

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,
Tidworth, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5840 PRIVATE

F. W. HEEDE

25TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

3RD JUNE, 1917

Where Love Is Great

Death Cannot Sever

Remembrance Lasts For Ever

Frederick William HEEDE

Frederick William Heede was born on 5th March, 1890 at Bowen, Queensland to parents Peter & Janet Sutherland Heede (nee Miller). (Note the date of birth of 5th March, 1890 is listed on Queensland Births, Deaths & Marriages website, however the date of birth recorded for him on his grandparents' headstone is 3rd March, 1890).

Peter Heede, father of Frederick William Heede, died in 1896 in Queensland.

Frederick William Heede attended Bowen Boys State School, Queensland.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Herbert, subdivision of Bowen, Queensland, recorded Frederick William Heede, Farmer from Richmond, Bowen.

Frederick William Heede was a 25 year old, single Farmer from Townsville, Queensland when he enlisted on 10th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Presbyterian & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Janet Lott, Kensington, Bowen, North Queensland. Frederick Heede stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 years with 27th Light Horse at Bowen & was still serving.

Private Frederick William Heede was posted to 11th Depot Battalion from 10th January, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 12th Depot Battalion on 3rd February, 1916 then on 1st April, 1916 he was transferred to 3rd Reinforcements of 47th Battalion. Private Heede was transferred to Reserve Company from 29th April, 1916. On 15th May, 1916 he was transferred to 15th Reinforcements of 25th Battalion. Private Heede was transferred on 7th August, 1916 to 16th Reinforcements of 25th Battalion.

Private Frederick William Heede, Service number 5840, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Boonah* (A36) on 21st October, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 19th January, 1917.

Private Frederick William Heede was written up for an Offence on Troopship A 36 while at Sea on 16th December, 1916 – "*Breaking Ship*." He was awarded a forfeiture of 1 days' pay by Major A. Lloyd on 22nd December, 1916.

25th Battalion

The 25th Battalion was raised at Enoggera in Queensland in March 1915 as part of the 7th Brigade. Although predominantly composed of men recruited in Queensland, the battalion also included a small contingent of men from Darwin.....

(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 Frederick William Heede was sent sick to Parkhouse Hospital, Wiltshire on 7th March, 1917 from 7th Training Battalion. He was admitted to the Military Hospital, Parkhouse on 7th March, 1917 with Mumps. Private Heede was discharged & marched in to 7th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire on 21st March, 1917.

Private Frederick William Heede reported sick then was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 6th April, 1917 – cause P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). The Hospital Admissions form recorded he was suffering from Influenza. He was discharged on 20th April, 1917 & was marched in to 7th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire the same day.

Private Frederick William Heede was debited for the cost of one table spoon – 4d on 21st April, 1917.

Private Frederick William Heede was written up for an Offence at Rollestone on 7th May, 1917. He was 1. A.W.L. (Absent without Leave) from 9 am on 7th May, 1917 until 6.30 pm on 7th May, 1917. 2. Neglected to obey orders in that he at Westbury on 7th May, 1917 travelled on a Railway Train without a ticket. He was awarded 7 days confined to Camp & a total forfeiture of 5 days pay - £1. 5. 0.

Private Frederick William Heede was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 26th May, 1917 then transferred & admitted to Tidworth Military Hospital, Wiltshire on 27th May, 1917. He was reported to be dangerously ill.

Private Frederick William Heede died at 5.15 am on 3rd June, 1917 at Lucknow Isolation Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

A death for Frederick W. Heede, aged 27, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England.

Private Frederick William Heede was buried on 7th June, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number Grave No. 205 Plot C.

