 from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Berrima* with 6th Field Company Engineers, 2nd Reinforcements & rank of Sapper & Service number of 5540.

Wounded in action in France on 27th July, 1916.

Sapper Frank Evan GARE, 13th Field Company Engineers, returned to Australia, 13 April 1919. Discharged from Australian Imperial Force on 29th July, 1919.

Entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.

Frank Evan Gare died on 15th April, 1959 at Glenelg, South Australia.



### Newspaper Notices

#### **South West Recruiting**

The following is a list of names of those who have enlisted for the front and have been accepted:-

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J. M. Gare, Kojonup

(*Southern Times*, Bunbury, Western Australia – 4 May, 1916)

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#### **To Arms, Ye Brave**

The following have heard the Empire's call and answered in Bunbury since last list to date:-

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J. M. Gare (Kojonup)....

(*Southern Times*, Bunbury, Western Australia – 4 May, 1916)

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## **Local and District War Items**

### **Pte J. M. Gare Died of Wounds.**

A few days ago the Rev. W. M. Corden received a wire from the military authorities asking him to convey the sad intelligence of the death of Pte. Joe M. Gare to his relatives here. Pte. Gare died of wounds in the abdomen on March 28 in the Tidworth military hospital, England. He was well known in this district, where he lived most of his life, and was a popular young fellow. He was the fifth son of Mr. S. Gare, of Narracoorte, and was aged about 30 years and single. Some eight years ago he went across to Western Australia and took up land with his brother George over there. He enlisted in the West about 12 months ago, and his people received a letter from him in England dated March 4, so that he could not have been long in the firing line, but evidently had been in action on the Western front. The sad news of Pte. Gare's death was received with general regret here, and the deepest sympathy is felt for the relatives. This is the second son Mr. Gare has lost within the past few months, and there is another son serving with the colors. The cup of sorrow of the Gare family is more than full with bitterness, two boys having given their lives for their country, but it is comforting, for their relatives to know they died a glorious death for a righteous cause. Just previous to enlisting Pte. Joe Gare visited his people in Narracoorte and met a number of his friends.

*(The Narracoorte Herald, South Australia – 17 April, 1917)*

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### **LATE PTE J. M. GARE**

NARRACOORTE, April 16

Word has been received by the relatives of Pte. J. M. Gare that he died of wounds on March 28. He was a native of this district, and spent most of his life here. He was well known and liked. About eight years ago he went to Western Australia and took up land with his brother there. He was about 30 years of age, and single. He enlisted from Western Australia 12 months ago, and a letter was received from him, written at the beginning of March, in England, so that he could not have been long, in the firing line when he was wounded. He was the fifth son of Mr. S. Gare, of Narracoorte. Only a few months ago another brother died of wounds received in action. There is a third brother serving with the colours.

*(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 18 April, 1917) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 April, 1917) & (Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 28 April, 1917)*

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## **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

### **287th CASUALTY LIST**

#### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

J. M. Gare, Narracoorte, previously reported died, cause not stated.

*(Western Mail, Perth, Western Australia – 20 April, 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 Mr S. Gare, Naracoorte, South Australia, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late Private J. M. Gare, 16th Battalion, 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.

*(Note: Mr S. Gare, father of the late Private Joseph Marshall Gare, died on 5th December, 1917)*

Private J. M. Gare does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



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.*

## **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)*



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



*(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)*



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



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

Photo of Private J. M. Gare's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)*



