

**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire,  
England - War Graves**

**World War 1**



*Lest We Forget*



**6525 PRIVATE**

**W. HAYTHORNTHWAITE**

**11TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**9th JANUARY, 1917 Age 22**

*The Lord Gave  
And The Lord Hath Taken Away  
Ever Dear*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte W. Haythornthwaite is located in  
Grave Plot # 151 of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## William HAYTHORNTHWAITE

William Haythornthwaite was born in 1893 at Bendigo, Victoria, to parents William James & Margaret Jane Haythornthwaite (nee Hardy).

William Haythornthwaite was a 22 year old, single, Farmer from Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted on 14th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Presbyterian & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William James Haythornthwaite, Post Office, Quairading, Western Australia.

Private William Haythornthwaite, Service number 6525, embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Suffolk (A23)* on 10th October, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2nd December, 1916.

### 11th Battalion

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

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

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 William Haythornthwaite was marched in from Australia to 8th Training Battalion & then transferred to 3rd Training Battalion, No. 3 Camp, Durrington, Wiltshire on 17th December, 1916.

Private William Haythornthwaite was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 17th December, 1916 seriously ill with acute appendicitis.

Private William Haythornthwaite died on 9th January, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Appendicitis.

A death for William Haythornwaite, aged 23, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private William Haythornthwaite was buried on 12th January, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number 151 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private William Haythornthwaite 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 Haythornthwaite's father – Mr W. J. Haythornthwaite (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Haythornthwaite – service number 6525, aged 22 years & served with 11th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Mr W. J. and Mrs M. J. Haythornthwaite. Born at Victoria.

W. Haythornthwaite is also remembered on the Quairading War Memorial located opposite the old railway station between Quairading – York Road and Heal Street, Quairading, Western Australia.



Quairading War Memorial (Photos courtesy of Gordon Stuart)





W. Haythornthwaite 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.

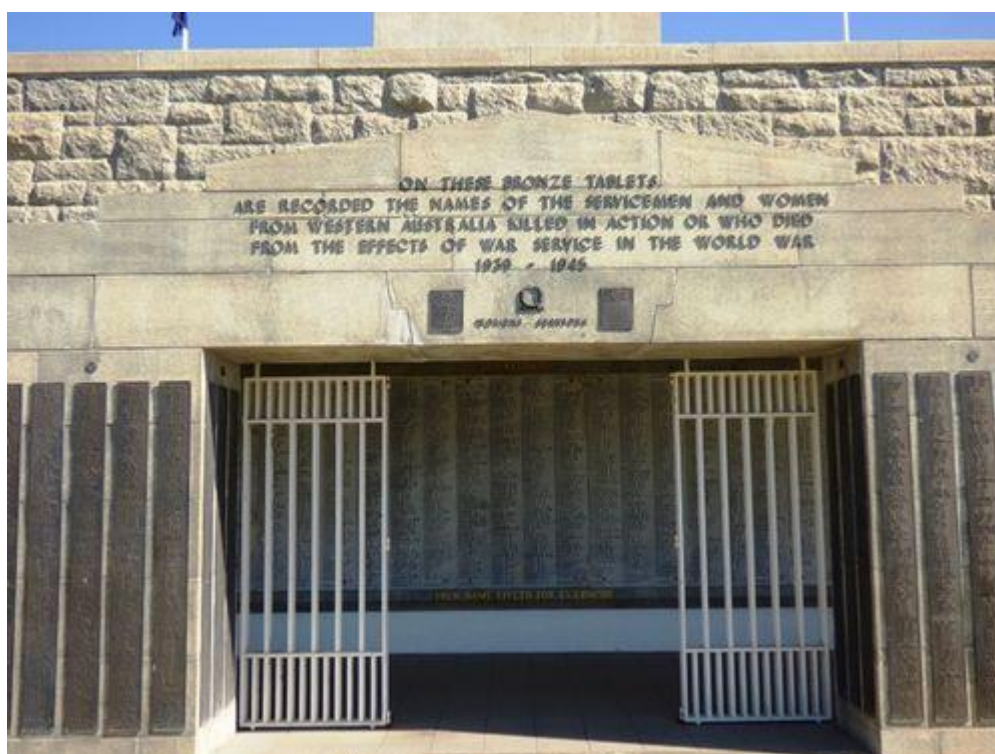
The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)**

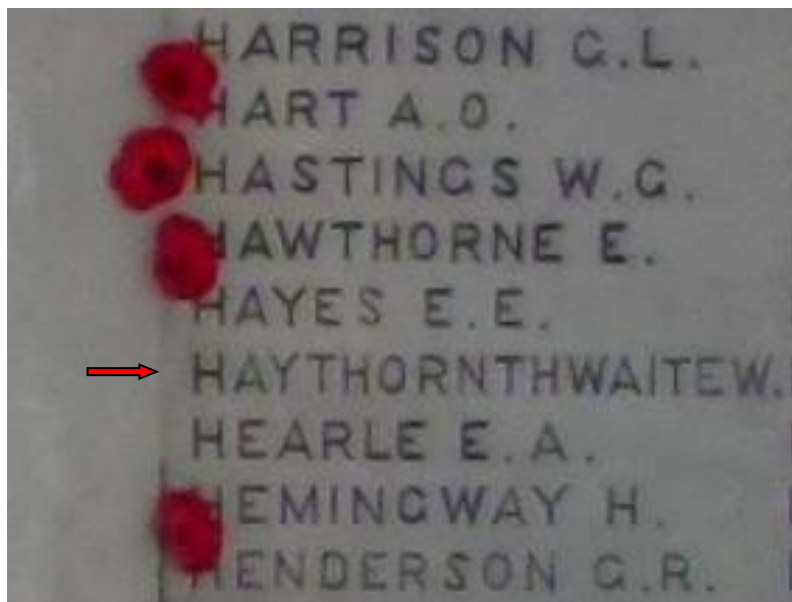
**& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

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



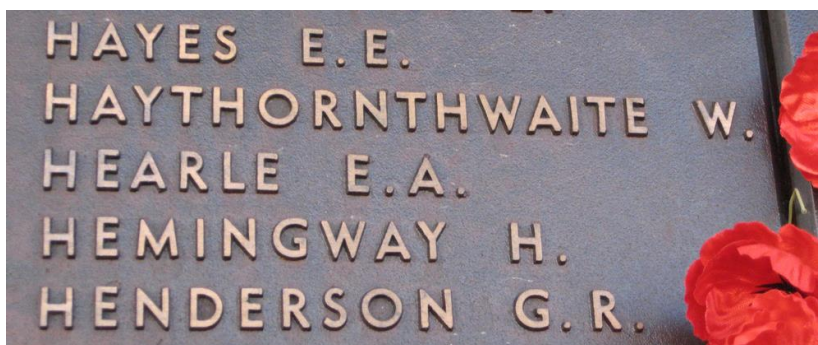


Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)





Private W. Haythornthwaite is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 62.



*(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)*



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

(48 pages of Private William Haythornthwaite'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*



**William Haythornthwaite as a young boy** *(Photo courtesy of Vera Bertola – Great Niece)*

## **Newspaper Reports**

### **W. A. CASUALTIES**

ILL

W. Haythornthwaite, Quairading, seriously.

*(The Daily News, Perth – Friday 19 January, 1917)*

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### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES - LISTS No. 266 AND 267 ISSUED**

DIED OF ILLNESS

Western Australia – W. Haythornthwaite, Quairading.

*(The Argus, Melbourne – Tuesday 23 January, 1917)*

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### **PROBATES AND ADMINISTRATIONS**

The following list was issued from the Supreme Court yesterday:-.... William Haythornthwaite, late of Quairading. To William James Haythornthwaite, £222 7s. 9d.

*(The Western Australian, Perth – Friday 5 July, 1918)*

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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 at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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 W. Haythornthwaite does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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## Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Durrington Cemetery contains burials of both wars. The 204 First World War burials were mostly from nearby Larkhill Camp. Many of the graves are of Australian servicemen and there is a separate Australian memorial in the cemetery. The Second World War burials number 22. In addition to the war graves, there are a number of post-war service graves in the cemetery, mostly of the Royal Air Force.

*(Information & photo from CWGC)*



**Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire** *(Photo by Dave Healing 2013)*



Photo of Private W. Haythornthwaite's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



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