

**Arnos Vale Cemetery,
Bristol, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4441 PRIVATE

T. H. JACKSON

26TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH JANUARY, 1917

Thomas Henry JACKSON

Thomas Henry Jackson was born at Oldham, Lancashire, England around 1864-1873. *(year range due to the varying ages recorded when enlisting & age at time of death)*

[Details of Thomas Henry Jackson's parents & details of him on the England Censuses cannot be located due to the fact that the information cannot be confirmed as he had no next-of-kin listed]

Thomas Henry Jackson was a 43 year old, single, Miner from Port Douglas, Queensland when he enlisted in Townsville, Queensland on 28th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4441 & his religion was Church of England. He had no next of kin. Thomas Jackson stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with 22nd Oldham Rifle Volunteers.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 28th January, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 26th Battalion on 1st March, 1916.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Star of Victoria (A16)* on 30th March, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 26th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson proceeded to join B.E.F. (British expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 8th May, 1916 on H.T. *Scotian* & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 18th May, 1916. He was posted to 2nd Divisional Base Depot on 5th June, 1916. Private Jackson proceeded to join his Unit from 2nd Divisional Base Depot at Etaples, France on 31st July, 1916 & was taken on strength of 26th Battalion in France on 2nd August, 1916.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson was sent to Hospital sick on 27th November, 1916. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 27th November, 1916 with Debility then transferred to 21st Casualty Clearing Station on 3rd December, 1916. Private Jackson was transferred to Ambulance Train on 4th December, 1916 & admitted to 5th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 5th December, 1916. Private Jackson was marked for transfer to England on 7th December, 1916 & embarked from Havre, France on 8th December, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Carisbrooke Castle* suffering from Chronic Bronchitis & Debility.

26th Battalion

The 26th Battalion was raised at Enoggera, Queensland, in April 1915 from recruits enlisted in Queensland and Tasmania, and formed part of the 7th Brigade.....

The Battalion fought in its first major battle around Pozieres between 28 July and 7 August. After a short spell in Belgium, the 2nd Division came south in October to attack again in the Somme Valley. The 26th Battalion took part in two attacks to the east of Flers, both of which floundered in mud and slush.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Thomas Henry Jackson was admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England on 8th December, 1916. The Hospital Admissions form recorded that Private Jackson was suffering from Bronchitis & an Aortic aneurism.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson died at 7.45 pm on 6th January, 1917 at Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England from Internal Haemorrhage.

A death for Thomas H. Jackson, aged 53, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson was buried on 10th January, 1917 in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. His name is remembered on the CWGC Screen Wall & he has a flat Memorial Stone. Cemetery/Memorial reference Screen Wall 4.734. A Memorandum from The Beaufort War Hospital Bristol to O/C Records, Australian Imperial Force, Westminster, England reads: "*Re 4441 Private Jackson, T. H. 26th Battn. I regret to inform you that the above man died at this hospital last evening/ I beg to advise you that arrangements are being made for the funeral from Temple Church, Bristol, at 11 am on Wednesday the 10th instant.*"

Private Thomas Henry Jackson requested in his Will, extracted from his Army Pay Book, that in the event of his death the whole of his property and effects be given to The Orphanage, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

Two packages containing the personal effects of the late Private Thomas Henry Jackson were sent to the Office of the Public Curator, Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Queensland. They advised Base Records on 19th November, 1918 that the packages had been received.

Base Records wrote to the 1st Military District in December, 1921 requesting the names, address and relationship of the claimants for the War Gratuity in connection with the late Private Thomas Henry Jackson. The District Finance Officer of 1st Military District advised that no claims had been made for the War Gratuity on account of the late Private Thomas Henry Jackson & advised his Estate had been disbursed by the Public Curator, Brisbane to the Orphanage, Townsville, Queensland.

Private Thomas Henry Jackson was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were to be sent to the closest next-of-kin. Private Jackson did not have any next-of-kin listed. (Scroll sent & Plaque sent to "Untraceables" in July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private T. H. Jackson – service number 4441, of 26th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private T. H. Jackson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel .



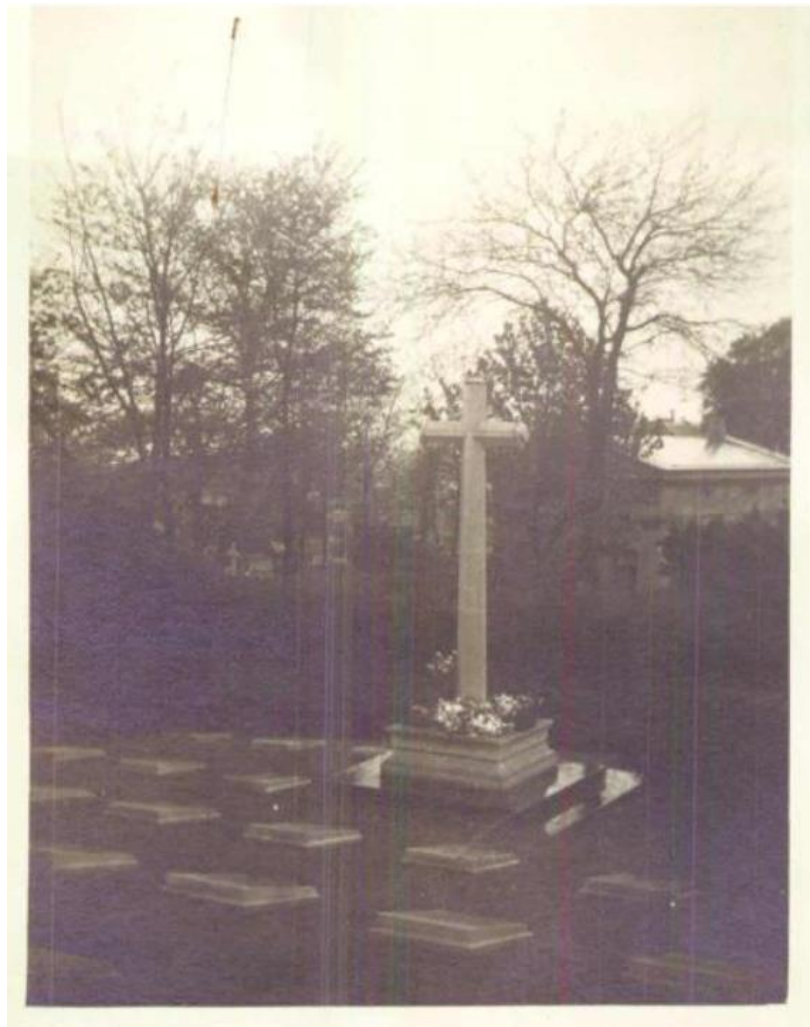
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(88 pages of Private Thomas Henry Jackson'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



The following photos, Anzac Day Memorial Cards & Newspaper clippings were located in the Service Record file of the late Private Thomas Henry Jackson. An envelope was included amongst the photos & Memorial cards marked "N.O.K. Untraceable". :



Soldiers' Corner.
Arms Vale Cemetery
Bristol.

PTE J Juerem, 26th Bathn.

Anzac Day

APRIL 25TH. 1923.



ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

TO

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS' AND
SAILORS' GRAVES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM

In grateful remembrance
of the brave sons of Australasia who fought and
suffered, died and conquered, on many battlefields.



Oh, sweet and seemly so to die, indeed.
In the high flush of youth and strength and pride,
These are our martyrs and their blood and seed
Of nobler futures. 'Twas for us they died
Keep we their memory green

L.L.



ANZAC DAY PILGRIMAGE

(25th April, 1920)

TO



AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
SOLDIERS' GRAVES
in the United Kingdom

(Initiated in 1918 by the London Branch of the Australian Natives' Association)

In grateful remembrance of the gallant sons
of Australasia who fought and died for the
Empire during the War

" Their name liveth for evermore "



Clifton, Bristol

To the rest of Miss ^{May} 3.

4441. Pte T. A. Jackson
26th Batt: A.I.F.

M^r. Bush thinks that you
may like to know that
on Anzac Day, April 25
we took flowers to all the
Australian graves in
Arno's Vale Cemetery

The Graves looked quite
lovely heaped with
flowers.

