

Tidworth Military Cemetery, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1824 DRIVER

A. C. JONES MM.

AUST. MACHINE GUN CORPS

8TH AUGUST, 1917

Peace Perfect Peace

Alfred Charles JONES

Charles Alfred Jones was born at Ringarooma, Scottsdale, Tasmania on 14th September, 1890 to parents Robert & Sarah Jones (nee Williams).

Alfred Charles Jones was a 24 year old, single, Farmer from 141 Mile Gate, Katanning East, Western Australia when he enlisted on 27th January, 1915 at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1824 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Robert Jones, Scottsdale, Tasmania. Alfred Charles Jones stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 2 years with 12th Australian Infantry.

Private Alfred Charles Jones was posted to Depot Company on 27th January, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion on 8th March, 1915.

Private Alfred Charles Jones embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Argyllshire (A8)* on 19th April, 1915 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 16th Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements.

Private Alfred Charles Jones was taken on strength of 16th Battalion at Gallipoli Peninsula on 2nd June, 1915. He disembarked at Alexandria from *Ascanius* on 30th December, 1915 (after the evacuation of Gallipoli).

16th Battalion

The 16th Battalion AIF was raised from 16 September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. Three-quarters of the battalion were recruited in Western Australia, and the rest in South Australia. With the 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions it formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.

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From May to August the battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead, and in August the 4th Brigade attacked Hill 971. The hill was taken at great cost, although Turkish reinforcements forced the Australians to withdraw. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. While there the AIF expanded and was reorganised. The 16th Battalion was split and provided experienced soldiers for the 48th Battalion. The 4th Brigade was combined with the 12th and 13th Brigades to form the 4th Australian Division...

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Alfred Charles Jones was transferred & taken on strength of No. 4 Machine Gun Company at Tel-el-Kebir on 9th March, 1916 & appointed Driver to complete Establishment.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones proceeded from Alexandria on 1st June, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 9th June, 1916.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones reported sick on 16th October, 1916. He was admitted to 4th Australian Field Ambulance on 16th October, 1916 with Scabies & was transferred to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on the same day with Sebaceous Cystitis. Driver Jones was transferred & admitted to 14th General Hospital at Wimereux on 16th October, 1916 with a Cyst then transferred to 1st Convalescent Depot at Boulogne, France on 17th October, 1916. He was discharged on 18th October, 1916 & admitted to 3rd Large Rest Camp at Boulogne. Driver Jones was posted to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) on 22nd October, 1916 & rejoined his Unit on 4th November, 1916.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was recommended for the Military Medal on 14th December, 1916. *"This Driver was attached to the pack Mule Transport Corps. He delivered Rations daily under heavy shell fire and under great difficulties and at times when shells burst amongst the animals he displayed great initiative and coolness and saved them from stampeding. He personally saved several animals from suffocation that had fallen into shell holes and thus saved the mules and Rations which at that time were urgently needed. He set a fine example to his fellow drivers."*

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was recommended for the Military Medal on 17th December, 1916. He was one of sixteen men recommended: *"During the operations near GUEUDE COURT from 15-11-16 to 6-12-16 these N.C.O.'s and Med did most excellent work as members of the Divisional Pack Transport Troop. They are selected from the 256 N.C.O.'s and Drivers as having set a fine example to the remainder by their coolness under fire, determination, and resource. They never failed in getting the mules up to Battalion Headquarters although they came constantly under shell fire, during which a number of mules were killed. Their work was done at night under the most difficult conditions, and they were instrumental in saving a number of valuable animals from drowning when bogged in shell holes in the portion of their journey beyond Brigade Headquarters, which was under constant shell fire. I strongly recommend them for reward."*

Driver Alfred Charles Jones reported sick on 5th January, 1917. He was admitted to 4th Australian Field Ambulance on 5th January, 1917 then transferred to 1st Anzac R. R. Station the same day. Driver Jones was transferred & admitted to 45th Casualty Clearing Station on 26th January, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train 25. He was admitted to 3rd Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Dunluce Castle* from Havre, France on 29th January, 1917 with I.C.T. (Inflammation of connective tissues) left finger.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was awarded the Military Medal on 20th January, 1917. (London Gazette – 19 February, 1917; Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 25 July, 1917)

