

**Reading Cemetery,  
Reading, Berkshire  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**15676 SAPPER**

**H. G. JARMAN**

**AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS**

**23RD MAY, 1918 Age 19**

## Henry George JARMAN

Henry George Jarman was born in Redfern, Sydney, NSW in 1899 to parents George Henry and Elizabeth Annie Jarman (nee Clarke).

Henry George Jarman originally enlisted on 21st June, 1916 with the 28th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) with a service number of 35692. Henry George Jarman stated he was an 18 year old, single, Wireless Operator from Redfern, NSW. His next of kin was listed as his father – George Henry Jarman of 156 George Street, Redfern, Sydney, NSW & his religion was Church of England. Henry Jarman stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 4 years with Senior Cadets. As Henry George Jarman was under the age of 21 years, he needed both his parents' signed consent to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Henry George Jarman was only 17 years old when he enlisted.

Henry George Jarman was transferred to the 1st Divisional Signal Company, 22nd Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 17th July, 1916 with. His new service number was 15676.

Henry George Jarman was posted to Depot Signal Training Company at Kiama, NSW on 22nd July, 1916.

Sapper Henry George Jarman embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ascanius (A11)* on 25th October, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 28th December, 1916.

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.

Sapper Henry Jarman was marched in to Australian Details – No. 6 & 7 Camp at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 29th December, 1916.

Sapper Henry Jarman was marched in to Engineers Training Depot (Signal Section) at Perham Downs on 22nd January, 1917.

Sapper Henry Jarman was written up while posted at Wireless Training Centre, Worcester, England for refusing to obey orders on 9th April, 1917. He was awarded 168 hours detention.

Sapper Henry Jarman was admitted to Central Military Hospital, Aylesbury on 23rd July, 1917 with Gonorrhoea. He was transferred to Military Hospital, Court Farm, Warlingham on 28th July, 1917 – cause – not yet determined. Sapper Jarman was transferred to 1st A.D.H. (Australian Dermatological Hospital) at Bulford, Wiltshire on 17th August, 1917 with V.D. He was discharged on 22nd August, 1917 to Depot No. 20.

Sapper Henry Jarman proceeded overseas to France from Shefford via Folkestone on 8th September, 1917.

Sapper Henry Jarman was marched in to R. E. Signal Depot at Abbeville, on 11th September, 1917.

Sapper Henry Jarman was transferred to 1st Signal Company on 25th September, 1917 then transferred to 5th Signal Company on 26th September, 1917. Sapper Henry Jarman was taken on strength of 5th Divisional Signal Company in France on 26th September, 1917.

Sapper Henry Jarman was on leave to Paris for 8 days from 22nd March, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from leave on 4th April, 1918.

Sapper Henry Jarman was admitted to 13th Australian Field Ambulance on 4th May, 1918 with Trench Fever. He was transferred to 4th Casualty Clearing Station then transferred on 6th May, 1918 to Ambulance Train 28. Sapper Jarman was admitted to 16th General Hospital at Le Treport, France on 6th May, 1918 – P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). Sapper Henry Jarman was invalided to UK on 11th May, 1918 on Hospital Ship *West Australia*.

Sapper Henry Jarman was admitted to Reading War Hospital, Berkshire, England on 12th May, 1918 suffering from Trench Fever – severe.

Sapper Henry George Jarman died at 3.50 am on 23rd May, 1918 at Section 3 Reading War Hospital, Berkshire, England. An autopsy was conducted & the cause of death was from General Tuberculosis with Meningitis. (Cause of death was originally listed at Enteric Fever).

A death for Henry G. Jarman, aged 20, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Reading, Berkshire, England.