You will see by the enclosed
photo, that the gallant
Dead sleeping so far
from home are never
forgotten by us, who

owe so much to them,

Yrs, with grate feel

Sincerely

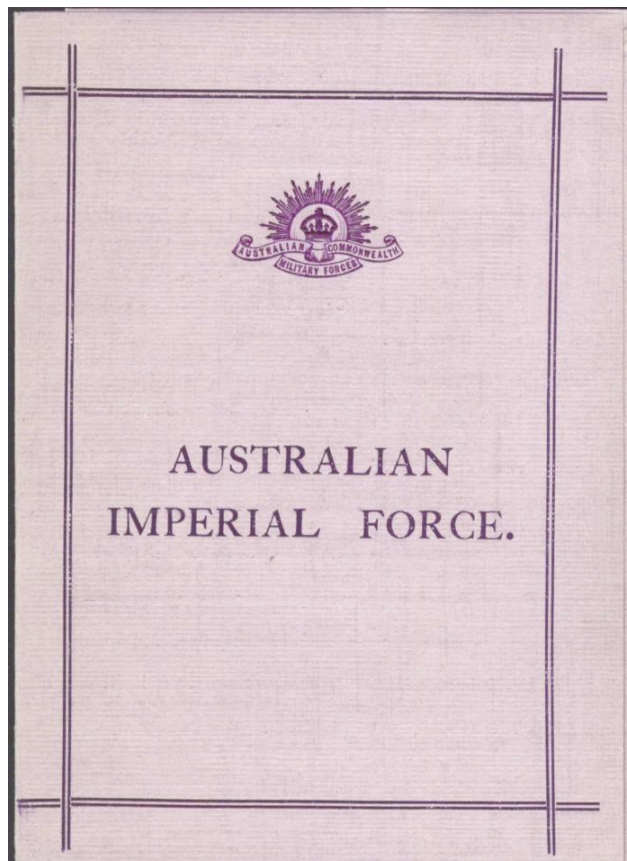
R. Swinton. V.A.D.

O. H. M. S.

No record of this man's next-of-kin held in England.

Late Pte Jackson's remains have recently
been exhumed from a common grave and re-interred
in a separate single grave.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR AUSTRALIA,
AUSTRALIA HOUSE,
STRAND, LONDON, W.C. 2.



(2 copies of this folder containing a photo of the grave of the late Private Thomas Henry Jackson were in his file)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Administrative Headquarters, London.

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OF LATE

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(No.) 4441 (Rank) Private.

(Unit) 26th. Battalion.

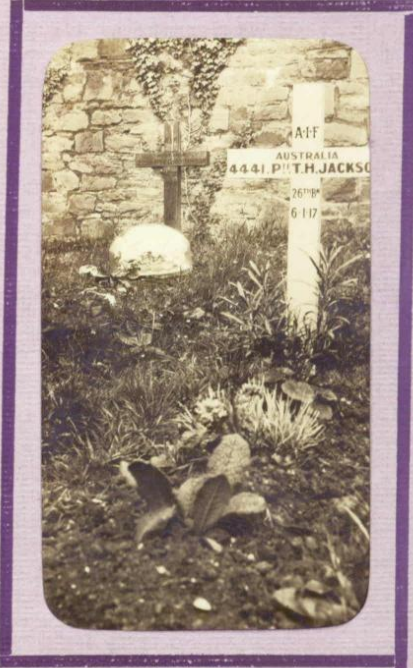
Died on 6th. January, 1917.

At Beaufort War Hospital,
Bristol.

Buried Arno's Vale Cemetery,
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Particulars of Grave No. 734.

Nearest Railway Station Bristol.



Name and Address of Correspondent
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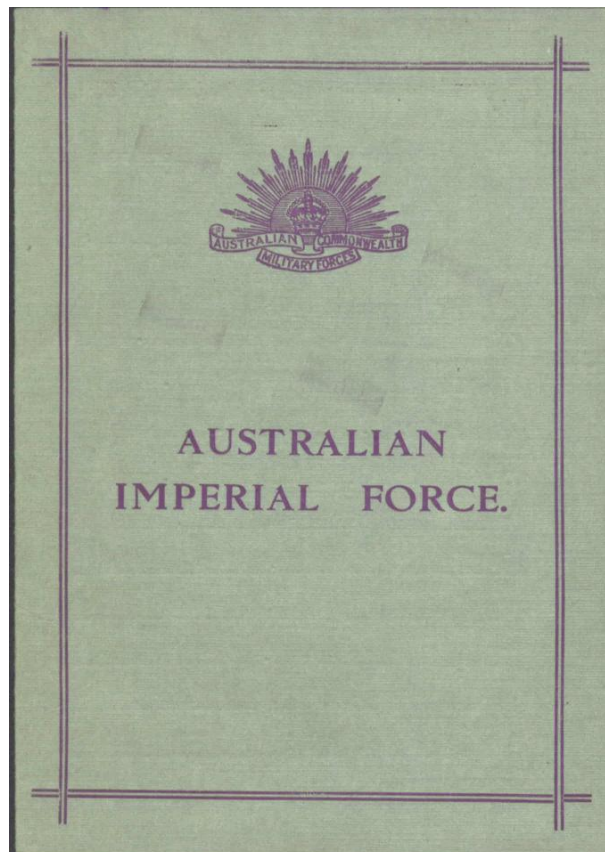
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Australia House,
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London, S.W. 1.**

1000 8/17 6200

June 23rd 1926.

BISHOP'S KNOLL,
STOKE BISHOP,
BRISTOL.

With Mr R. E. Bush's kind
regards. Under separate cover
I am sending you a newspaper
giving a short account
of the Anzac Memorial
Service in Bristol, also a
photograph taken in evening
bad light.




Arnos Vale

Next-of-kin
Pte T. H. Jackson
26th Batt.

Pte T. H. Jackson. 26th Batt.

Anzac Day

APRIL 25TH. 1924.




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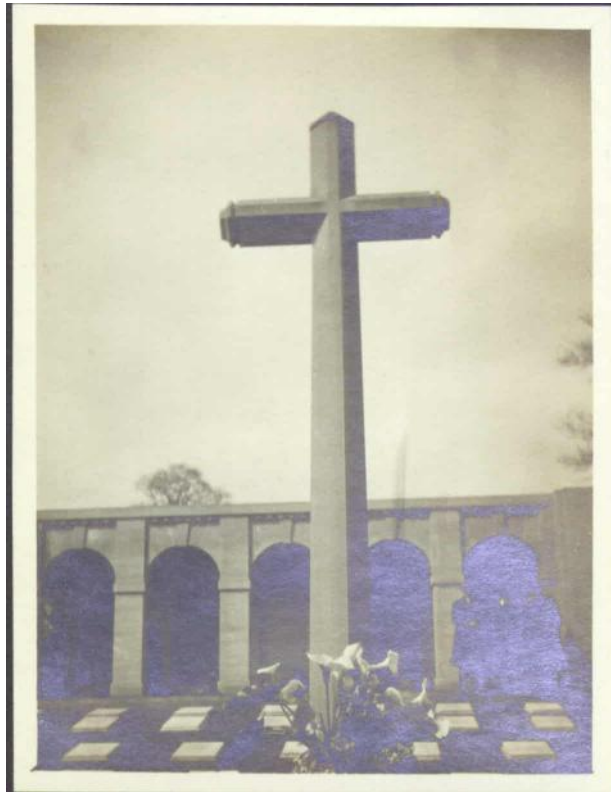
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SAILORS' GRAVES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED KINGDOM

In grateful remembrance
of the brave sons of Australia and New Zealand who fought
and suffered, died and conquered, on many battlefields.



Yet where the brave man lies, who fell in fight
For his dear country, there his country is.
And we will mourn them proudly as of right—
For meaner deaths be weeping and loud cries:
They died pro patria!!!

LL.



● *Pte T.H. Jackson. 26th Batt.*
Anzac Day

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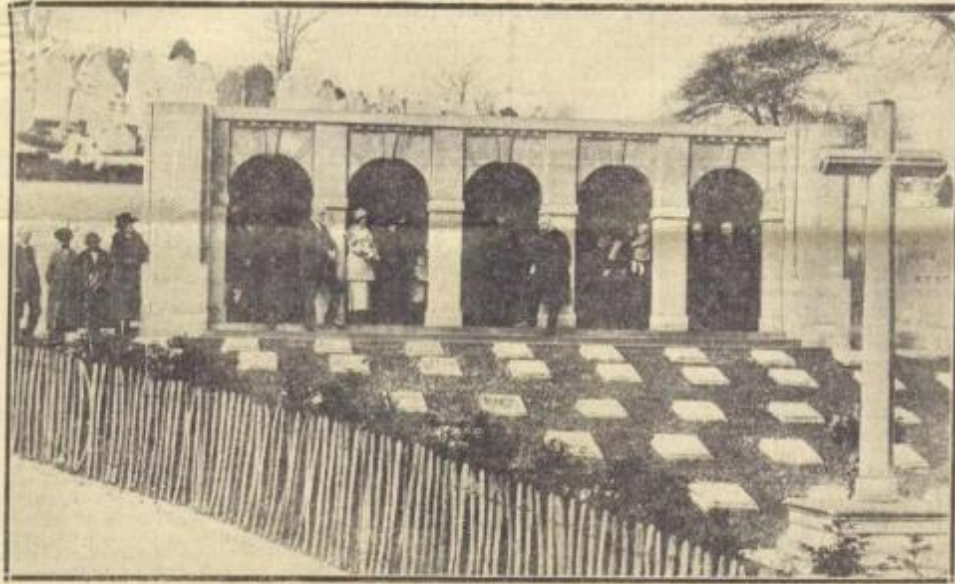


This is their epitaph. "Traveller south or west
Go, say at home we heard the trumpet call,
And answered. Now in the 'Old Home' we rest.
Our end was happy if our country thrives.
Much was demanded. Lo! our store was small—
That which we had, we gave—it was our lives."

LL.

APRIL 27, 1925.

GALLIPOLI DAY COMMEMORATION



THE SOLDIERS' CORNER, ARNO'S VALE.

Each year, on the 25th of April, a service of remembrance is held for those who died in Bristol of war wounds, and are buried in Soldiers' Corner, Arno's Vale. On Saturday, in the beautiful sunshine of a typical English spring morning, there assembled many who were associated with hospital work in Bristol for overseas troops, Bishop's Knoll, which, as most people know, was given over as a war hospital from 1914 to 1919, was represented by Mr R. E. Bush (Commandant), Mr and Miss Philp, Mrs Herapath, the Misses Nora and Doris Burt, Miss Vera Saville, Miss Goldsmith, Miss Stafford Jones, Miss Eadie, the Misses Spodhuth, Miss Thornleigh, Mr E. C. Philp, and Mr A. G. Powell. Mrs R. E. Bush was away from Bristol, and Miss Hall-Houghton and others were unavoidably absent. Miss Laing, another devoted worker at Bishop's Knoll, took a wreath to the one Australian soldier who was buried at Greenbank Cemetery.

Most of those present brought flowers. Mr R. E. Bush placed a very beautiful emblem—the work of one of the Bishop's Knoll sisters—at the foot of the cross in the "Corner," and Mr Philp contributed a wreath of daffodils. Spring flowers there were in plenty, a postman in uniform contributing a bunch of wallflowers, and other sympathetic folk adding their tender tributes.

Bishop Clifford, in his short address, said: "We are gathered here on this 10th anniversary of Gallipoli day to reverently and affectionately commemorate our brethren from various parts of the British Empire who, after having valiantly fought and honourably suffered in the Great War, were brought to this city of Bristol and here breathed their last breath. We laid their bodies in the earth at this spot, and here they rest in hope till the Day of Resurrection. We gratefully cherish their memory. We renew it to-day, and will never allow it to pass from our mind and heart. God's mercy and peace be with them, as is our affectionate regard, and may that great cause for which they gave their lives be ever upheld and prosper and ever honoured among men of goodwill."

Prayer was said, and this simple service which will so greatly comfort the relatives was over.



MR E. C. PHILP AND MR R. E. BUSH PLACING WREATHS ON THE CROSS.

Newspaper Notices

The Roll of Honour

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

266th & 267th LISTS

QUEENSLAND

DIED OF ILLNESS

T. H. Jackson, no relatives; 6/1/17

(The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 27 January, 1917)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

The cemetery was established in 1837. During both wars, there were a number of military hospitals at Bristol and the city was the depot of the Gloucestershire Regiment. During the Second World War there were also a number of Royal Air Force stations and prisoner of war camps in the area. ARNOS VALE CEMETERY contains burials of both wars. Most of the 356 First World War burials were of men who died at the local hospitals, particularly the 2nd Southern General and the Beaufort, many of whom were landed at Avonmouth from hospital ships from the Mediterranean. Their graves can be found in the 'Soldiers Corner', a plot established by the British Red Cross, near the main entrance. The 238 casualties buried here are commemorated on a memorial at the rear of the plot. The rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. There are also special memorials to one casualty buried in the cemetery whose grave could not be located and another commemorating a casualty buried in Bedminster Church Cemetery whose grave could not be maintained. There are 149 burials from the Second World War, some forming a small plot in an area in the upper part of the cemetery set aside for burials from the Naval Hospital at Barrow Gurney; the rest are scattered. Those whose graves are not marked by headstones are named on a Screen Wall Memorial. BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) CREMATORIUM stands within the cemetery. A memorial in front of the crematorium commemorates 68 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

(Information from CWGC)



Arnos Vale Cemetery - Main Entrance on Bath Road (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave)



(Photo from CWGC)



Soldiers' Corner – Arnos Vale Cemetery (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2017)



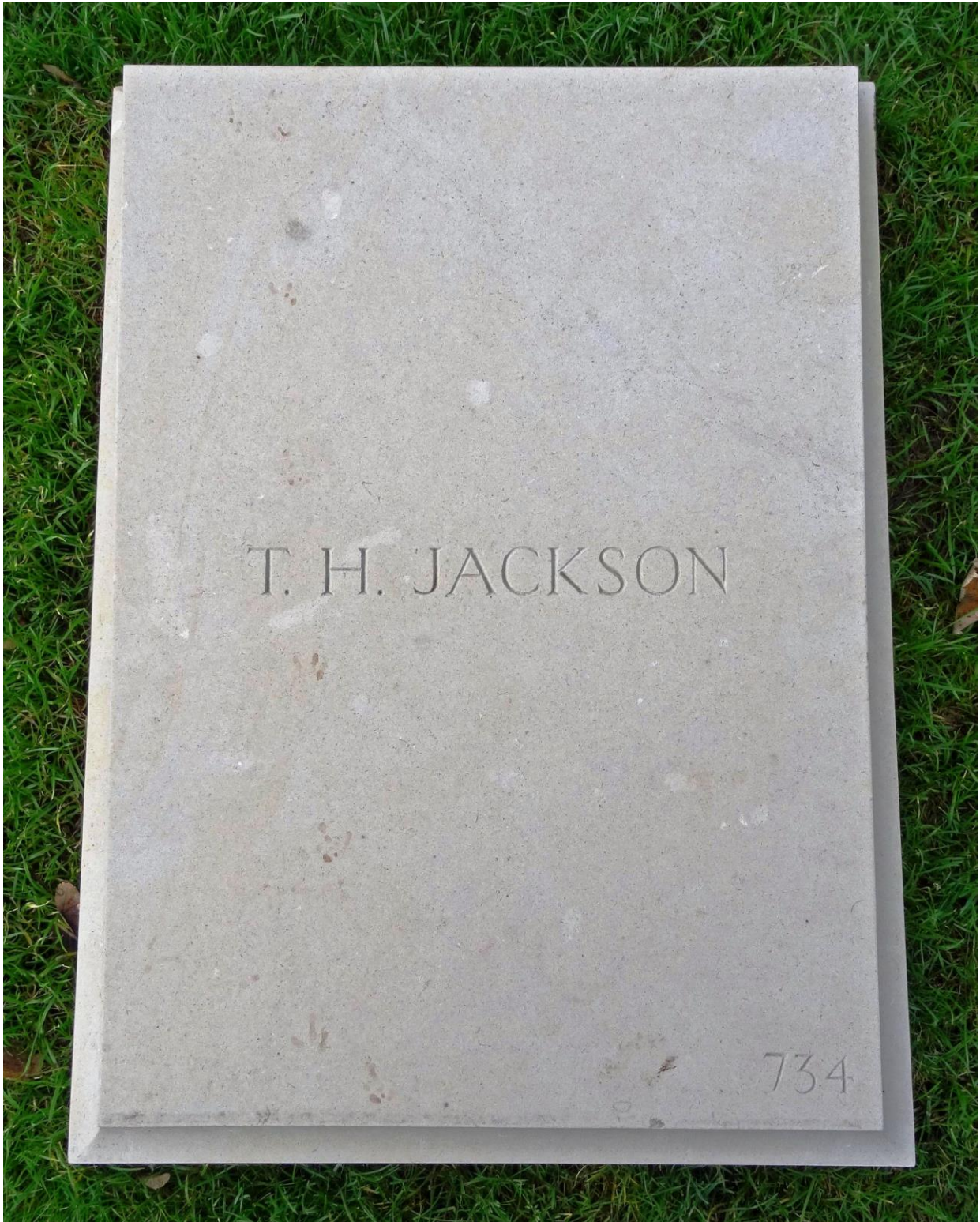
New Memorial Stones (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave November, 2018)

