

**Lodge Hill Cemetery,  
Birmingham, West Midlands**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1878A GUNNER**

**S. H. JONES**

**AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY**

**14TH APRIL, 1918**

## Stuart Harold JONES

Stuart Harold Jones was born at New Southgate, Middlesex, England to parents Ambrose & Louisa Jones (nee Appleton). His birth was registered in the March quarter of 1888 in the registration district of Edmonton, Middlesex, England.

The 1891 England Census recorded Stuart H. Jones as a 3 year old, living with his family at Clifton Villa, Avenue Road, Edmonton, Middlesex, England. His parents were listed as Ambrose Jones (Jeweller, aged 33, born Holloway, Middlesex) & Louisa Jones (aged 35, born Holloway, Middlesex). Stuart was the youngest of five children listed on this Census (all born New Southgate, Middlesex) – Mabel L. Jones (Scholar, aged 9), Ethel M. Jones (Scholar, aged 8), Clifford G. A. Jones (Scholar, aged 6), Hilda L. Jones (Scholar, aged 5) then Stuart. Also listed was Charlotte Panter (General Domestic Servant, aged 20).

The 1901 England Census recorded Stuart Jones as a 13 year old, living with his family at Oakfield, Lyonsdown Rd, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, England. His parents were listed as Ambrose Jones (Jeweller, aged 44) & Louisa Jones (aged 46). Stuart was one of seven children listed on this Census – Mabel (aged 19), Ethel (aged 18), Clifford (Jeweller, aged 16), Hilda (aged 15), then Stuart, Leslie (aged 8, born New Southgate, Middlesex) & Norman (aged 6, born New Southgate, Middlesex). Also listed was Janet Blakey (Domestic Servant, aged 25).

Stuart Harold Jones attended Barnet Grammar School, England.

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour – Stuart Jones had served with Herts Yeomanry in England & Stuart Jones had come to Australia when he was 25 years old.

Stuart Jones stated on his Attestation Papers that he has been an apprentice Jeweller for 5 years with Mr A. Gibson, London.

A "*Mr Stuart Jones, Jeweller, aged 22*" was a passenger on Moravian which had departed from the port of London, England on 15th March, 1910 bound for Brisbane, Queensland.

Stuart Harold Jones was a 27 year old, single, Farmer from Burringbar, NSW when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 9th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1878 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Ambrose Jones, Mooball, Burringbar, NSW.

Private Stuart Harold Jones was posted to 13th Reinforcements of 2nd Light Horse Regiment on 9th September, 1915.

Private Stuart Harold Jones embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Boonah* (A36) on 22nd January, 1916 with the 1st Light Horse Brigade, 2nd Light Horse Regiment, 13th Reinforcements & disembarked at Egypt (no date recorded).

Private Stuart Harold Jones was taken on strength of 1st L.H.R.R. (Light Horse Reserve Regiment) at Heliopolis on 6th March, 1916.

Private Stuart Harold Jones was transferred to 4th Divisional Artillery at Serapeum on 16th April, 1916. He was taken on strength of 11th F.A.B. (Field Artillery Brigade), mustered as Gunner & posted to 43rd Battery. (Statement of Service form recorded 44th Battery)

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones was mustered as Driver while posted with 11th F.A.B. at Egypt on 23rd May, 1916 to complete establishment.

### 11th Field Artillery Brigade

The 11th Field Artillery Brigade formed in Egypt in early 1916 to support the newly raised 4th Division. It went on to serve in Egypt: Defence of Egypt, Western Front: Retreat to the Hindenburg Line, Bullecourt, Messines, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, Villers Bretonneux, Hamel, Amiens, Albert, Hindenburg Line.

*(Information from VWMA – Steve Larkins)*

Driver Stuart Harold Jones proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 1st June, 1916 on *Haverford* & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 10th June, 1916.

Driver Stuart Harold Jones was On Leave from France from 30th July, 1917 to 9th August, 1917.

Driver Stuart Harold Jones was remustered to Gunner at own request on 16th November, 1917 while posted in France.

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones was allotted the letter "A" after his Regimental/Service number – 1878A (This usually occurred due to duplication of Service numbers when Soldiers were transferred) on 17th November, 1917.

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones was wounded in action in France on 5th April, 1918. He was admitted to 13th Australian Field Ambulance on 5th April, 1918 with Shrapnel wound/s to Left Arm then transferred & admitted to 6th Stationary Hospital on 6th April, 1918. Gunner Jones was transferred & admitted to 18th USA General Hospital at Camiers, France on 6th April, 1918. He embarked for England on 10th April, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Ville de Liege* with G.S.W. (Gunshot wound/s) to Left Arm.

#### War Diary – 11th Field Artillery Brigade

*Millencourt -5th April, 1918:*

*Very misty morning, during afternoon observation was fair. At 4 am Batteries stood to and at 5am 1 Gun per Battery searched & swept back 500 yds from S.O.S. Line at 5.50 am 1 Section was put on to this. Batteries stood down at 6.20 am. At 6.55 am enemy put down an intensely heavily barrage along E 5 & on front line supports.....*

*Casualties – 2 Officers killed; 2 Officers wounded & evacuated; 2 Officers wounded & remained on duty.*

*12 O.R. killed; 32 other ranks wounded & evacuated; 4 other ranks wounded & remained on duty.*

*2 horses killed & 4 wounded*

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones was admitted to 1st Birmingham War Hospital, Rednal, Birmingham, England on 10th April, 1918 with shrapnel wounds to Left Arm. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "On arrival arm was somewhat swollen. This swelling increased & showed the appearance of cellulitis in neighbourhood of wound. It was incised & there was slight diminution in size. PT developed hectic temperature & much pain. During the night of 13.4.18 the surface showed appearance of commencing gangrene. Arm was amputated at shoulder joint. PT died 1 ½ hours afterwards." [Note: PT = Patient]

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones died at 1.45 pm on 14th April, 1918 at 1st Birmingham War Hospital, Rednal, Birmingham, England from wounds received in action - G.S.W. (Gunshot wound/s) to Left Arm (Amputated) & Gas Gangrene.