Military Medal

The Military Medal (MM) was a military decoration awarded to personnel of the British Army and other arms of the armed forces, and to personnel of other Commonwealth countries, below commissioned rank, for bravery in battle on land. The award was established in 1916, with retrospective application to 1914, and was awarded to other ranks for "acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire". (*Wikipedia*)



Military Medal (MM)

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was admitted to 1st Southern General Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham, England on 30th January, 1917 with I.C.T. Thumb. He was discharged to furlough from 12th February, 1917 to 27th February, 1917 & was then to report to Perham Downs.

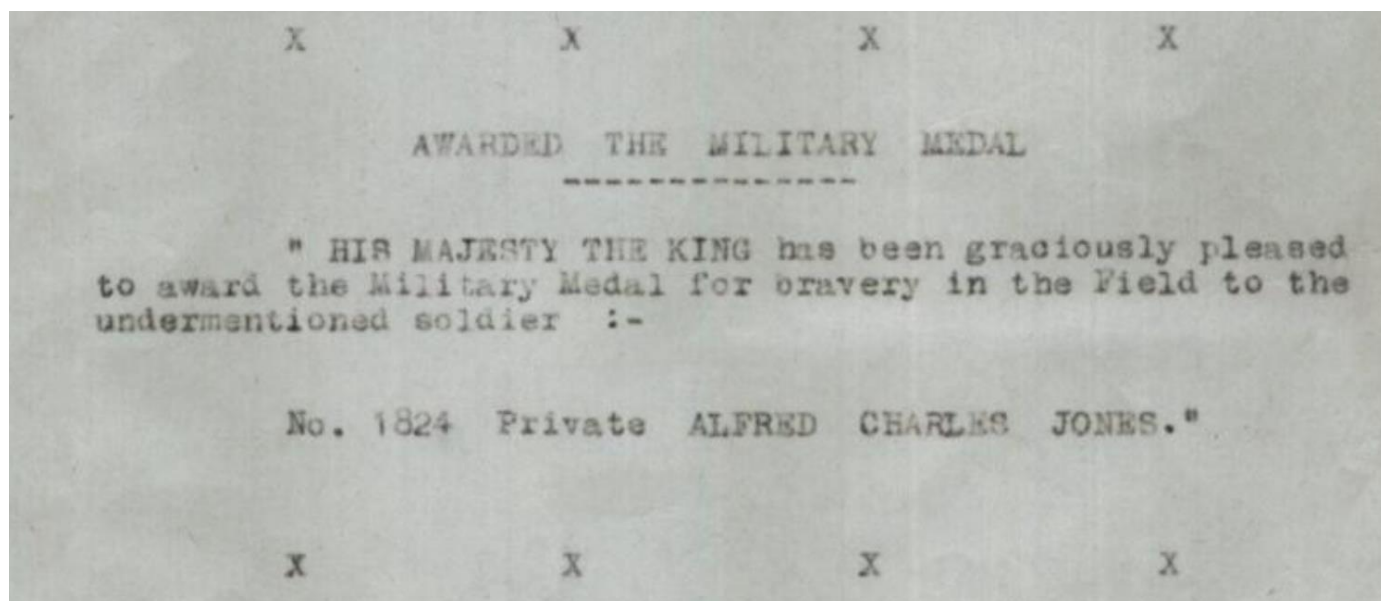
Driver Alfred Charles Jones was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire, England on 23rd February, 1917 & medically classified as B1 A2 (fit for overseas training camp in 3 - 4 weeks).

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was marched out to Headquarters at Tidworth, Wiltshire on 13th March, 1917 for duty with Army Ordnance Corps from No. 1 Command Depot. He was detached from duty with Ordnance Corps at Tidworth, Wiltshire on 20th April, 1917 on being evacuated sick (V.D.) to Bulford Hospital, Wiltshire. Driver Jones was admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire on 20th April, 1917. He was transferred to Parkhouse on 2nd May, 1917 & was marched in to Convalescent Training Company- No. 1 Camp on 5th May, 1917. Total period V.D. 16 days. Driver Jones was marched out to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs on 15th June, 1917 from Convalescent Training Company at Bulford.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot on 16th June, 1917 & medically classified as A3 (Medically & dentally Fit). He was marched out to Overseas Training Depot on 18th June, 1917 then marched out

the same day to Camp Headquarters at Perham Downs. Driver Jones was temporarily attached for duty with Army Ordnance Corps on 21st June, 1917 from 4th Machine Gun Section.

Base Records wrote to Mr R. Jones, Jnr, Scottsdale, Tasmania on 1st August, 1917 forwarding a copy of extract from 6th Supplement No. 29953 to the London Gazette, of 16th February, 1917 "*relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, No. 1824 Private A. C. Jones, 4th Machine Gun Company.*"



Driver Alfred Charles Jones was admitted to Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England on 1st August, 1917 with Influenza.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones died at 4.35 pm on 8th August, 1917 at Military Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Acute Cerebral Meningitis.

A death for Alfred C. Jones, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Andover, Hampshire, England.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was buried on 11th August, 1917 in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number C. 229 with a Military Funeral. He now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Driver Alfred Charles Jones was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Jones' father – Mr R. Jones, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

Neina Jones, George St, Scottsdale, wrote to Base Records in September, 1922: "*In the event of my father's death, the late Robert Jones Junr, would you kindly send any communications re the late 1244 Drv A. C. Jones M.M. 4th M.G.Coy, A.I.F. address to me as next of kin.*"

Base Records replied to Miss N. Jones on 2nd October, 1922 with the following: "*With reference to your communication of 20th September, I should be glad if you would advise me whether the mother of the late No. 1824 Driver A. C. Jones, M.M., 4th Machine Gun Company, is living. If not, has the soldier any surviving brothers (stating the name and address of the eldest), or sisters older than yourself? The information is required for notation on the records.*"

The following was handwritten on the back of the above letter from Base Records: "Driver A. C. Jones mother is dead. The address for his only brother is P. E. Jones, corner St George Terrace & Napolian St, Battery Point, Hobart. His eldest sister is Mrs R. J. Lisson, Woolgin St, Wynyard."

[Note: The front page of Driver Jones' Attestation Papers are marked in red with "Parents stated to be deceased. Only Brother – P. E. Jones, corner George Terrace & Napolian St, Battery Point, Hobart."]

Base Records wrote to Mr P. E. Jones, Cr, St George Terrace & Napolian Street, Battery Point, Hobart, Tasmania on 11th January, 1930 with the following letter: "I am forwarding herewith at the request of an officer stationed at Tidworth two photographs showing the sprig of wattle placed on the grave of your brother, the late No. 1824 Driver A. C. Jones, M.M., 4th Machine Gun Company, in Tidworth Cemetery, England."

Base Records wrote to Mrs R. J. Lisson, Dodgin Street, Wynyard, Tasmania on 23rd June, 1932 forwarding "at the request of the Imperial War Graves Commission a printed order form referring to the publication of Tidworth Military Cemetery Register containing the particulars of your brother, the late No. 1824 Driver A. C. Jones. M.M., 4th Machine Gun Company." The letter continues that the letters "M.M.", signifying the Military Medal, "had been inadvertently been omitted & the discrepancy is being brought to the notice of the Commission with a view to ensuring the accuracy of the headstone inscription." Included in the letter "two photographs received from an Officer at Tidworth showing the sprig of wattle placed on the grave of this soldier. These were previously forwarded to the deceased's brother, Mr P. E. Jones, and returned unclaimed, and I should be obliged if you would kindly undertake to being same to his notice."

Minnie Winifred Margaret Lisson, 75A Federal St, North Hobart, Tasmania applied for the Gallipoli Medal on 25th July, 1967 in respect of her brother Alfred Charles Jones (M.M.). She was his eldest sister.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Alfred Charles Jones – service number 1824, of 4th Coy., Australian Machine Gun Corps. He was the son of Robert & Sarah Jones, of Scottsdale, Tasmania.