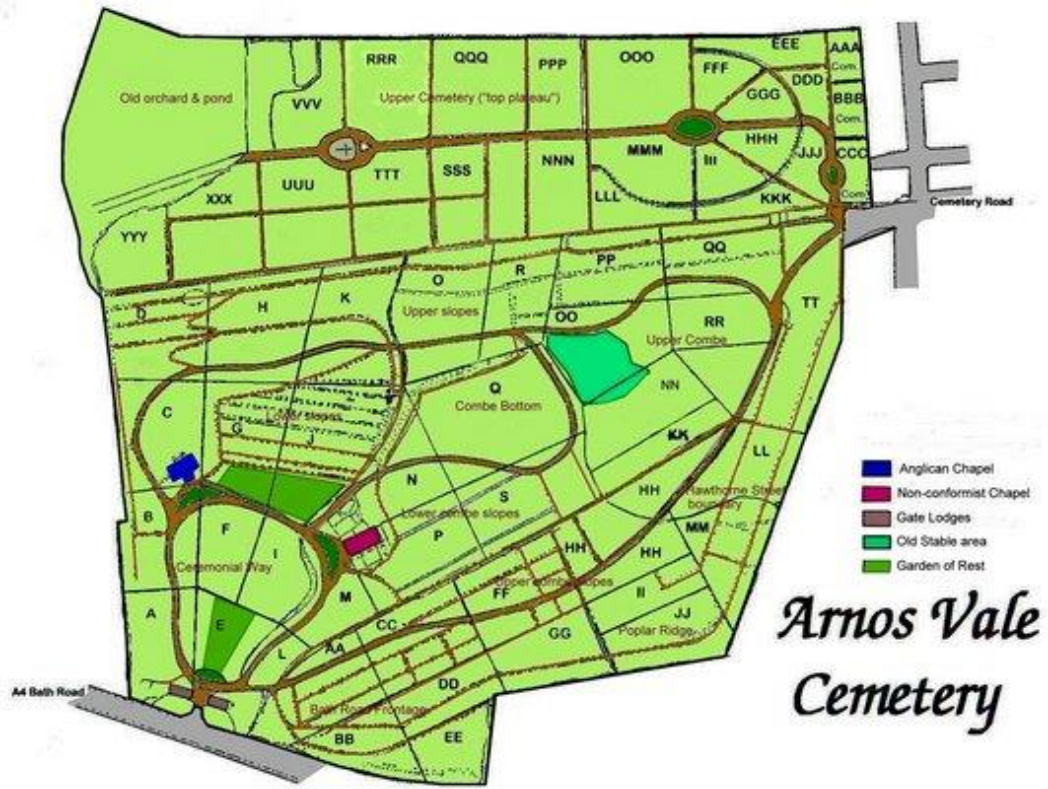
Photo of Private Thomas H. Jackson's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England & his Memorial Stone in Soldiers' Corner.



(Photos by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2019)

PTE. WILLIAM GREATHEAD 33RD BATTN.
PTE. WILLIAM FRANCIS HAM 22ND BATTN.
PTE. STANLEY L. JENKINS 11TH BATTN.
PTE. THOMAS H. JACKSON 26TH BATTN.
CPL. WILLIAM THORNTON JOHNSON 25TH BATTN.
PTE. DONALD MORRISON 54TH BATTN.
PTE. COLIN McCULLY 1ST BATTN.





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(Photo by Debra Polly – Find a Grave)