

**Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery,
East Sussex, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2599 PRIVATE

E. R. HEARLE

58TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

21ST JULY, 1916

*Until The Day Dawns
And The Shadows Flee Away*

Edward Robert (Eddie) HEARLE

Edward Robert Hearle was born at Kensington, Victoria in 1895 to parents James Reed Hearle & Jane Hearle (nee Dillend).

Edward Robert Hearle attended the State School at Kensington, Victoria.

Edward Hearle was a 20 year old, single, Printer from 98 Ormond Street, Kensington, Victoria when he enlisted on 19th June, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2599 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs J. K. Hearle, 98 Ormond Street, Kensington, Victoria. Edward Hearle stated on his Attestation Papers that he has served with Citizen Forces & the City of Melbourne Regiment – 64th Infantry for 2 years.

As Edward Robert Hearle was under the age of 21 years – his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) for active service abroad. Both parents signed their consent on 19th June, 1915.

Private Edward Hearle was posted to Depot Battalion on 23rd June, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 8th Reinforcements of 5th Battalion on 1st July, 1915.

Private Edward Hearle embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on SS *Makarini* on 15th September, 1915 with the 5th Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements.

Private Edward Hearle was taken on strength of 5th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 7th January, 1916.

Private Edward Hearle was sent to Field Ambulance at Serapeum on 23rd January, 1916 & rejoined his Battalion on 2nd February, 1916.

Private Edward Hearle was transferred from 5th Battalion to 57th Battalion on 17th February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 57th Battalion at Serapeum on 17th February, 1916.

Private Edward Hearle was transferred to 58th Battalion on 15th March, 1916. He was taken on strength of 58th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 15th March, 1916.

Private Edward Hearle embarked from Alexandria to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on 17th June, 1916 on *Transylvania*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916.

Private Edward Hearle was wounded in action in France on 16th July, 1916. He was admitted to No.1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 16th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to shoulder. Private Hearle was transferred to Ambulance Train then admitted to 3rd Canadian Stationary Hospital at Boulogne, France on 17th July, 1916 with S.W. (shrapnel wound/s) to right shoulder & compound fracture. He was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel* on 18th July, 1916.

58th Battalion

The 58th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 17 February 1916 as part of the expansion of the AIF. Roughly half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 6th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 6th, the 58th was predominantly composed of men from Victoria. The battalion became part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Having only arrived in France on 23 June, the 58th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front at Fromelles on 19 July. The battle was a disaster. The 58th had the dual role of providing carrying parties and a reserve force. The reserve force (approximately half of the battalion) was ordered to attack late in the battle and was virtually annihilated by machine-gun fire; as a whole, the 58th suffered casualties equal to almost a third of its strength. Despite the grievous losses in its battalions, the 5th Division continued to man the front in the Fromelles sector for a further two months.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 58th Battalion

16th July, 1916 – In the Field:

After cessation of bombardment about 12.30 am A & B Cos moved into ground occupied by C & D of 57 Bn on their right & took over C & D then moved into positions previously held by A & B. C & D's positions then taken over by Oxford & Bucks Regiment. Wounded & dead being evacuated all day. Lt Pullen wounded in leg.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Edward Hearle was admitted to Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England on 18th July, 1916 wounded – severe with a fracture of scapula compound.



Private Edward Robert Hearle died on 21st July, 1916 at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England from wounds received in action in France – GSW to Scapula followed by Septicaemia. (Note: some forms have cause of death as “GSW Back”.)

A death for Edward Hearle, aged 21, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Brighton, Sussex, England.

Private Edward Robert Hearle was buried in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England – Plot number ZIX.8 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private E. R. Hearle requested in his Will that all his property & effects be equally divided between Mrs J. R. Hearle and Miss S. Hearle.

A War Pension was granted to Jane Hearle, of Ormond Rd, Kensington, mother of the late Private Edward Hearle, in the sum of 24/- per fortnight from 25th September, 1916.

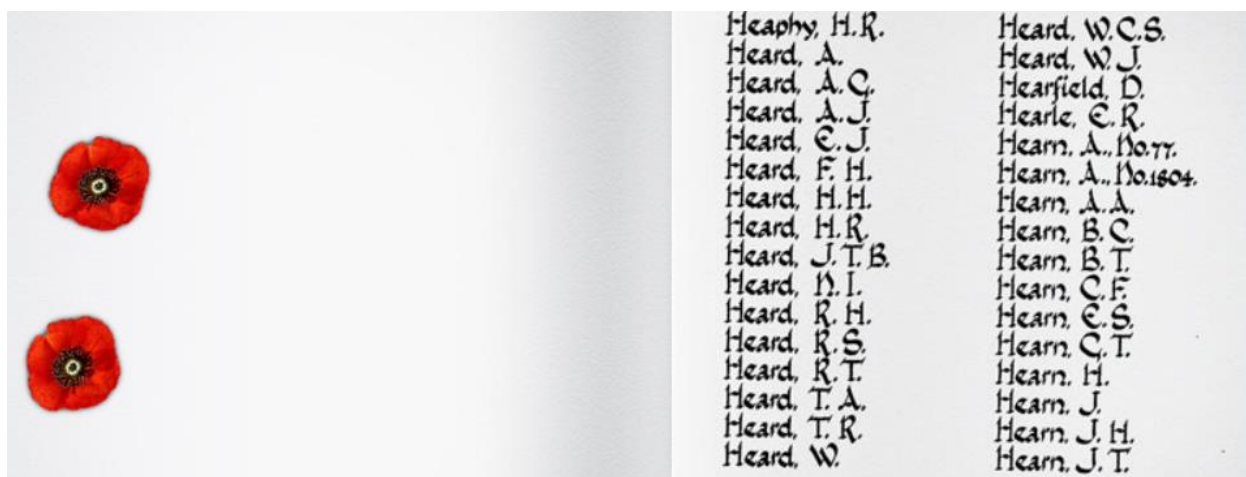
Base Records contacted Mrs J. R. Hearle, of 98 Ormond Street, Kensington, Victoria, mother of the late Private Edward Hearle, in April, 1920 stating that she was noted as the registered next-of-kin but desired to know if there

were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was alive due to the “Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918” which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. Mrs J. R. Hearle replied stating that her son’s father – James Reed Hearle was alive & his address was 2 Mackay Avenue, Glen Huntley. She also advised “*please note change of address from Kensington.*”

Private Edward Robert Hearle was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hearle’s father – Mr J. R. Hearle, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Edward Robert Hearle – service number 2599, of 58th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James Reed Hearle and Jane Hearle, of 2 Mackay Avenue, Glen Huntley, Victoria.

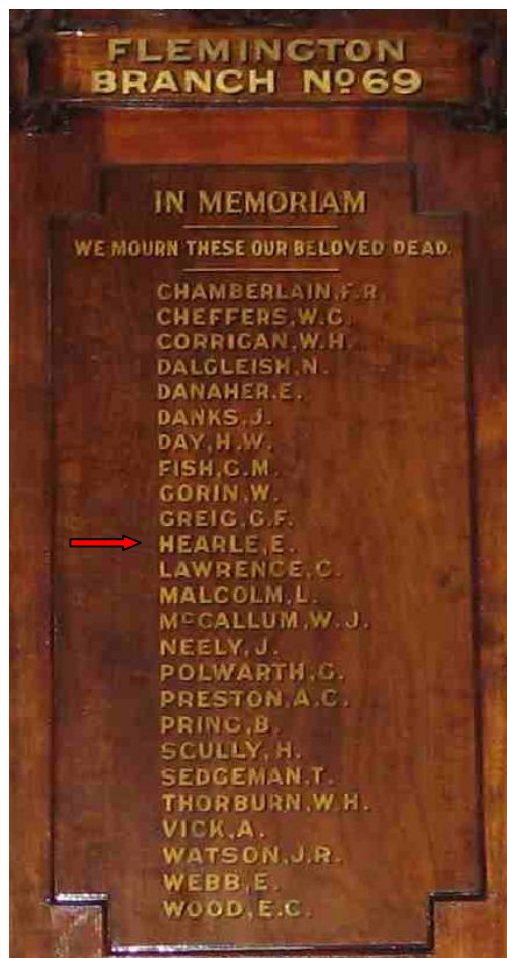
E. R. Hearle is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



E. Hearle is remembered on the A.N.A. (Australian Natives Association) Flemington Branch Roll of Honour, located in the former Kensington Town Hall, Bellair Street, Kensington, Victoria.



(Photo from Empirecall)



Private E. R. Hearle is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 165.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(pages of Private Edward Robert Hearle'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

DIED ON SERVICE

HEARLE - On the 21st July, at Kitchener Hospital, England, of wounds received in action. Edward Robert, dearly loved brother of Caroline, aged 21 years and 2 months.

Greater love hath no man than this, that he
lay down his life for his friends.

-(Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in law, Carrie and Frank, and little Ronnie and Ivor.)

HEARLE – Died from wounds, at Kitchener Hospital, England, on 21st July, 1916, Edward Robert, aged 21 years, beloved and only brother of John Hearle, Glenhuntly.

He nobly served his country.

HEARLE – A tribute of love to the memory of our loved brother, Edward Robert (Eddie), who died 21st July, from wounds received while fighting for King and country, aged 21; loved uncle of Carrie and Sylvia Sutton.

A noble hero, true and brave,
Peacefully sleeps in a soldier's grave.

-(Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, L. and B. Sutton)

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HEARLE - Died of wounds on 21st July, at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England, Edward Robert, aged 21 years, beloved son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Hearle, Ormond street, Kensington; loved brother of John Hearle (Glenhuntly), Mrs. E. H. Hughes (Ascotvale), Mrs H. D. Sutton (Coburg), Mrs G. H. Alison (Kensington), Mrs F. D. Stephens (Chelsea), Mary Reed, and Sylvia Rose (Kensington).

He rose responsive to his country's call,
And gave for her his best, his life, his all.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 July, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR

DIED OF WOUNDS

VICTORIA

Pte HEARLE, E., Kensington, 21/7/16

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 5 August, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

HEARLE - Died of wounds on 21st July, at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England, Edward Robert, aged 21 years, beloved son of Mr and Mrs J. R. Hearle, Ormond street, Kensington; loved brother of John Hearle (Glenhuntly), Mrs. E. H. Hughes (Ascotvale), Mrs H. D. Sutton (Coburg), Mrs G. H. Alison (Kensington), Mrs F. D. Stephens (Chelsea), Mary Reed, and Sylvia Rose (Kensington).

He rose responsive to his country's call,
And gave for her his best, his life, his all.

(*The Australasian*, Melbourne, Victoria – 5 August, 1916)

Glenhuntly

.... We also extend our sympathy to Mr and Mrs J. Hearle, of Royal avenue, owing to the loss of the brother of Mr Hearle, who died of wounds received in France.

(*Seaside News*, Cheltenham, Victoria – 5 August, 1916) & (*Moorabbin News*, Victoria – 5 August, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

HEARLE – On the 21st July, died of wounds, Eddie (Ted), the dearly loved friend of Mr and Mrs A. E. Kolbe, Kensington.

For duty and his country's call
He went both true and brave,
Upon the battle field to fall,
And fill a soldier's grave.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs Kolbe, Kensington.

HEARLE – On the 21st July, died of wounds, Eddie (Ted), the dearly loved mate of Frank Richards, Kensington.

Loved by all that knew him.

He felt it was his duty to take a noble part;

There was no fear of danger in his loyal and brave young heart.

In a lonely grave he is sleeping

One of earth's dearest and best;

In our hearts we will miss him for ever,

Though we know he is only at rest.

-Inserted by his loving mate, Frank and Mr and Mrs Richards and family, Kensington.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 5 August, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

HEARLE – On the 21st July, Eddie, died of wounds received in France, valued friend of Nellie Dibben.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 August, 1916)

Roll of Honour

DIED OF WOUNDS

Hearle, E., Pte

(*Flemington Spectator*, Victoria – 28 September, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

McNEE – HEARLE – A tribute to the memory of Pte Duncan McNee, killed in action on the 26th August, 1916, the dear friend of our son, Pte Eddie Hearle, who died of wounds on the 21st July, 1916.

Friends reunited.

Their warfare o'er, their battle fought;

Their victory won, though dearly bought;

Their fresh young lives could not be saved;

They slumber now in soldiers' graves.

-Inserted by Mr and Mrs Hearle and family, Kensington).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 7 October, 1916) & (*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 7 October, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

HEARLE – In loving memory of our dear son, Private E. R. Hearle, who died of wounds on July 21, 1916; also our dear daughter Victoria, and her baby Sylvia, who died on January 21, 1917.

However long our lives may be,
 Whatever land we view,
Whatever grief or joy be ours,
 Brother, sister, and baby we think of you.
Sleep on, dear ones, we would not wake thee,
 For sorrow and trouble to darken they brow;
How sweet is they rest with the birds singing o'er thee,
 No sorrow, pain, or trouble can come to thee now.

Alas, how often life has to be taught by death
the meaning and the pricelessness of love not
full understood till lost.

-(Inserted by their loving father and mother and sister Sylvia, Ormond street, Kensington).

HEARLE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private E. R. Hearle, who died of wounds on July 21, 1916.

Though our hearts are torn with anguish and grief,
 We mourn our hero with unspeakable pride;
We know no remorse, for he knew of our love,
 For Australia's honour he proudly died.

(Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, C. and F. Stephens, and Ron and Ivor, Chelsea.)

HEARLE – A loving tribute to the memory of our loved brother, Edward Robert (Eddie), who died of wounds 21st July, 1916; also our dear sister, Vic, and her babe, who died 21st January, 1917, loved uncle and aunt of Carrie and Sylvia Sutton.

All honour give to those who nobly fighting,
 nobly fell, that might live.
How little we know in the morning,
 That ere falls the shadow of night,
And the stars come out in the heavens,
 If our hearts will be sad or bright.

(Inserted by their loving sister and brother-in-law, L. and B. Sutton, Glenhantly)

HEARLE - In loving memory of our brother, Eddie, who died at Kitchener Hospital, England, on the 21st July, 1916, from wounds received on active service in France. (Inserted by J. and F. Hearle, Glenhantly).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 July, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

HEARLE – In loving memory of our dear son, Private Eddie Hearle, who died of wounds July 21, 1916: also our loved daughter Vicky and her babe, who died January 21, 1917; also our loved daughter Lottie, who died February 24, 1918.

Reunited.

The bugle call and battle's ball
Again shall rouse him never;
He fought and fell, he saved us well;
His furlough lasts for ever.

-(Inserted by their loving father, mother, and sister Sylvia, Kensington.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 July, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

HEARLE – In loving memory of our brother, Edward Robert, who died at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England, on 21st July, 1916 from wounds received in France.

“When duty called he answered fearlessly.”

-(Inserted by J. and F. Hearle, Glenhuntly.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 July, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

HEARLE –On the 21st July, at Kitchener Hospital, England, of wounds received in action, Edward Robert, dearly loved brother of Carrie, aged 21 years and 2 months.

He died a hero.

He gave his life for his King and country.

-(Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Carrie and Frank Stephens.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 July, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

HEARLE – In loving memory of our dear son, Private Eddie Hearle, who died of wounds, Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England, on the 21st July, 1916; also, our daughter, Vicky, and her baby, died at Kensington on the 21st January, 1917; and our daughter, Lottie, died at Glenhuntly on the 24th February, 1918.

When the bells of peace are ringing,
And your hearts are thrilled with pride,
Give one kind thought to the sorrowing ones
Whose boys have fought and died.

One by one earth's ties are broken,
One by one they're linked above;
Some day there'll be a sweet reunion
In the land of light and love.

-(Inserted by their loving parents and sister, Sylvia, Glenhuntly).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 July, 1919)

*** Notices were also placed in 1920, 1921, 1922 & 1923

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 E. R. Hearle does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Until The Day Dawns And The Shadows Flee Away

Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England

The cemetery is on the Lewes road. It was opened in 1857, and now covers 44 acres. It climbs the hill Eastward, crossing a public road. A War Cross stands in the cemetery.

There are 275 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 102 of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. The 1939-45 commemorations include 3 unidentified Merchant seamen and 1 unidentified British soldier. There are also 40 Foreign National war burials here and 4 non-war service burials.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photos by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





(Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private E. R. Hearle's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England.



(Photo by Terry Denham)