Driver A. C. 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 178.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. C. Jones, M.M., is remembered on the Nyabing War Memorial, located in Memorial Park, Jury & Aspendale Streets, Nyabing, Western Australia.



Nyabing War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – James Wills)



A. C. Jones, M.M., is remembered on the Nyabing Honour Rolls located at RSL Memorial Park and Playground, Aspendale Street, Nyabing, Western Australia.



Nyabing Honour Rolls

(Photo above AWM Places of Pride – Alyson Cooper 2010; below from VWMA – undated)



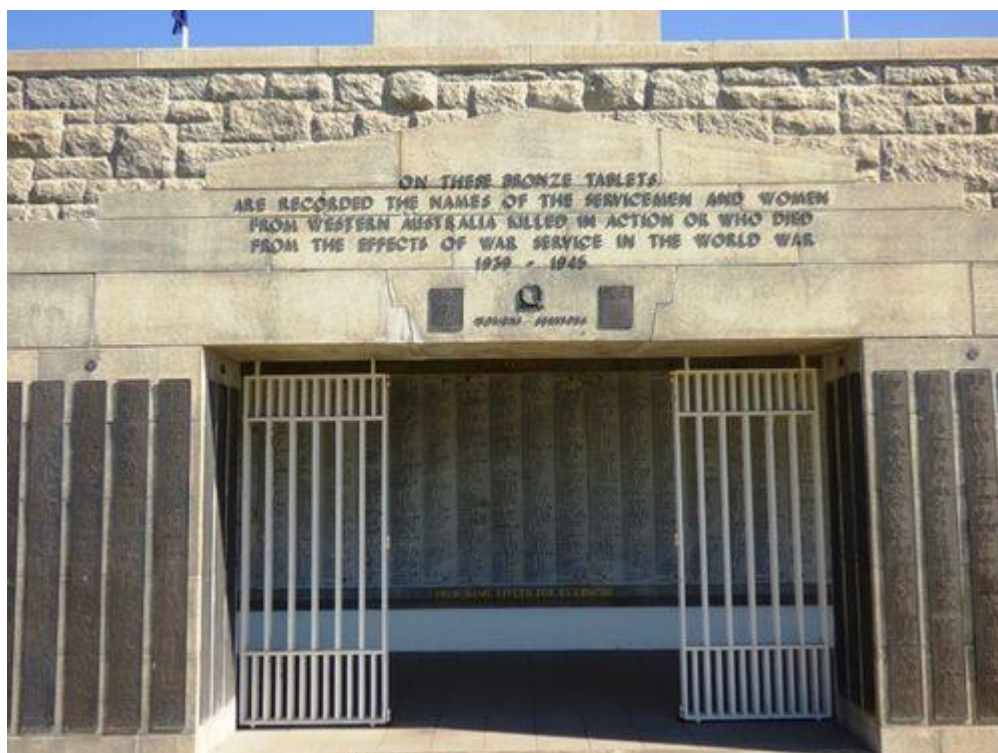
A. C. Jones is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



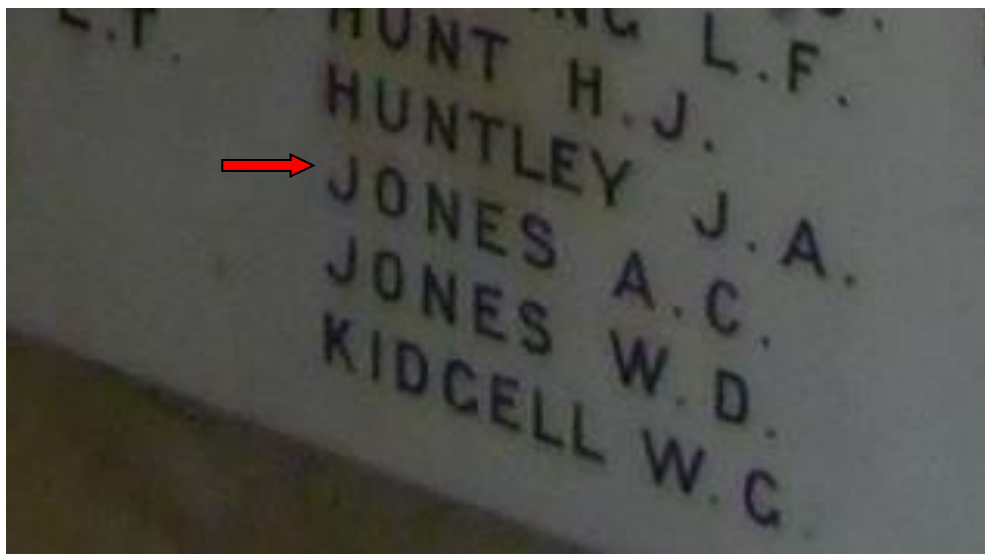
**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)





Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)



A. C. Jones is remembered on the Scottsdale Municipality Roll of Honour for those who had paid the Supreme Sacrifice, which is located in Scottsdale RSL Club, 30 George Street, Scottsdale Tasmania.



Scottsdale Municipality Roll of Honour – Died (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

Alfred C. Jones, M.M., is remembered on the Scottsdale District Honour Roll, located in Information Centre, Old Court House, 4 Alfred St., Scottsdale, Tasmania.



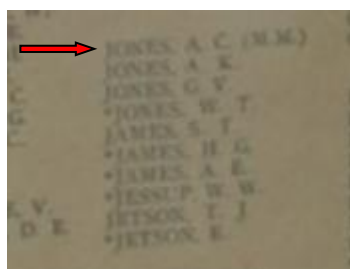
Scottsdale District Honour Roll (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



A. C. Jones, M.M., is remembered on the Scottsdale Municipality Honour Roll, located in Scottsdale RSL Club, 30 George Street, Scottsdale Tasmania.



Scottsdale Municipality Honour Roll (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



A. C. Jones is remembered on the St. Barnabas Roll of Honour, located in St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 57t King Street, Scottsdale, Tasmania.



St. Barnabas Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

A. C. Jones, M.M., is remembered on the Scottsdale Municipality Supreme Sacrifice Photographic Roll of Honour, located in Scottsdale RSL Club, 30 George Street, Scottsdale Tasmania.



Scottsdale Municipality Supreme Sacrifice Photographic Roll of Honour

(Photo above from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland; below courtesy of Evan Evans)



Driver Alfred Charles Jones is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."

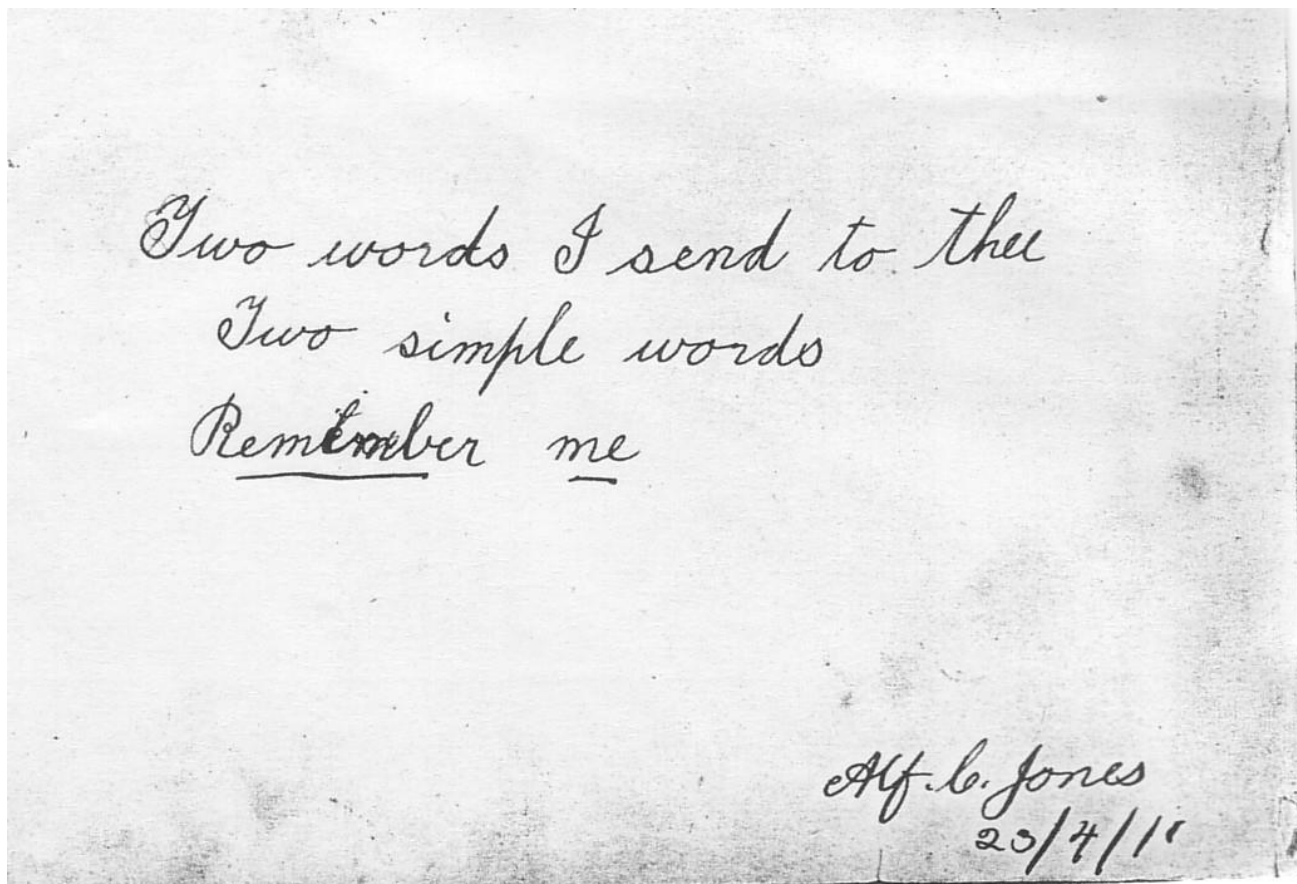


Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

ANZAC	NUMBER	RANK	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	DOD	AGE	UNIT	TOWN	ANZAC
	3181	Sgt	Jewkes	Frederick Spencer	28.03.1917	22	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
	6102	Pte	Julius MM	John Ernest	15.04.1917	28	12th Inf Bn	Guinea Plains	ANZAC
	1540	Pte	Johnson	Richard Harold	23.09.1917	22	52nd Inf Bn	Hobart	4900
	5334	Pte	Johnson	Ernest Maxwell	08.11.1917	28	17th Inf Bn	Launceston	5158
	6046	Pte	Johnson	George Andrew	15.04.1917	33	12th Inf Bn	Gaglad	1683
	483	Spr	Jones	Allred Chaplin	22.08.1917	31	3rd Fd Coy Engrs	Hobart	6388
	2001	Sgt	Jones	Lester Roy	28.09.1917	23	3rd Fd Arty Bde	Newtown	2882
	429	Pte	Jones	Thomas	01.02.1917	26	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	4584
	6751	Pte	Jones	Thomas Arthur	24.02.1917	18	12th Inf Bn	Queenstown	29
	677	Cpl	Jones	Walter Henry	07.05.1917	19	40th Inf Bn	Bothwell	8773
	430	Pte	Jones	William Thomas	12.07.1917	38	40th Inf Bn	Gordon	6588
	34225	Gar	Jones	Clyde Leonard	16.10.1917	25	1st Fd Arty Bde	Hobart	754
	64618	Pte	Jones	Allred Arthur	07.08.1917	0	NZEF CIB	Launceston	1875
	2349	Pte	Jones MM	Alfred Charles	08.08.1917	28	40th Inf Bn	Longford	2493
	1854	Dr	Jones MM	Albert Edward	05.05.1917	24	12th Inf Bn	Longford	902
	4528	L/Cpl	Jones MM	Monty Pte G	06.10.1917	31	12th Inf Bn	Sorell	6589
	8733	Pte	Joseph	Allan Thomas Frank	01.01.1917	19	12th Inf Bn	North Motton	7884
	8572	Pte	Japp	Thomas Edward	08.04.1917	29	12th Inf Bn	Campania	6802
	1616	Pte	Kearney	Thomas Joseph	15.04.1917	23	12th Inf Bn	Campania	ANZAC
	2655	Pte	Keating	Thomas Joseph	10.08.1917	27	52nd Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
	31	Pte	Keats	William Wynn	05.05.1917	24	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
	899	Pte	Keen	Clement Southwell	17.07.1917	43	48th Inf Bn	Sidmouth	6489
	3188	Pte	Kell	William	17.07.1917	22	48th Inf Bn	Waratah	316
	3254	Spr	Kellanher	Clarence John	01.10.1917	22	3rd Tunnel Coy	Richmond	318
	1956	Cpl	Kelly	Patrick James	17.08.1917	30	4th Inf Bn	St Marys	212
	217	Pte	Kelly	John James	06.05.1917	35	4th Inf Bn	Longford	380
	243	Pte	Kemp	George Ellis	07.05.1917	32	48th Inf Bn	Zeehan	ANZAC
	213	Pte	Kerrison	Alfred	20.10.1917	20	51st Inf Bn	Bradshaw Ct.	227
	3196	Spr	Kilmartin	John Daly	01.06.1917	25	6th Fd Arty Bde	Hobart	278
	7000	Pte	King	Charles Bernard	12.10.1917	33	1st Inf Bn	Hobart	70
	1454	Cpl	King	Burton Arthur	20.09.1917	27	9th Inf Bn	Forth	52
	3058	Pte	King	Herbert Harold	04.10.1917	28	40th Inf Bn	Sirathblane	61
	676	Pte	Kniglit	Tasman Gray	13.01.1917	25	40th Inf Bn	Sirathblane	68
	2600	Pte	Knight	Roy James	12.10.1917	19	34th Inf Bn	Deloraine	11
	2859	Pte	Knight	Arnold George	05.05.1917	22	12th Inf Bn	Bothwell	ANZAC
	4832	2nd Lt	Krupka	William Henry	08.05.1917	38	52nd Inf Bn	Ringarooma	65
	441	Sgt	Lade	John Harvey	05.10.1917	25	BEF Infantry Regt	Launceston	9
	15221	Pte	Lake	Crysa Havelock	23.04.1917	37	3rd Lt Horse Regt	St Marys	1
	680	Pte	Lancaster	Sydney Moore	01.11.1917	23	4th Field Amb	Hobart	1
	885	Pte	Lane	Leslie Oswald	07.08.1917	19	40th Inf Bn	Penguin	1
	8836	Pte	Lane	Newton Frederick S	08.05.1917	39	50th Inf Bn	Campbelltown	ANZAC
	1048	Pte	Langley	Bernard Valentine	17.05.1917	24	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	ANZAC
	221	Pte	Lapham	Ernest Gordon P	27.04.1917	0	NZEF W/B	Hobart	ANZAC
	1794	Pte	Latham	Martin	13.10.1917	20	40th Inf Bn	Waratah	ANZAC
	448	Tpr	Lawler	Harbert	14.02.1917	37	48th Inf Bn	Franklin	ANZAC
	2148	Pte	Lawson	Osbert Michael	22.12.1917	28	3rd Lt Horse Regt	Tea Tree	ANZAC
	4535	Pte	Lee	Albert Bernard Leslie	02.10.1917	20	38th Inf Bn	Longford	
	6786	Pte	Lee	John Orwood	07.06.1917	30	52nd Inf Bn	Frankford	
	1543	Cpl	Lee	Louis Daniel	05.05.1917	28	12th Inf Bn	Hobart	
	1542A	Gnr	Lee	Roy Stuart	15.05.1917	21	12th Inf Bn	Mander	
	17256	Cpl	Leeming	David Stanford	30.06.1917	21	10th Fd Arty Bde	Lafroy	
	441	Pte	Leitch	Reginald Eustace	30.09.1918	21	NZEF Fd Artillery	Launceston	
	119	Pte	Leslie	Robert William	31.05.1917	25	40th Inf Bn	Franklin	
	2195	Pte	Levent	Walter Leonard	01.10.1917	22	36th Inf Bn	Invermay	
	2356	L/Cpl	Lewis	Albert Raymond	13.04.1917	22	47th Inf Bn	Hobart	
	442	CSM	Lewis	Leslie	05.10.1917	34	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
	6578	Pte	Lewis MM	Frederic William	31.01.1917	37	40th Inf Bn	Hobart	
	2029	Sgt	Lindsay	John Henry	07.10.1917	20	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	
	2854	L/Cpl	Lines	James Anthony	28.11.1917	21	40th Inf Bn	Deviot	
	2932	Pte	Linton	William Rowland	30.03.1917	23	52nd Inf Bn	Ulverstone	
			Linton	William Welsh	31.03.1917	39	52nd Inf Bn	Shellfield	

(52 pages of Driver Alfred Charles 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



Written by Alfred Charles Jones in his sister's autograph book in 1911.





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Driver Alfred Charles Jones



(Photos from Find a Grave – J B)



From left to right: **Alfred Charles Jones**, Edith Frances Jones, Neina Elizabeth Jones, Percy Edward Jones, Minnie Winifred Margaret Jones.



(Photos from Find a Grave – J B)



Newspaper Notices

A Soldier's Death

It will be learned with regret that Private Alfred Charles Jones, Ordnance Corps attached to the 4th Machine Gun Company, who enlisted from Western Australia died on the 8th of August of jaundice at the Tidworth Military Hospital. Deceased was a son of Mr Robert Jones of Scottsdale to whom the sad news was conveyed last night by Rev. C. Wilson. Pte Jones enlisted on the outbreak of war, and served all through the Gallipoli campaign, and also in France.

(North-Eastern Advertiser, Scottsdale, Tasmania – 17 August, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

333rd CASUALTY LIST

THE TASMANIANS

DIED OF ILLNESS

Jones, Chas. Jones, Scottsdale, 8/8/17, previously reported seriously ill.

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 31 August, 1917)

333rd CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Jones, Chas. (Scottsdale, Tas), previously reported seriously ill

(Western Mail, Perth, Western Australia – 31 August, 1917)

Local and General

Late Pte A. Jones

Mr R. Jones, Scottsdale has received a communication from the Anglesea Barracks, Hobart, in reference to the death of his son Pte A. C. Jones, stating that London office now advises cause of death should read cerebro-spinal meningitis. Mr Jones has received an official intimation from the Base Records Office, containing an extract from the London Gazette of 16th February, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by his son, who was in the 4th Machine Gun Company. The extract reads : — Awarded Military Medal— His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned soldier, No 1824. Private Alfred Charles Jones.

(North-Eastern Advertiser, Scottsdale, Tasmania – 31 August, 1917) & (Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 4 September, 1917)

Deaths on Active Service

JONES – On the 8th of August, at Tidworth Military Hospital, England, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, Alfred Charles, dearly loved youngest son of Robert Jones, jun, Scottsdale, aged 26 years.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 1 September, 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)

Driver A. C. Jones does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Peace Perfect Peace

Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Tidworth Military Cemetery – 12 June, 1919

A corner of the Australian cemetery.

*Front row, left to right: 5840 Private F. W. Heede, 25th Battalion died 3 June 1917; 7350 Private A. E. Campbell, 8th Battalion, died 2 August 1917; **1824 Driver A. C. Jones, 4th Company, Australian Machine Gun Corps, AADC, died 8 August 1917**; 8009 Corporal W. J. Giles, Australian Tunnelling Company, died 17 March 1918.*



Tidworth Military Cemetery (Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo courtesy of John Prestidge)



Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire (Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)

Photo of Driver A. C. Jones' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)

