

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1550 PRIVATE

HORACE N. JONES

18TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

13TH SEPTEMBER, 1915 Age 23

Erected By His Loving Sisters

Horace Newby JONES

Horace Newby Jones was born at Paddington, NSW in 1892 to parents George Parker Jones and Ellen Jones

Horace Newby Jones attended Woollahra Public School, NSW.

Horace Newby Jones was a 23 year old, single, Bricklayer from Imperial Avenue, Bondi, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 10th April, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1550 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Miss Nellie Jones, of Imperial Avenue, Bondi, Sydney, NSW.

Private Horace Newby Jones embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Themistocles (A32)* on 12th May, 1915 with the 18th Infantry Battalion, 1st Reinforcements.

Private Horace Newby Jones was wounded in action at Gallipoli Peninsula on 27th August, 1915. He was transferred to Base at Anzac on 28th August, 1915 with gunshot wounds to arm & fracture. Pte Jones was invalided to England from Mudros on 29th August, 1915 on Hospital Ship *Devanha*.

18th Battalion

The 18th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August, and on 22 August landed at ANZAC Cove.

The battalion had not been ashore a day when it was committed to the last operation of the August Offensive ' the attack on Hill 60 ' which lasted until 29 August and cost it 50 per cent casualties. For the rest of the campaign the 18th played a purely defensive role, being primarily responsible for holding Courtney's Post. The last members of the battalion left Gallipoli on 20 December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 18th Battalion - Extracts from the field diary of Lt Col George Francis Murphy relating the 20th Battalion

August 26th

Went round 18th Bn trenches on Russell Top. Saw periscope rifles in use. Dead Aust. everywhere. Hear 310 attacked on 8th & 237 killed. We take over at Noon. Took charge of No. 1 Post. Made demonst. at 9.15 pm. Turks replied vigorously. About 10,000 rds amm. used up.

August 27th

At 1 am old 75 drove a hole into our gun position. At 14.50 a demonstration took place but Turks ready. Good sniping along front. Sgt Paine had magazine blown off. No damage. At 16. a determined attack was made on our left Lyddite & shrapnel rained & the MG's hummed. Fancy our men O.K. Heavy firing in front. 75 at it.

Private Horace Newby Jones was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England on 12th September, 1915.

Private Horace Newby Jones died at 3.10 am on 13th September, 1915 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action – guns shot wounds to right upper arm, with compound fracture of humerus. Right arm was amputated below the shoulder.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

A death for Horace M. Jones, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

Private Horace Newby Jones was buried on 15th September, 1915 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1723. He has a Private headstone but his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Nelly Jones, sister of the late Private Horace Newby Jones & listed as next-of-kin, received & signed for the personal effects of her late brother on 4th July, 1916.

Una M. Jones, of 34 Brae Street, Waverley, signed a Statutory Declaration on 24th July, 1922, stating that she declared herself *“to be the eldest surviving sister of Miss N. Jones who died on the 10th June, 1921, and whose name was given as next-of-kin to Private H. N. Jones (No. 1550) 18th Battalion, who died from wounds received a Gallipoli.”*

Private Horace Newby Jones was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal (Victory Medal was signed for by U. M. Jones in December, 1922). A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Jones' sister – Miss N. Jones, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent April, 1922 & signed for by Una Jones).

Una Myee Gregory, only remaining sister of the late Private Horace Newby Jones, applied for the Gallipoli Medallion on 30th July, 1967.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Horace Newby Jones – service number 1550, of 18th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of George Parker Jones and Ellen Jones, of Paddington, New South Wales.

Private H. N. 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 86.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. Jones is remembered on the Waverley Park Soldiers' Memorial, located in Waverley Park, Bondi Road, Bondi, NSW.



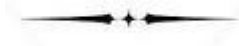
Waverley Park Soldiers' Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



Waverley Park Soldiers' Memorial

(40 pages of Private Horace Newby 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) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

JONES – Died September 13, at Netley Hospital, of wounds received a Dardanelles, Private Horace N. Jones, 1st Reinforcements, 18th Battalion, youngest son of the late G. P. Jones, Builder, of Paddington, brother of Messrs G. P., T. H., S. C., R. F., and Misses Nellie, Amy and Myee Jones, of Imperial avenue, Bondi. At duty's call.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 2 October, 1915)

CASUALTIES

EIGHTY-SIXTH LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF WOUNDS

H. N. JONES, 18 B., 1 R., Bondi

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 5 October, 1915)

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 Horace N. Jones does not have a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone but instead has a Private Headstone which was erected by his sisters.

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 Private Horace N. Jones' Private Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery