

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



98 SAPPER

G. L. JONES

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

27TH SEPTEMBER, 1915 Age 52

He Gave His Best

His Life, His All

For King And Country

George Longworth JONES

George Longworth Jones was born at Coventry, Warwickshire, England between 1863 & 1886* to parents George and Selina Jones.

*[*Note – due to the variation in the age recorded for George Longworth Jones – it is difficult to locate him on the Censuses in UK. There is no “George Longworth Jones” listed on any Census – he would probably be listed as only “George Jones”. According to his age on enlisting with the A.I.F. – George was born in 1876. According to the newspaper item regarding his divorce – he was married in 1884. According to the death registered age in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England – he was born in 1886 & according to the age of death on the CWGC headstone – he was born in 1863.]*

George Longworth Jones came to Australia when he was 18 years old, according to information supplied by his wife – Ida Mary Jones, for the Roll of Honour. She also included the following information – served with New South Wales Naval Force – China War. He was known as “Bulldog” Jones. He was a “Boxer & all round athlete and dog fancier, fond of animals.” Mrs Jones had included a photo of Sapper George Longworth Jones taken with a horse in Egypt. He was an orderly to Lieut. Dawkins.

Able Seaman George Longworth Jones embarked on 8th August, 1900 on SS *Salamis* for the China 1900-1901 (Boxer Uprising) as part of the New South Wales Naval Contingent. He returned to Australia on 25th April, 1901 on SS *Chingtu*.

Newspaper item – *The Australian Star*, Sydney, NSW – 17 October, 1901:

DIVORCE COURT

JONES v. JONES

A seaman named George Longworth Jones, of Waverley, petitioned for divorce from Elizabeth Frances Jones, formerly Pierson, on the ground of her adultery with John Kelly, who was joined as co-respondent. Mr. O'Reilly appeared for the petitioner. It was deposed by the petitioner that he was married in September, 1884, at Dublin, according to the rites of the Church of Ireland. Last year he went with the New South Wales Naval Contingent to China. He had previously separated from his wife on account of her drinking habits, and he made her an allowance of £5 per month. Before going to China he went to her, and she refused to let him see the children. Kelly was there at the time. Petitioner returned from Peking on May 2 last, and was met at Circular Quay, by his wife. He asked her whether she was going to mend her ways, and she replied that all she wanted him to do was "to take his children." Evidence was given by Annie Johnson, to the effect that the respondent and Kelly had lived together at Pymont. After hearing evidence his Honor granted a decree nisi, to be moved returnable in three months.

Newspaper item – *The Sydney Morning Herald*, Sydney, NSW – 12 February, 1902:

DIVORCE COURT

DECREES ABSOLUTE

The decrees pronounced in the following suits were made absolute and the respective marriages declared void:-... George Longworth Jones v. Elizabeth Frances Jones.

A marriage was registered for a “George L. Jones and Ida M. Gaist” in 1903 in Sydney, NSW, Australia.

George Longworth Jones stated he was a 38 year old, married (with no children), Lineman & Electrician (his wife state for the Roll of Honour that her husband was also a Watch maker & Seaman) from Commercial Hotel, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria when he enlisted on 4th September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 98 & his religion was Protestant. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Margaret Jones, of Commercial Hotel, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, Victoria. George Longworth Jones stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been with the Royal Navy for 10 years. George Jones had tattoos on both arms.

Sapper George Longworth Jones was posted to 2nd Field Company Engineers on 4th September, 1914 for recruit training.

Sapper George Longworth Jones embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Orviato* (A3) on 21st October, 1914 with the 2nd Field Company Engineers.

Sapper George Longworth Jones proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 5th April, 1915.

Sapper George Longworth Jones was admitted to Hospital with Influenza on 24th April, 1915 & reported for duty at Gallipoli on 31st May, 1915.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Anzac Beach, Gallipoli. 1915. Encampment used by members of No. 2 Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers, on the beach. Note the two soldiers relaxing in the background and the array of kits, clothing and rifles scattered around the bivouac. (Original housed in AWM Archive Store)

Sapper George Longworth Jones was transferred to Hospital ship *Neuralia* on 12th August, 1915 with gastro enteritis.

Sapper George Longworth Jones was taken to Hospital at Anzac on 23rd August, 1915. He was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance on 23rd August, 1915 then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station with Pyrexia (fever) the same day. Sapper Jones was transferred & admitted to Canadian Stationary Hospital at Mudros on 24th August, 1915. He was transferred from Mudros on 16th September to SS *Aquitania* & embarked for England on *Aquitania* on 18th September, 1915.

Sapper George Longworth Jones was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England on 26th September, 1915 with Enteric.

Sapper George Longworth Jones died on 27th September, 1915 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from Enteric fever, contracted whilst on active service.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

A death for George L. Jones, aged 29, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

Sapper George Longworth Jones was buried on 29th September, 1915 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1729 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mrs Margaret L. Jones wrote the following letter, dated 5th April, 1916: *"I Margaret Jones, late of Commercial Hotel, Elizabeth Street, Melbourne and now residing at Pelham Street, Carlton, who am recorded by the Defence Department as the wife of No. 98 Sapper G. L. Jones, 2nd Field Company Engineers, Australian Imperial Force, desire that the personal effects of the above mentioned soldier, now deceased, be hand over to Mrs I. M. Jones, of 31 Regent Street, Fitzroy, and her receipt for same will be a full acknowledgement."* The personal effects of the late Sapper George Longworth Jones were handed over to Mrs Ida M. Jones on 6th April, 1916.