Sapper Henry George Jarman was buried on 27th May, 1918 in Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire – Screen Wall. 72.16447. Those buried in Plot 72 & buried in other parts of the cemetery that do not have headstones marking their graves are named on the Memorial Screen Wall located near the Cross of Sacrifice. Their deaths are still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Sapper Jarman - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military Funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. Prior to the interment a service was conducted by Chaplain the Rev. F. Bates. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by a beautiful wreath. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected at an early date. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Uncle and Aunt – Mrs and Mrs A. C. Anderson of 231 Romford Rd, Forest Gate, London were present at the funeral.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Sapper Henry George Jarman contains letter N. Walmsley, The Grand Hotel, Swanage which reads: *"Re Pte H. Jarman 15676 – 5th Div. Sig. Coy. I wrote to his Mother the day he died, telling her all I could about him but there really wasn't much to say. The boy had been in the Hpl. about a fortnight before he died, he didn't seem very ill then, but he never seemed quite right in his head. They said there was brain trouble as well as trench fever, which he was supposed to have, but he seemed quite comfortable and cheerful when he was awake. Typhoid (they thought it was) developed later, he died on the 23-5-18. We did all we could for him, the Sister never left him the last 24 hours, she is one of the nicest Sisters in the Hpl., he couldn't have had more care taken of him. He was unconscious mostly on the last few days. He was buried in the Reading Cemetery on the 27th. The Australians in the Hpl. carried the bier, and he was buried in the usual Military way, and with full honours."*

Mr George H. Jarman, father of the late Sapper Henry George Jarman, wrote to Base Records on 8th December, 1918 to thank them for the two photographs of the grave of his son.

A Statutory Declaration was signed by William Jarman, dated 13th December, 1922, stating that he was the eldest brother of the late No. 15676, Sapper H. G. Jarman, 5th D. Sig. Coy. & stated that his father – George Henry Jarman had died in May, 1921 & that the signature of Elizabeth Jarman authorising him to collect the Memorial Plaque was that of his mother & the mother of the late soldier.

Sapper Henry George Jarman was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sapper Jarman's father – Mr G. H. Jarman, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922). Elizabeth Jarman signed the receipts for Victory Medal Memorial Scroll

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper Henry George Jarman – service number 15676, aged 19, of 5th Div. Signal Coy. , Australian Engineers. He was the son of George Henry and Elizabeth Annie Jarman, of 156 George St., Redfern, Sydney.

Sapper H. G. Jarman is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 25.



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

H. G. Jarman is remembered on the Redfern Town Hall Honour Roll located at Redfern Town Hall, 73 Pitt Street, Redfern, Sydney, NSW.



**Redfern Town Hall Honour Roll**

*(Photo from Register of War Memorials in NSW – Mr Aub Silcock, Redfern RSL Sub-Branch)*

H. G. Jarman is remembered on the former St. Paul's Anglican Church Memorial Gates located at the now Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 242 Cleveland Street, Redfern, Sydney, NSW (right pillar).



**Former St. Paul's Anglican Church Memorial Gates, Redfern** (Photos from Monument Australia – Peter F. Williams)



(71 pages of Sapper Henry George Jarman'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*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

JARMAN – Died in France May 23, 1918, Sapper H. G. Jarman, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. H. Jarman and brother of William, Ellice, Alan and Fred, of George-street, Redfern, A young life nobly ended.

JARMAN - Died in France May 23, 1918, Sapper H. G. Jarman, dearly beloved grandson of Mr and Mrs H. Clarke, of Redfern, and nephew of William and Florrie Clarke, of Alexandria. Beloved by all who knew him.

JARMAN - Died in France May 23, 1918, Sapper H. G. Jarman, dearly beloved nephew of Mr and Mrs S. Yates, of Buckingham-street, Mr and Mrs E. Smith, of Newtown, and Auntie Emma. He made the supreme sacrifice for the love of his country.

JARMAN - Died in France May 23, 1918, Sapper H. G. Jarman, loving and sincere friend of Winnie Ferguson, of Arncliffe.

He would ne'er have loved me half so well,  
Loved he not honour more.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 8 June, 1918)*

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### **408th CASUALTY LIST**

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

DIED, CAUSE NOT STATED

Spr. HY. GEO. JARMAN, Redfern

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 13 June, 1918)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

JARMAN – Died in France, May 23, 1918, Sapper H. G. Jarman, A.I.F.

He was  
Words fail to say what  
Say all that is good and kind  
And he was that.

Inserted by his cobbers, Les and Roy.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 22 June, 1918)*

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### **RETURN THANKS**

Mr and Mrs G. H. JARMAN, of Redfern, wish to return their sincere THANKS to their kind relatives and friends for their expressions of sympathy, cards etc., during their recent sad bereavement.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 29 June, 1918)*

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### **On Active Service**

JARMAN – In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Sapper Henry George Jarman, died of illness contracted in France, May 23, 1918.

'Tis hard to think that ne'er again  
    Shall we behold the face  
That filled our hearts with happiness,  
    When clasped in love's embrace.  
A loving son, a gentle lad,  
    A friend to old and young;  
His young life given in honour's call,  
    O God, Thy will be done.

Inserted by his father, mother, brothers, William, Alan, and Fred, and sister Ellice.

JARMAN – In loving memory of our dear grandson and nephew, Sapper Henry George Jarman, died of illness, May 23, 1918.

Far away from those who loved him,  
In a soldier's grave he lies.

Inserted by his grandparents, Mr and Mrs H. Clarke, and Uncle Will and Aunt Florrie Clarke.

JARMAN – In sad but loving memory of our dearly loved nephew, Sapper H. G. Jarman (Harry), died of illness in England, May 23, 1918.

Gone from us all,  
How sadly we miss him.

Inserted by his affectionate aunts, Annie, Susan and Emma, also loving nephew and cousin of Mr and Mrs C. Jarman, and family, Lewisham.

JARMAN – In loving memory of Sapper H. G. Jarman, who died of illness, Reading Hospital, May 23, 1918.

A young life nobly ended. Inserted by his dear friend, Winnifred Ferguson.

JARMAN – In loving memory of Sapper H. G. Jarman, died May 23, 1918. Inserted by his friend, Jack Brearly (on active service).

JARMAN – In loving memory of Sapper Harry Jarman, who died May 23, dearly loved friend of Mr and Mrs D. R. Clark, Daisy and Elsie and loved pal of the late Sapper Albert Clark.

JARMAN – In loving memory of Sapper H. G. Jarman, who died on active service, May 23, 1918. Inserted by his pals, Les and Roy.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 23 May, 1919)*

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\*\*\*\*\* Notices were also placed in 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1928, 1929.

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Henry George Jarman is remembered on his parent's Headstone located in Rookwood Cemetery, near Lidcombe, Sydney, NSW – Anglican Zone C, Section 6, Grave 989. His father - George Jarman was buried on 22nd April, 1921. His mother – Elizabeth Jarman was buried on 7th August, 1935.



*(Photos courtesy of Gary & Irmgard Heap)*



MY DEAR HUSBAND &  
OUR DEAR FATHER  
GEORGE HENRY JAR MAN,  
DIED 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1921  
AGED 51 YEARS.

PEACE. PERFECT PEACE.  
ALSO OUR SON & BROTHER  
SAP. HENRY GEORGE JARMAN  
5<sup>TH</sup> DIV. SIGS.  
DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE  
23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 1918  
AGED 20 YEARS.

HE ROSE RESPONSIVE TO HIS COUNTRY'S  
CALL  
AND GAVE FOR HER HIS BEST —  
HIS LIFE HIS ALL





The inscription for Henry George Jarman reads:

*Also Our Son & Brother*

*Sap HENRY GEORGE JARMAN*

*5TH Divn Sigs*

*Died On Active Service*

*23RD MAY 1918*

*Aged 20 Years*

*He Rose Responsive To His Country's*

*Call*

*And Gave For Her His Best –*

*His Life His All*

## Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire, England

Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire contains 248 War Graves, 17 of those being from Australian Forces – World War 1.

The War Graves Plot is situated at the back of the cemetery, in the right hand corner from the entrance. A Screen Wall Memorial commemorates those buried in Plot 72 and those buried in other parts of the cemetery whose graves are not marked by headstones. There are 207 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 41 of the 1939-1945 war. There is also 1 Serbian burial.

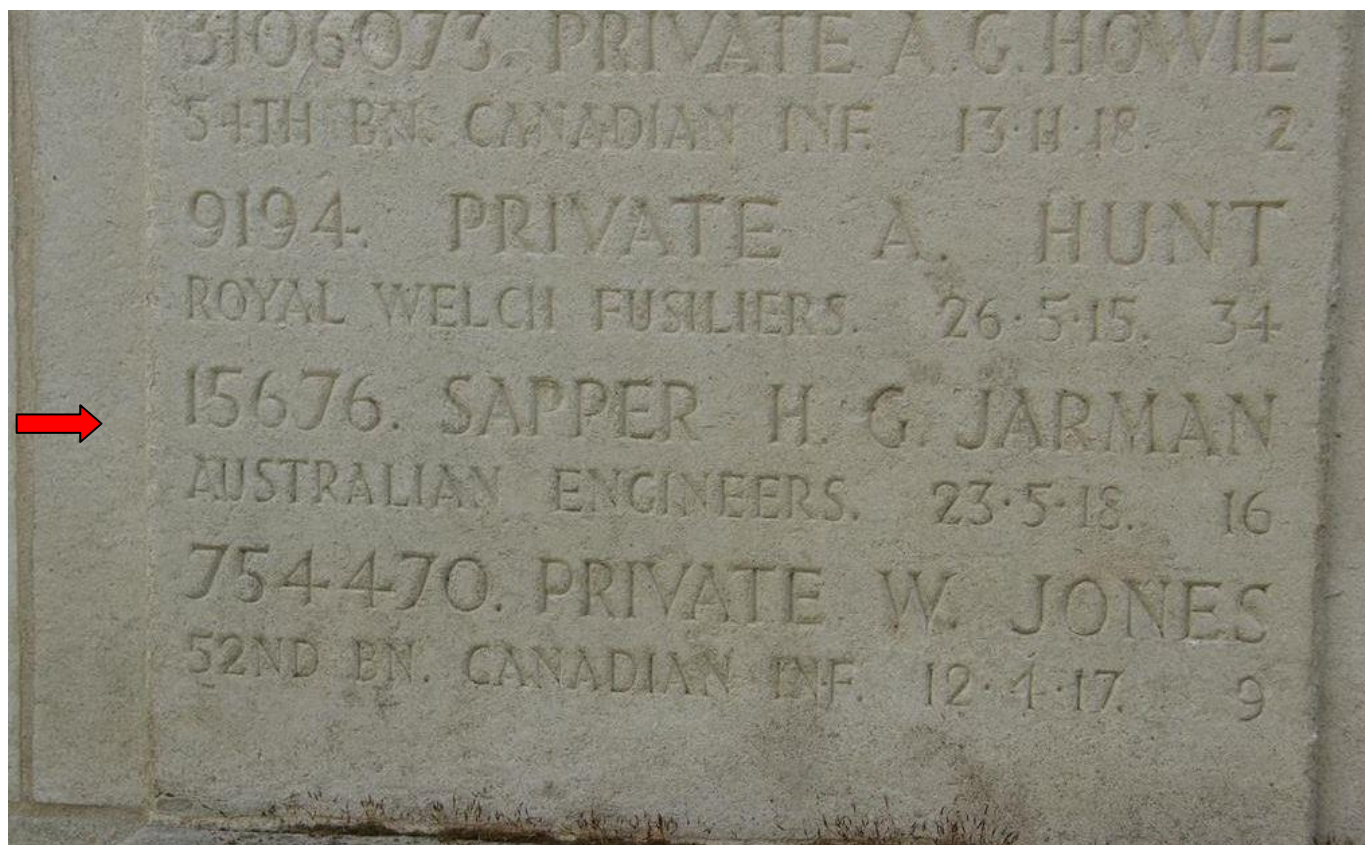
*(Information & photos from CWGC)*



**Cross of Sacrifice & Memorial Screen Wall, Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire** *(Photos from CWGC)*



Photo of Sapper H. G. Jarman's name on the Screen Wall Memorial in Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Phil Wood)*