This is now recorded by CWGC as C. 205 and he now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Janet S. Lott, Kensington, Bowen, remarried mother of the late Private Frederick William Heede, wrote to Base Records on 11th July, 1917 with the following letter: *“.....to kindly forward me the following information re the late member of the Australian Imperial Forces Private Frederick William Heede No 5840 16th X 25 Bat who died in Tidworth Military Hospital England on June 3rd 1917 from Meningitis (sic) previously reported Injuries. Will his personal effects that he had with him when he died be sent on to me, or will I have to write about them? From where was he admitted to Tidsworth (sic) Military was he in good health before contracting Meningitis (sic), and also would you mind forwarding a Death Certificate so that his Estate can be settled...”*

Base Records replied to Mrs J. S. Lott on 24th August, 1917 enclosing a certificate of report of death of the late No. 5840 Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion. The letter continued with *“The only information yest available regarding this soldiers is that to the effect that he died at the Tidworth Military Hospital, England, on 3/6/17 of cerebro spinal meningitis. Should any further particulars be received you will be promptly advised. No personal effects of this soldier have been returned to this office to date, but any coming to hand will be promptly transmitted either to you or in accordance with other testamentary instructions.”*

A War Pension was granted to Johan Miller, of Bowen, grandmother of the late Private Frederick William Heede, 5840, 25th Battalion, in the sum of £1 per fortnight from 6th August, 1917.

Caine & Woodd, Solicitors, Bowen, Queensland, wrote to Base Records on 7th January, 1918 requesting an official Certificate of death for Private Frederick William Heede. *“.....We understand that a Certificate of death was sent to the deceased Soldier's Mother, but are advised that the Mother wishes to retain the same, hence our request for another Certificate.”*

Base Records replied to Messrs Caine & Woodd, Solicitors, on 17th January, 1918, enclosing, as requested, a report of death of the late No. 5840, Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion.

Caine & Woodd, Solicitors, Bowen, Queensland, replied to Base Records on 1st February, 1918, acknowledging the receipt of their letter with enclosed Certificate of report of death & added *“...we find that we shall require a further copy of the Certificate for the Society by whom deceased's life was insured, would therefore be obliged if you would forward us another copy of the same by return mail.”*

Base Records replied to Messrs Caine & Woodd, Solicitors, on 12th February, 1918, enclosing, as requested, another report of death of the late No. 5840, Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion.

The District Paymaster, 1st Military District, Victoria wrote to Base Records on 23rd May, 1918 regarding No. 5840, Private Frederick W. Heede, 16th Reinforcements – 25th Battalion, advising *“Probate of the Will executed by the abovementioned deceased soldier, has been granted to Mrs Catherine Cleary, Bowen, Queensland.”*

Base Records contacted Mrs J. Lott, Kensington, Bowen, Queensland, remarried mother of the late Private Frederick William Heede, on 20th April, 1921 stating that she was registered on the records of the late No. 5840 Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion, as next of kin but requested to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was still 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.

Janet Lott replied to Base Records on 9th May, 1921 advising that "*his Father died when he was about five years of age, and I as his Mother therefore claim to be his next of kin.*"

Private Frederick William Heede 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 Heede's remarried mother - Mrs J. Lott, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent January, 1922).

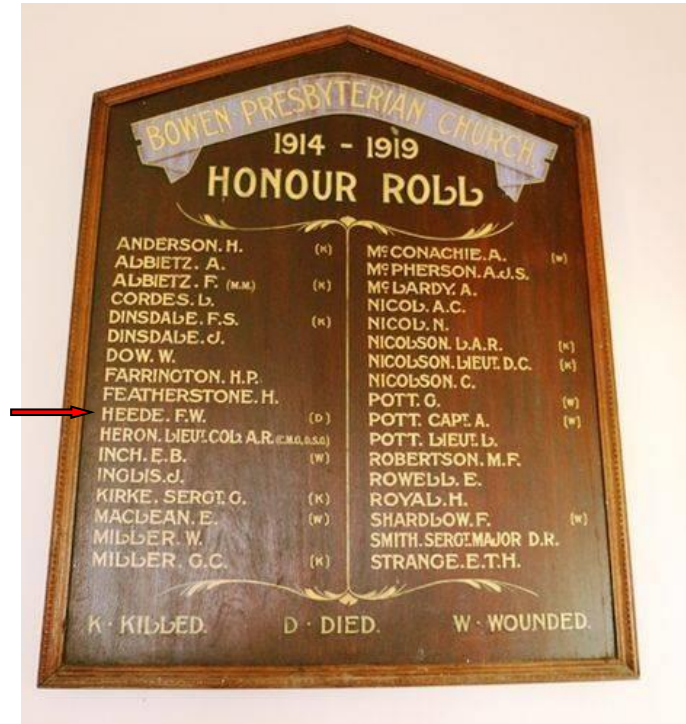
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick William Heede – service number 5840, of 25th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Peter & Janet Sutherland Heede, of Kensington, Bowen, North Queensland.

F. Heede is remembered on the Bowen Boys State School Honour Roll, located in Bowen Historical Museum, 22 Gordon Street, Bowen, Queensland.



Bowen Boys State School Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

F. W. Heede is remembered on the Bowen Presbyterian Church Honour Roll, located in St. James Uniting Church, 37 Kennedy Street, Bowen, Queensland.



Bowen Presbyterian Church Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

F. W. Heede is remembered on the Bowen War Memorial, located on Herbert Street, Bowen, Queensland.



Bowen War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth)

Private F. W. Heede is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 104.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(54 pages of Private Frederick William Heede'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

LETTER FROM THE FRONT

AT SEA

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Saturday, 4.30 am

11th November, 1916.

W. H. Darwen, Esq.,

Bowen

Dear Bill, —A half an hour of my time to show self and the staff are not forgotten. No doubt when you glance at the time pencilled down you will think I am rather an early riser but the fact of the matter is I am at present on duty and have been this last hour in the Wireless Room looking out for and picking up anything in the line of wireless messages flying round within a radius of 2,000 miles. Our staff consists of three operations myself and two Royal Navy men, our hours of duty are divided up into shifts of four hours on and eight hours off, my shift being from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. I understand they were to have picked up a wireless operator in Sydney but as none turned up I was sent for by the Adjutant of the Transport and given the position which just suits me down to the— I was just going to say ground but in this case I must say sea as we are at present in the heart of the Indian Ocean. Well, Bill, life onboard a transport is rather monotonous but we manage to knock a little fun up now and again in the

line of boxing, pillow-fighting, singing etc. My unit the 21st of the 9th are at present busy practising for a concert and if the slow murdering of songs is any criterion it ought to be a howling success. Among the troops on board I have met the following Bowenites—**Freddy Heede**, Jacky Rogers, Neddy Edwards, Arthur Lavette, Tommy Hoffman, Peter Cecini. They are all doing well and like myself looking forward to the day of our arrival in the Motherland in about six weeks time. **At the time of my writing there is keen rivalry in the growing of a good healthy moustache between Freddy Heede and Jacky Rogers, with odds on Freddy Heede.** We had our first death and burial on board last Wednesday, a signaller named Newcombe. Poor chap, he deserved a better grave than the depths of the Indian Ocean. It is a graveyard that does not appeal to me, and yet I expect one might just as well be devoured by the fishes of the sea as by the worms of the earth. We are due in Durban shortly when I shall have much pleasure, Bill, in posting these few lines on to you. I see that Conscription has been turned down. I expected as much but anticipated a much closer count. While I and hundreds of other soldiers would like to have seen Conscription brought in for the sake of Reinforcements which are not coming to hand as they might, personally speaking for Sunny Australia's sake we are glad thing have turned out as they have for we are afraid Military Prussianism stalks in the wake of Conscription, a parasitical and terrible growth we can well shun, for are we not now sacrificing countless lives in an endeavour to root out this terrible evil. No doubt thousands of our would be 'Sunday go too meeting' patriots are holding up their hands in pitious pious horror, at what they call our want of patriotism, the slur it has cast on fair Australia's name, etc., well let me ask them a plain question, did I or others see, hear or read of any such wailings when Canada said straight out from the shoulder, we will not have conscription of mens' lives here for we feel and know our Blessed Country will not be found wanting on the day when she is in the balance and so it will be gloriously said, I feel sure, of Australia (without conscription of mens' lives) on the day when this terrible and bloody war is brought to a successful end sometime next year, the year of 1917. When I say the war will end sometime next year, I am voicing the opinion of the leading Generals and critics but terrible will be the carnage of human life and limb, when spring again breaks before the hour when Peace, perfect Peace again reigns supreme. God willing, I may be able to speak in person on this subject to you later on, at present I am but on my pilgrimage to the land of blood and hell. My very kind regards to all my old acquaintances. Trusting to find self and family doing and keeping well.

I remain.

Your old pal,

TED STRANGE.