Sapper George Longworth Jones was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sapper Jones' widow – Mrs I. M. Jones (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1923 to Mrs I. M. Paxman, remarried widow).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper George Longworth Jones – service number 98, aged 52, of 2nd Field Company, Australian Engineers. He was the son of George and Selina Jones, of Port Melbourne, Australia; husband of Ida Mary Jones.

Sapper G. L. Jones is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 24.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

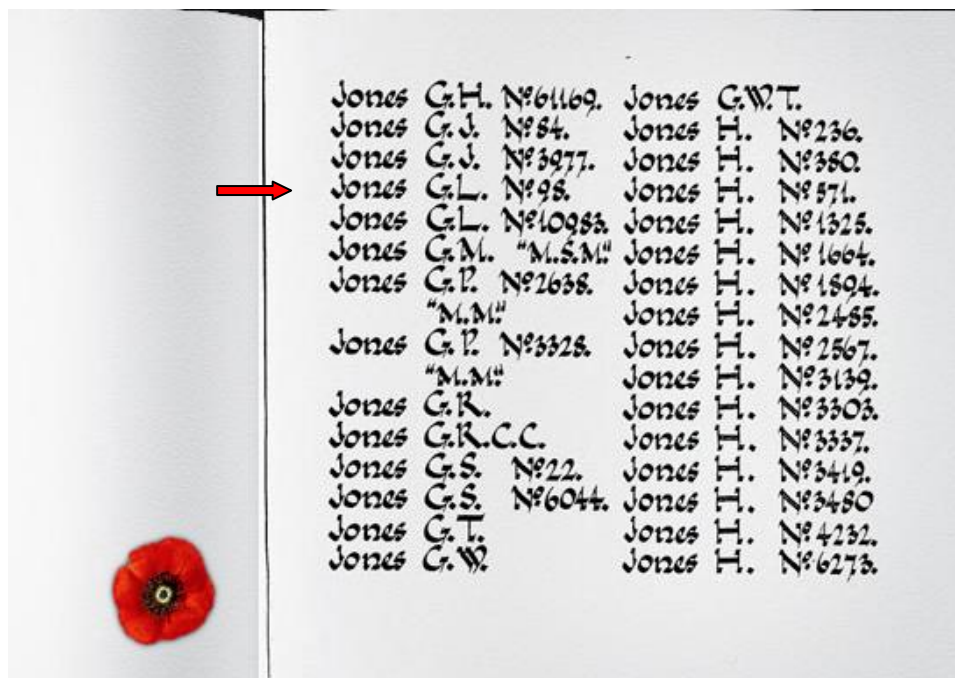
A tree to commemorate those who served with the 2nd Field Company Engineers, A.I.F. was planted in 1934 at the Shrine Reserve, Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne, Victoria.



(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)



G. L. Jones is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(34 pages of Sapper George Longworth Jones' 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



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

H1 2105

Five members of the 2nd Field Engineers.

The man at the rear is No 98 Sapper George Longworth Jones

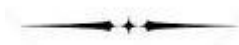


AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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98, GEORGE LONGWORTH JONES, 2ND FIELD ENGINEERS,

DIED OF ENTERIC FEVER AT NETLEY HOSPITAL, ENGLAND, ON 1915-09-27.



Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOR

THE NINETY-SECOND CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF SICKNESS

Sapper G. L. Jones, Melbourne

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 16 October, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

JONES – In loving memory of my dear husband, George Longworth Jones, 2nd Field Eng., A.I.F., died of enteric fever at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, on September 27, 1915; was twice wounded at Gallipoli; also saw active service with N.S.W. Naval Brigade, China (known as Bulldog Jones). He died as he lived. Inserted by his wife, Ida Mary Jones, Blink Bonnie, Innesdale-street, Arncliffe. New Zealand and Birmingham papers please copy.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 31 May, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

JONES – In loving memory of my husband, Sapper George Longworth Jones, who died at Netley Hospital, England, September 27, 1915, while on active service.

Thy will be done.

Inserted by his wife, Ida Mary Jones

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 27 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

JONES – In loving memory of my husband, Sap. George Longworth Jones, No. 98, 2nd Field Engineers, died 27th September, 1915, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, of wounds and enteric fever. Nearer, my God, to Thee.

Inserted by his wife, Ida M. Jones.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 September, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

The Anzac Heroes

JONES – In loving memory of my husband, Sap. George Longworth Jones, No. 98, 2nd Field Engineers, died 27th September, 1915, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, England, of wounds and enteric fever.

Each sorrow has its purpose,
Oft by the sorrowing unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning,
Whatever God sends is best.
Nearer, my God to Thee.

Inserted by his wife, Ida M. Jones. 32 Garton-street, Port Melbourne.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 September, 1919)

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(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 September, 1920)

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*)

Sapper G. L. Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire





Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Sapper G. L. Jones' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery