

**All Souls Cemetery,
Kensal Green, London, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2831 CORPORAL

T. H. JENKIN

58TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH JANUARY, 1917

A Thoughtful Son

Loving And Kind

A Beautiful Memory

Left Behind

Thomas Henry JENKIN

Thomas Henry Jenkin was born at North Williamstown, Victoria in 1893 to parents Henry and Helen Jenkin (nee Rodger).

The 1914 & 1915 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Melbourne Ports, subdivision of Williamstown North, Victoria, recorded Thomas Henry Jenkin, Warehouse employee, of 6 Douglas Parade.

Thomas Henry Jenkin was a 22 year old, single, Salesman from 6 Douglas Parade, Williamstown, Victoria when he enlisted on 19th June, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2831 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr H. Jenkin, of 6 Douglas Parade, Williamstown, Victoria.

Lance Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin was posted to Depot Battalion on 7th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 19th July, 1915 with the 9th Reinforcements of 7th Battalion.

Private Thomas Henry Jenkin (listed on the Embarkation Roll as "Private Thomas Harry Jenkins") embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Star of Victoria (A16)* on 10th September, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

Lance Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin was admitted to Anzac Advance Base from Alexandria on 4th December, 1915 & was discharged to join his unit on 6th December, 1915.

Lance Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin joined 7th Battalion at Anzac & reverted to rank of Private on 7th December, 1915.

Private Thomas Henry Jenkin disembarked at Alexandria from HMT *Empress of Britain* on 7th January, 1916.

Private Thomas Henry Jenkin was transferred to 59th Battalion on 24th February, 1916 from 7th Battalion at Serapeum. He was taken on strength of 59th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir the same day.

Private Thomas Henry Jenkin was transferred to 58th Battalion on 15th March, 1916 from 59th Battalion. . He was taken on strength of 58th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir the same day.

Private Thomas Henry Jenkin was promoted to Corporal from 11th May, 1916.

Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin embarked from Alexandria on *Transylvania* on 17th June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916.

Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin was wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to 8th Casualty Clearing Station on 20th July, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to chest then transferred to Ambulance Train on 23rd July, 1916. Corporal Jenkin was admitted to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 23rd July, 1916. He embarked on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel* on 25th July, 1916 for England with gunshot wounds to chest.

58th Battalion

The 58th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 17 February 1916 as part of the expansion of the AIF. Roughly half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 6th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 6th, the 58th was predominantly composed of men from Victoria. The battalion became part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Having only arrived in France on 23 June, the 58th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front at Fromelles on 19 July. The battle was a disaster. The 58th had the dual role of providing carrying parties and a reserve force. The reserve force (approximately half of the battalion) was ordered to attack late in the battle and was virtually annihilated by machine-gun fire; as a whole, the 58th suffered casualties equal to almost a third of its strength. Despite the grievous losses in its battalions, the 5th Division continued to man the front in the Fromelles sector for a further two months.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

From the 58th Battalion War Diary for the 19th July, 1916 - 6 Officers were wounded with 4 Officers missing while there were 27 Other Ranks killed, 161 wounded & 49 missing.

Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin was admitted to Great Northern General Hospital, Holloway Road, London, England on 28th July, 1916.

Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin died at 8.20 pm on 9th January, 1917 at the Great Northern General Hospital, Holloway Road, London, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds to chest.

A death for Thomas H. Jenkin, aged 23, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Islington, Greater London, England.

Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin was buried at 11 am on 13th January, 1917* in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number 22, Square 213, Row 8 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte (*Note: Several forms in the Service Record file of Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin record that he was buried on 9th January, 1917. This would be incorrect as he died at 8.20 pm on 9th January, 1917. A telegram from 2nd London General Hospital, Fulham Road to Administrative Headquarters states that Cpl. T. H. Jenkin died and “Funeral will take place on Saturday 13th January 1917 at 11 a.m. Kensal Green Cemetery, Harrow Road.”)

A letter was written from Base Records on 19th April, 1920 to Mr H. Jenkin, 14 Douglas Parade, N. Williamstown, Victoria, father of the late Corporal T. H. Jenkin, advising that the remains of his son had been exhumed from the former site & re-interred in Grave No. 10, Section 173, Kensal Green Cemetery, London. The letter stated that “This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”

Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Jenkin’s father – Mr H. Jenkin, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin – service number 2831, of 58th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Henry and Helen Jenkin, of 14 Douglas Parade, North Williamstown, Victoria, Australia. Born at North Williamstown.

Corporal T. H. Jenkin is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 165.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

T. H. Jenkin is remembered on the North Williamstown Presbyterian Church (now St. Stephens).



North Williamstown Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour (Photo from Sons of Williamstown)

T. H. Jenkin is remembered on the Williamstown Cenotaph/War Memorial located at Nelson Place, Ferguson Street & The Strand, Williamstown, Victoria.



Williamstown Cenotaph (Photo from Monument Australia)

T. H. Jenkin is remembered on the 1914-1919 Photo Honour Board for Williamstown.



The 1919 Photograph Image held by Williamstown Historical Society

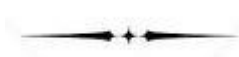


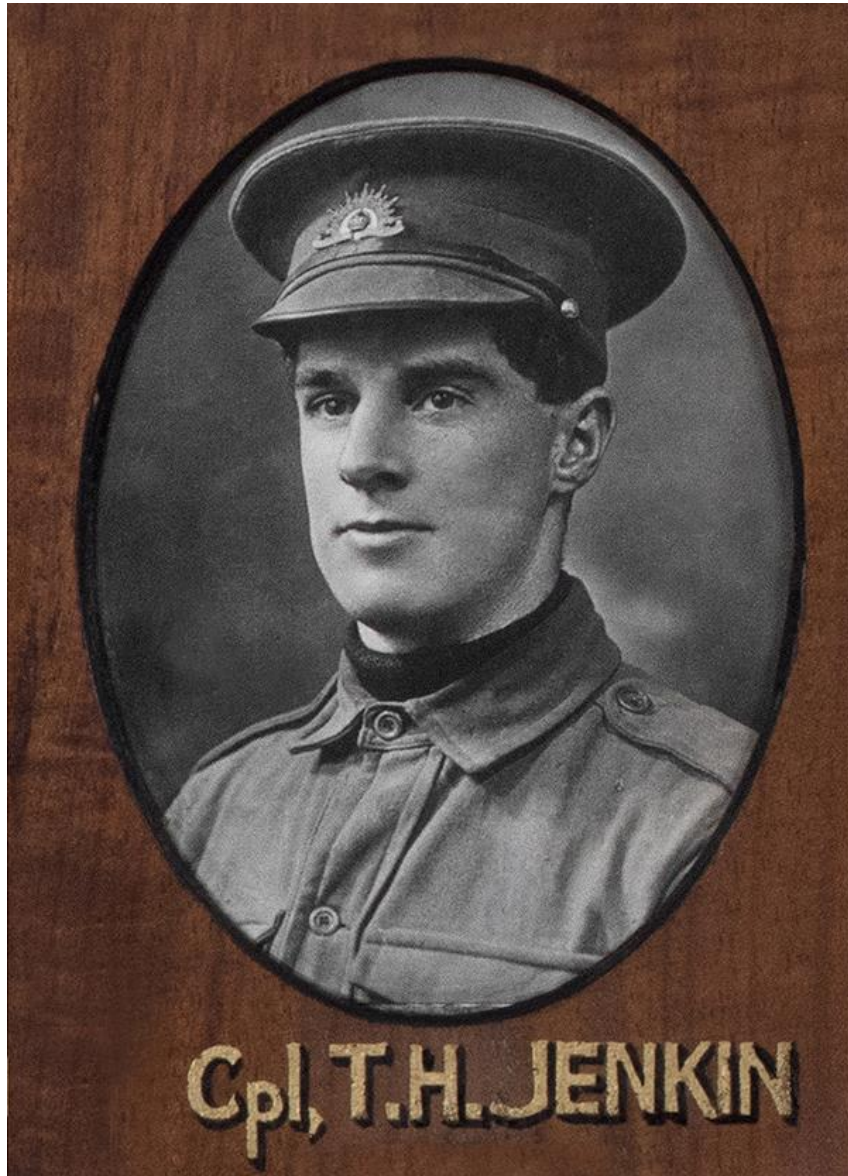
The renewed Williamstown Honour Board, located in the Town Hall Ballroom Foyer

(Photo from Sons of Williamstown)

(42 pages of Corporal Thomas Henry Jenkin'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





(Photo from Sons of Williamstown)



Newspaper Notices

Unveiling Roll of Honor

AT NORTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An interesting ceremony took place last Sunday evening at the North Presbyterian Church, the Rev. John Caldwell occupying the pulpit, and conducting a special service to honor the young men connected with the congregation who have given their services to the country.....The honor roll has been placed on the western wall of the church, on the left of the pulpit, and is of handsome design.

Mr G. Halley, senior member of the board of management performed the unveiling ceremony, and Master W. Roberts sounded out the "Last Post: un memory of those who had fallen....."

The roll contains over 100 names, as follow:-T. H. Jenkin,

(Footscray Chronicle, Victoria – 30 September, 1916)

FALLEN HEROES

CORPORAL T. H. JENKIN

News was received this week of the death at the Great Northern Hospital, England, of Corporal Tom Jenkins, from wounds received at the battle of *Pozieres*, France. He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. Jenkin, Douglas Parade, and was just on 24 years of age. The deceased hero enlisted some considerable time back. From infancy he had been connected with the Melbourne road Presbyterian Church, and since the inception of the Young Men's Class he had been one of the most prominent members and prior to enlisting was its secretary. By his death one of the town's most promising young men have been removed, and his loss will be keenly felt by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

(*Williamstown Chronicle*, Victoria – 13 January, 1917)

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(*Williamstown Chronicle*, Victoria – 13 January, 1917) & (*Williamstown Advertiser*, Victoria – 13 January, 1917)

DEATHS

On Active Service

JENKIN – A tribute to the memory of our late secretary and clubmate, Corporal T. H. Jenkin, who died in London on the 9th January, from wounds received in France whilst defending his country.

Quit ye like men. Duty nobly done.

-Inserted by members North Williamstown Presbyterian Bible Class and Tennis Club.

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 January, 1917)

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(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 January, 1917)

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-Inserted by those associated with him while in the service of A. E. Fisher and Son Pty Ltd.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 January, 1917)

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 January, 1917)

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

The 266th and 267th casualty lists.....

DIED OF WOUNDS

Corporal T. Jenkins, North Williamstown

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 24 January, 1917)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

Mr and Mrs H. JENKIN and Family and Miss Richardson desire to return sincere thanks to their many kind friends for cards, letters and visits of sympathy in their great bereavement in the death of their beloved Corporal T. H. Jenkin.

14 Douglas Parade, North Williamstown.

(*Footscray Chronicle*, Victoria – 3 March, 1917)

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)

Corporal T. H. Jenkin does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

(Information from CWGC)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green *(Photo by Rodney Burton)*

Photo of Corporal T. H. Jenkin's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



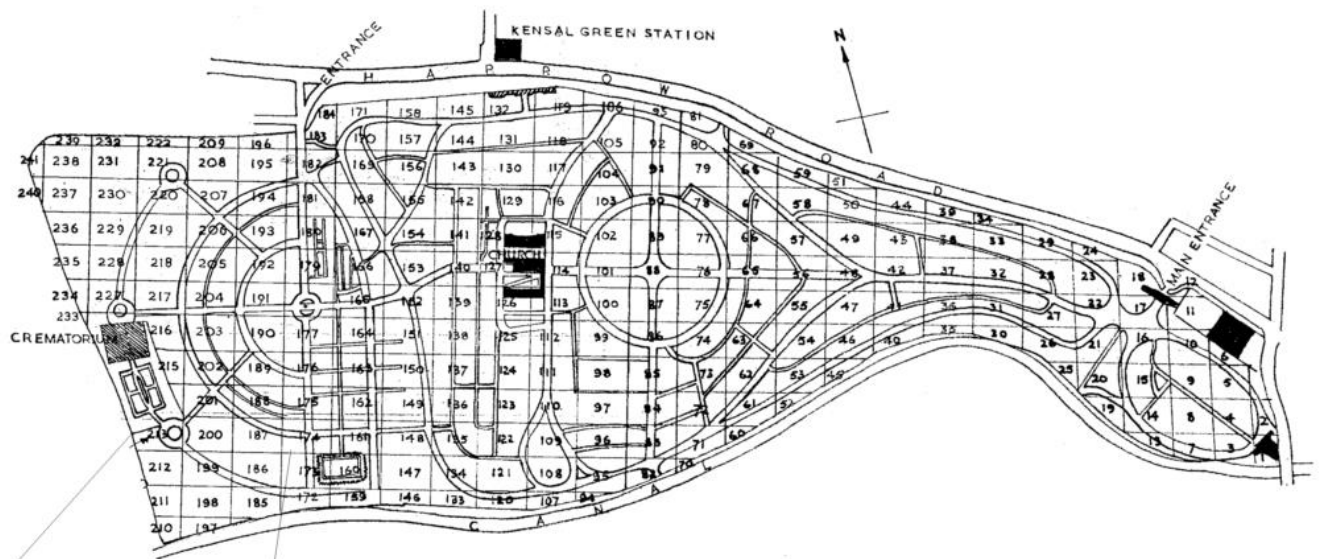
(Photo courtesy of Francois Greeff)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo courtesy of Francios Greeff)



Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo by Chris Doran)



Sect. 213 : Main U.K. and N.Z. Plot.
 Sect. 173 and 174 : Main Dominion Plot