

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Brookwood, Surrey, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



58806 PRIVATE

A. E. JACKSON

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT

4TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 23

Arthur Edgar JACKSON

Arthur Edgar Jackson was born on 12th February, 1895 at Wellington, New Zealand to parents John William & Edith Naomi Jackson (nee Mason).

Arthur Edgar Jackson attended Terrace School, Wellington, New Zealand. He also attended Technical Secondary School, New Zealand.

John William Jackson, father of Arthur Edgar Jackson, died on 3rd October, 1911 in Mental Hospital, Porirua, Wellington, New Zealand.

Arthur Edgar Jackson was a 23 year old, single, Salesman from "Cecily", Lauderdale Avenue, Manly, NSW when he enlisted at Manly, NSW on 17th April, 1918 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 58806 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. N. Jackson, 38 Bay Street, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand.

Private Arthur Edgar Jackson was posted to Recruits Depot on 4th June, 1918 for recruit training. He was transferred to "C" Company, (Composite Battalion), 1st Infantry Depot Battalion at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 26th June, 1918.

Private Arthur Edgar Jackson embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Borda* (A30) on 17th July, 1918 with the 10th (New South Wales) General Service Reinforcements. He was appointed Acting Lance Corporal from 17th July, 1918, on embarkation, & then Voyage Only Corporal from 24th August, 1918. Voyage Only Corporal Jackson was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 28th August, 1918 with Diarrhoea & discharged the same day. He was re-admitted to Ship's Hospital on 22nd September, 1918 with Acute Appendicitis. Voyage Only Corporal Jackson disembarked to Hospital in UK from HMAT A 30 on 27th September, 1918.

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 Arthur Edgar Jackson was admitted to Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, England on 27th September, 1918 with Appendicitis – seriously ill.

Private Arthur Edgar Jackson died at 00.30 hrs on 4th October, 1918 at Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, England from Appendicitis.

A death for Arthur E. Jackson, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Woolwich, London, England.

Private Arthur Edgar Jackson was buried on 8th October, 1918 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 181659.

From the burial report of Private Arthur Edgar Jackson - Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag, and surmounted by beautiful flowers. The Rev: S. A. Beveridge, A.I.F. Headquarters, London, conducted the burial service at the graveside, and the "Last Post" was sounded. The grave will be turfed, and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.

Names of relatives or friends present at the Funeral – Brother – No. 71227, Pte Jackson, Bulford.

Base Records wrote to Mrs E. N. Jackson, 16 Buick St, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand, on 5th April, 1923 stating that the site of her son's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 4 Row G Grave 2.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference – IV. G. 11. Private A. E. Jackson now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private Arthur Edgar Jackson requested in his Will, dated 2nd July, 1918, that in the event of his death the whole of his property and effects to be given to his mother – Mrs Edith Naomi Jackson, 38 Bay St, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand.

The Public Trust Office, Sydney, NSW wrote to Base Records on 3rd December, 1918, on 23rd April, 1919 & again on 17th July, 1919 requesting a certificate of death in duplicate for Arthur Edgar Jackson, No. 58806.

The Public Trust Office replied to Base Records on 19th March, 1919 acknowledging receipt of the Death Certificate.

Base Records replied on 23rd July, 1919 enclosing a Certificate of report of death (in duplicate) of the late No. 58806, Private A. E. Jackson.

Base Records contacted Mrs E. N. Jackson, 38 Bay St, Petone, Wellington, New Zealand, on 8th June 1921 asking if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if Private Jackson's 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.

Base Records wrote to District Finance Officer, 2nd Military District on 27th November, 1922 requesting details as to whom the War Gratuity of the late No. 58806 Private A. E. Jackson had been paid to "*and whether your records disclose a good and sufficient reason as to why the claims of the father, if he still survives, should be ignored in the disposal of the War Medals, etc. Kindly also advise the full postal address of the recipient.*"

The District Finance Officer, 2nd Military District replied to Base Records on 2nd December, 1922 stating "*the father of the above named deceased soldier is also deceased and that gratuity in respect of the late soldier's services was paid to his mother, Mrs E. N. Jackson, 16 Buick Street, Petone, NZ.*"

Private Arthur Edgar Jackson 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 Jackson's mother – Mrs E. N. Jackson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent January, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Edgar Jackson – service number 58806, aged 23, of 10th Australian General Service Reinforcements. He was the son of Edith Naomi Jackson.

Private A. E. 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 185.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. E. Jackson is remembered on the Manly War Memorial, located at The Corso & Belgrave Street, Manly, NSW.



Manly War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia & War Memorials Register NSW)

A. E. Jackson is remembered on the Petone War Memorial located in Memorial Park, Petone, New Zealand.



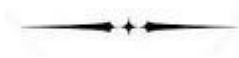


Petone War Memorial (Photos from New Zealand History)

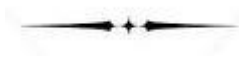
Arthur Edgar Jackson is remembered on the Auckland Museum On Line Cenotaph website, New Zealand.

(54 pages of Private Arthur Edgar 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) & National Archives



Private Arthur Edgar Jackson



Newspaper Notices

WHILE DOING THEIR DUTY

CASUALTIES AT THE FRONT

The death is reported of another well-known Wellington boy, Private Arthur Edgar Jackson, aged 23, youngest son of Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Bay-street, Petone (late of Northland, Wellington), who died in the Royal Herbert Hospital, London, of appendicitis. The late Private Jackson was a brother of the late Mr. Walter Sidney Jackson, one of New Zealand's best representative "soccer" players. He was born in Wellington, and educated at the Terrace School, and took a prominent position in the choir of St. Anne's Church, Northland. He was associated with his eldest brother in New South Wales in business at the time of his enlistment, and after a few weeks' brief visit to New Zealand returned, to Australia to join his regiment. Mrs. Jackson's eldest single son, Richard Jackson, of Petone, is serving with the 36th Reinforcements.

(Evening Post, New Zealand – 22 October, 1918)

FOR AUSTRALIA

NEW CASUALTY LIST

MANY WOUNDED

There are many wounded in casualty list No. 443, which was released this morning....

A. E. JACKSON, New Zealand (illness)

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 21 November, 1918)

NEW ZEALAND'S ROLL OF HONOUR

IN MEMORIAM

JACKSON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Corporal Arthur Edgar Jackson, who died at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, London, on the 4th October, 1918.

Upright and just in all his ways,
Honest and faithful to the end;
One year has passed but none can tell
The loss of a son and brother we loved so well.

Inserted by his loving mother, sister and brothers, Min, Dick, and Bert

(Evening Post, New Zealand – 4 October, 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 A. E. Jackson does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery.
In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)*



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)



Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



Australian War Graves *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Private A. E. Jackson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



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