Tidworth Military Cemetery, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England War Graves

Lest We Forget

World War 1

5840   PRIVATE

F. E. HUPPATZ

43RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH DECEMBER, 1916   Age 23

Saviour In The Loving
Keeping
Leave We Our Loved One
Sleeping

Frank Ernest HUPPATZ

Frank Ernest Huppatz was born at Saddleworth, South Australia on 25th April, 1893 to parents Frederick August & Anna Huppatz (nee Kamenka).

Frank Ernest Huppatz attended the Public School at Saddleworth, South Australia.

Frank Ernest Huppatz was a 22 year old, single, Farmer from Saddleworth, South Australia when he enlisted in Adelaide, South Australia on 10th April, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs A. Huppatz, from Saddleworth, South Australia.

A letter written by Recruiting Sergeant on District Council of Saddleworth letterhead, dated 7th April, 1916 reads: *"The bearer "Frank Huppatz" was passed as medically Fit, at Currie St on Jan the 8th. But was rejected because of Alien Origin. He was approved by the D.C. on Jan 20th (see letter) but owing to some oversight, the papers never reached this office."*

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz was posted to "B" Company, 2nd Depot on 25th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 19th Reinforcements of 10th Battalion on 1st May, 1916 at Mitcham then on 16th June, 1916 he was transferred to 18th Reinforcements of 10th Battalion. Private Huppatz entrained on 24th June, 1916 to 3rd Military District for embarkation on *Barambah*.

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz, Service number 5840, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Barambah (A37)* on 27th June, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 25th August, 1916.

10th Battalion

The 10th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. The battalion was recruited in South Australia, and together with the 9th, 11th and 12th Battalions, 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 Frank Ernest Huppatz was marched in to 3rd Training Battalion at Perham Camp No. 6, Wiltshire, England on 26th August, 1916 from Australia.

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz was taken on strength of 43rd Battalion on 23rd September, 1916 from Training Battalion.

43rd Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 43rd Battalion was South Australia's contribution to the strength of the division. Along with the 41st, 42nd, and 44th Battalions, plus support troops, it formed the 11th Brigade.

The battalion embarked in June 1916 and, after landing briefly in Egypt, went on to Britain for further training. The battalion arrived on the Western Front in late December……

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz was admitted to Field Hospital at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 28th September, 1916 then transferred to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire on 30th September, 1916 with VD. He was discharged on 13th December, 1916 – Total period VD – 79 days.

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire on 15th December, 1916 with Tubercle of Lung from 11th Training Battalion, Durrington, Wiltshire. (The Hospital Admissions form recorded he was transferred to Tidworth General on 13th December, 1916 from Military Hospital Bulford).

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz died at 7.15 pm on 16th December, 1916 at Tidworth Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from "*Acute Phohisis*" (as listed incorrectly on "Report of Death of a Soldier "– Army Form B. 2090; Casualty Form – Active Service. Statement of Service Form & in a letter to Mrs A. Huppatz, mother of the late soldier). A Telegram sent from Senior Medical Officer at Tidworth on 16th December, 1916 to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London, advised that Private Frank Huppatz was dangerously ill with acute phthisis (but incorrectly listed his surname as "*Uppatz*" & his battalion as 41st. A correction was sent the next day). Further advice advised that Private Huppatz had died from Acute Phthisis. The Hospital Admissions form recorded he had been admitted with Tubercle of Lung & died on 16th December, 1916 *"having been in hospital 24 hours."*

A death for Frank E. Huppatz, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz was buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 230 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mr August Huppatz, Saddleworth, father of the late Private Frank Ernest Huppatz, wrote to Base Records on 22nd February, 1917 with the following letter: "*My son Private Frank Ernest Huppatz No 5840 of the 31st Battalion A.I.F. died at the Delhi Hospital London on the 27th December 1916. In going into his affairs I find that a small life insurance is now payable, but the Company concerned will not entertain the claim unto a Certificate of death is produced. Would you be goo enough to supply me with one. My son embarked from Melbourne but enlisted in S.A.*"

Base Records replied to Mr A. Huppatz, Saddleworth, S.A., on 27th February, 1917 enclosing as requested a certificate of report of death of the late No. 5840 Private F. E. Huppatz, 43rd Battalion.

Private Frank Ernest Huppatz 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 Huppatz's father – Mr A. Huppatz, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent April, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frank Ernest Huppatz – service number 5840, aged 23, of 43rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Frederick August & Anna Huppatz, of Saddleworth, South Australia.

Private F. E. Huppatz is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 136.

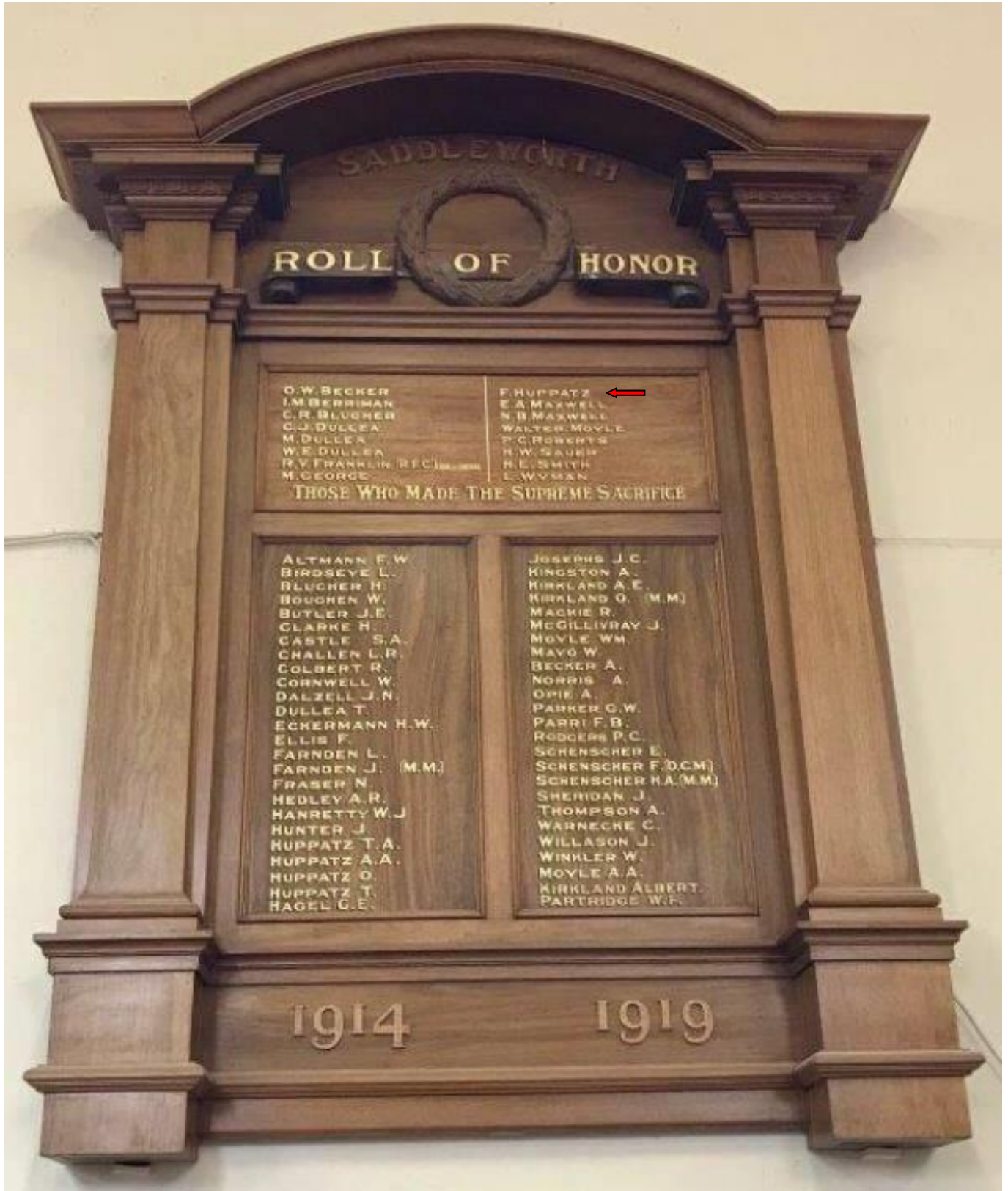*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

F. E. Hupptaz is remembered on the Saddleworth War Memorial, located at Burra Road & Belvidere Road, Saddleworth, South Australia.

Saddleworth War Memorial *(Photos from Monument Australia – Stephen Warren)*

F. Huppatz is remembered on the Saddleworth Roll of Honor, located in Saddleworth Institute, Burra Road & Saddle Road, Saddleworth, South Australia.

Saddleworth Roll of Honor *(Photo from Monument Australia – Stephen Warren)*

F. E. Huppatz is remembered on the Memorial Trees Plaque for Memorial Avenue located on Burra Road, Saddleworth, South Australia.
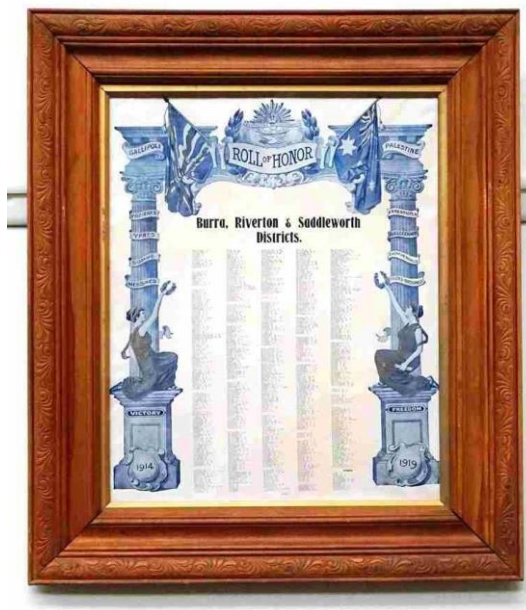

Saddleworth Memorial Avenue *(Photos from Monument Australia – Stephen Warren)*

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F. Huppatz is remembered on the Burra, Riverton & Saddleworth Districts Roll of Honour, located in R.S.L. Meeting Room at Burra Council Chambers, Market Square, Burra, South Australia.

Burra, Riverton & Saddleworth Districts Roll of Honour

(Photo from Monument Australia – Chris McLauglin)

F. E. Huppatz is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.

National War Memorial – Adelaide *(Photos by Bilby)*

(55 pages of Private Frank Ernest Huppatz'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

The late Private F. Huppatz.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, Sth Australia – 6 Jan 1917)

Newspaper Notices

GONE INTO CAMP

The following men went into camp on Monday:-…..F. E. Huppatz, ……

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 April, 1916)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

HUPPATZ – On the 16th December, at Tidsworth, England, of acute phthisis, Private Frank Ernest, the dearly beloved youngest son of Mr and Mrs August Huppatz, Saddleworth, aged 23 years

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 December, 1916) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 30 December, 1916)

LATE PTE F. HUPPATZ

SADDLEWORTH, December 22.

Mr and Mrs August Huppatz, of Saddleworth, have been notified that their youngest son, Pte Frank Huppatz, died of sickness at Tidsworth Hospital, England, on December 6. The deceased was a fine sportsman of splendid physique, and was widely known in the norther districts as a footballer. His kindly disposition made him many friends and the deepest sympathy is felt for his parents and their family, who are among the oldest and most respected residents in the district.

(*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 30 December, 1916) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 30 December, 1916)

THE AUSTRALIANS

259th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte F. E. HUPPATZ, Saddleworth (Dec. 16)

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 2 January, 1917)

BEREAVEMENT CARDS

Mr and Mrs A. HUPPATZ and FAMILY, Saddleworth, tender their sincere THANKS to all kind Friends and Relatives for letters, cards, telegrams, and personal sympathy in the sad loss of their son and brother, Pte Frank Huppatz, who died of sickness, England, on the 16th December, 1916.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 20 January, 1917) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 January, 1917)

WILLS OF THE WEEK

The Weekly Gazette of the Mercantile Trade Protection Association notifies the following wills:-Probates -……Frank Ernest Huppatz, Saddleworth, £160;…..

(*The Journal*, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 June, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

HUPPATZ – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Frank E. Huppatz, who died in England, December 6, 1916. -Inserted by his loving parents, brothers, and sisters, Saddleworth.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 17 December, 1917) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 22 December, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

HUPPATZ – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Frank E. Huppatz, who died in England, December 6, 1916.

"Ever remembered."

-Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 December, 1919) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 20 December, 1919)

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. E. Huppatz does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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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)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL   D00327

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

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. E. Huppatz's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.

(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)

TIDWORTH MILITARY CEMETERY