(Bowen Independent, Queensland – 6 January, 1917)

THANKS

Mr and Mrs H. Lott, Kensington, wish to thank all those who expressed sympathy with them in their recent sad bereavement, the death of Trooper Frederick William Heede, especially Rev. James Gillespie.

(Bowen Independent, Queensland – 23 June, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

The 315th Australian casualty list was released....

QUEENSLAND

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte F. W. Heede, Bowen, 3/6/17.

(Queensland Times, Ipswich, Queensland – 26 June, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my dear brother, Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion, A.I.F., died from injuries, at Tidworth Military Hospital, England, June 3rd, 1917, whilst on Active Service.

Hi heart was good, his spirit brave,
His resting place a soldier's grave,
But the hardest blow is yet to come,
When the warriors return,
And we miss amongst the cheering crowd
The face of our dear one.

Inserted by his loving sister, Catherine Cleary.

ROLL OF HONOUR

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my beloved son, PRIVATE FRED W. HEEDE, 25th Battalion, A.I.F., died from injuries, at Tidworth Military Hospital, England.

The shock was great,
The loss severe,
To part with one I loved so dear;
He never shunned his country's call,
But bravely done his best his all;
Not one of us was by his side,
To hear his last faint sigh,
Or whisper just one loving word,
Before he closed his eyes;
The midnight stars are gleaming,
On his grave so far away,
Where sleeping without dreaming,
Lies my soldier lad to-day.

Inserted by his loving Mother, Janet S. Lott.

(Bowen Independent, Queensland – 4 June, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

In loving memory of my dear brother (5840) Private Fred Heede, 16th of 25th Battalion A.I.F., died at the Tedworth Military Hospital, England, June 3rd., 1917.

Inserted by his loving sister Daisy Cleary.

ROLL OF HONOUR

In loving memory of my dear and only son, (5840) Private Fred Heede, 16th renf. 25th Batn A.I.F., died at the Tedworth Military Hospital, England, June 3, 1917.

Sleep on dear Fred,
And take your rest
The Empire called,
And you did your best.

Inserted by his loving mother, Janet Lott.

(Bowen Independent, Queensland – 3 June, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

In loving memory of my dear son, PRIVATE FREDERICK WILLIAM HEEDE, 25th Battalion, A.I.F., died June 3, 1917, Tidworth Military Hospital, England.

He has borne his cross, he has gained his crown,
Though he lies in a far off grave;
And we think of his life, a duty done,
Manly, unselfish and brave.

Inserted by his loving mother, Janet S. Lott.

Kensington, Bowen, June 3rd, 1920.

(Bowen Independent, Queensland – 5 June, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

HEEDE – In loving memory of my dear son, PRIVATE FREDERICK W. HEEDE, 25th Battalion, A.I.F., died 3rd June, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth.

Dearer to memory than words can tell,
Are the thoughts of my son I have so well;
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
But sweet remembrance outlasts all.

Inserted by his loving mother, Mrs H. B. Lott.

(Bowen Independent, Queensland – 4 June, 1921)

Frederick William Heede is remembered on his grandparents' headstone in Bowen General Cemetery, Bowen, Queensland.



(Photos from Find a Grave – Richie Wright)



SACRED
TO THE MEMORY
OF
JOHAN MILLER
BELOVED WIFE OF
WILLIAM MILLER
BORN AT REISS, PARISH OF WICK,
GAITHNESS, SCOTLAND, 17TH OCTOBER 1865
DIED AT KENSINGTON, BOWEN
15TH JULY 1920.

A LOVING MOTHER TRUE AND KIND
NO FRIEND ON EARTH LIKE HER WE FIND!
FOR ALL OF US SHE DID HER BEST -
MAY GOD GRANT HER ETERNAL REST.

ALSO THEIR GRANDSON
FREDERICK WILLIAM HEEDE
BORN BOWEN 3RD MARCH 1890
DIED 3RD JUNE 1917
AT TIDWORTH MILITARY HOSPITAL ENGLAND.

THERE IS A LINK DEATH CANNOT SEVER
LOVE AND REMEMBRANCE LASTS FOR EVER.

Also their Grandson
FREDERICK WILLIAM HEEDE
Born Bowen 3rd March 1890
Died 3rd June 1917
At Tidworth Military Hospital England

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 F. W. Heede does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Remembrance Lasts For Ever

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)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Tidworth Military Cemetery – 12 June, 1919

A corner of the Australian cemetery.

*Front row, left to right: **5840 Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion died 3 June 1917**; 7350 Private A. E. Campbell, 8th Battalion, died 2 August 1917; 1824 Driver A. C. Jones, 4th Company, Australian Machine Gun Corps, AADC, died 8 August 1917; 8009 Corporal W. J. Giles, Australian Tunnelling Company, died 17 March 1918.*



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



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

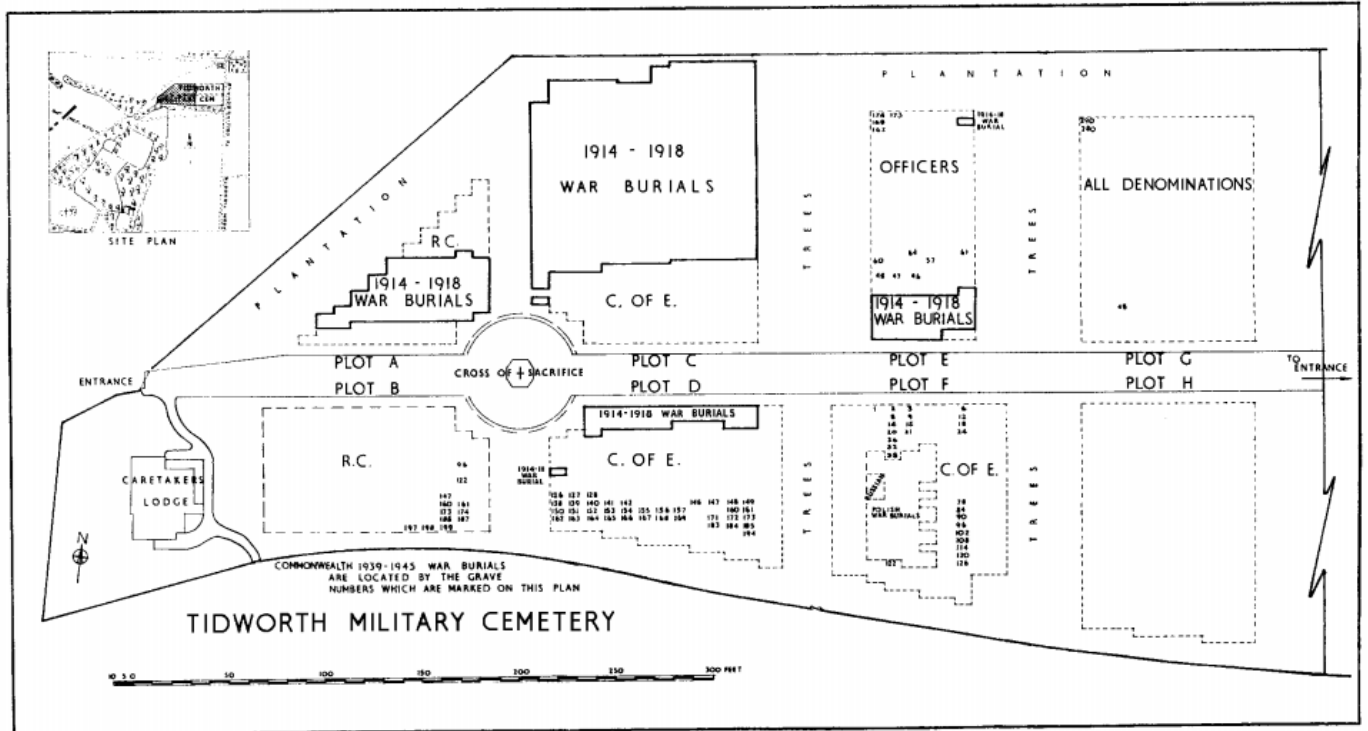


(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)

Photo of Private F. W. Heede's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England



(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)



COMMONWEALTH 1939-1945 WAR BURIALS
 ARE LOCATED BY THE GRAVE
 NUMBERS WHICH ARE MARKED ON THIS PLAN

TIDWORTH MILITARY CEMETERY