A death for Stuart H. Jones, aged 30, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Kings Norton, Worcestershire, England.

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones was buried at 12.30 pm on 18th April, 1918 in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England – Grave Number 290 B10. His name is now remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall B10. 290 as he does not have a headstone.

From the burial report of Gunner Stuart Harold Jones - *Coffin was good, Elm with brass furnishings. The Funeral consisting of hearse and mourning coaches left the Hospital Grounds accompanied by the staff of 20 from the Hospital. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. Close to the Cemetery the coffin was transferred to a Gun Carriage supplied by the A.S.C. Six Pallbearers accompanied the carriage to the Chapel in the Cemetery where a hort service was held by the Rev. F. Tibbittes, M.A. the coffin was then carried by the Pallbearers to the graveside, and there the "Last Post" was sounded. A representative of these Headquarters attended the funeral.*

*Names of Relatives and Friends present at Funeral – Mother – Mrs A. Jones, Newstead, Nether Street, Church End, Finchley, London. Friend – Mr Davidge, Northfield, Birmingham.*

Gunner Stuart Harold Jones requested in his Will dated 18th July, 1917 he bequeathed to “Mrs Ambrose Jones, one hundred pounds & all other money to Mr Ambrose Jones, Burringbar, Tweed River, NSW.”

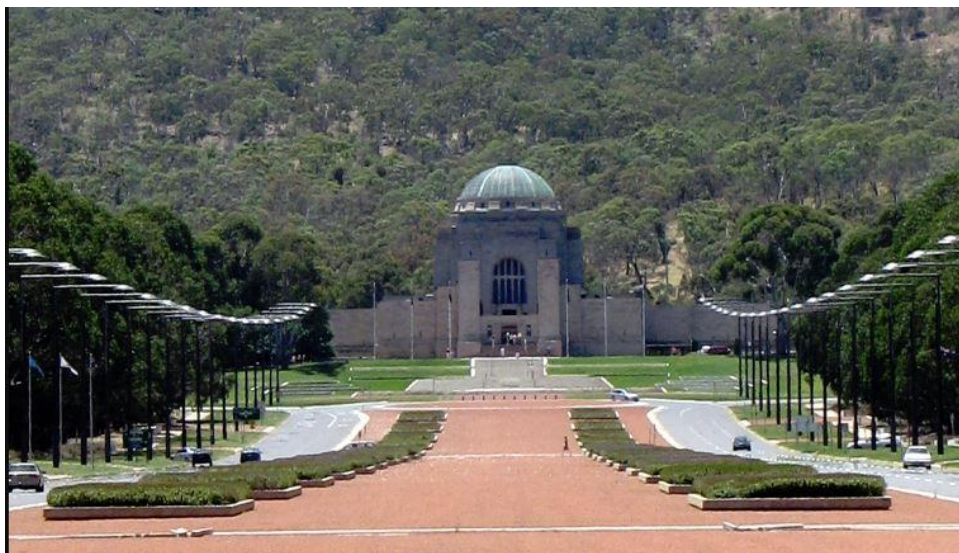
Gunner Stuart Harold Jones was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Jones’ father – Mr A. Jones, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Stuart Harold Jones – service number 1878A, aged 30, of 43rd Bty, 11th Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Ambrose and Louisa Jones.

Gunner S. H. 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 17.



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





S. Jones is remembered on the Burringbar War Memorial, located in Memorial Reserve, Broadway, Burringbar, NSW.



**Burringbar War Memorial** (Photos from Monument Australia – John Huth)



(50 pages of Gunner Stuart Harold 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*



*(The Queenslander – 26 February, 1916)*

### Connected to Gunner Stuart Harold Jones:

Older brother – Clifford George Ambrose Jones – Enlisted 7th September, 1915 as a 31 year old, single, Farmer from Burringbar, Tweed River, NSW. Embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on 3rd January, 1916 on HMAT *Kyarra* with 15th Infantry Battalion, 13th Reinforcements as Private 4184.

Wounded in action on 7th June, 1917; rejoined his Unit on 30th September, 1917.

Wounded in action (2nd Occasion) on 12th October, 1917; rejoined his Unit on 27th November, 1917.

Reported Missing & wounded in action on 27th March, 1918. Revised to Wounded in action & remained on Duty on 28th March, 1918.

Reported Missing in Action on 5th April, 1918. Revised to now reported Killed in Action 5th April, 1918. Buried in Adelaide Cemetery, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Younger brother – Leslie Trevor Jones – Enlisted 5th October, 1914 as a 22 year old, single, Labourer from Billie Nudgel, South Coast, NSW. Embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Themistocles* on 22nd December, 1914 with 3rd Infantry Battalion, 1st Reinforcements as Private 1133.

G.S.W to Bladder on 25th April, 1915 at Gallipoli; returned to duty on 16th June, 1915.

Embarked for Australia from England on *Ascanius* on 17th March, 1916 – due to an old bladder wound.

Leslie Trevor Jones re-enlisted on 27th February, 1918 as a 26 year old, single, Labourer from Burringbar, Tweed River, NSW. Embarked from Sydney, NSW on RMS *Orontes* on 5th June, 1918 with Field Artillery, 35th Reinforcements as Gunner 63835.

Returned on *Ulysses* from England on 23rd July, 1919 & arrived in Australia 5th September, 1919.

Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal.



### **Newspaper Notices**

#### **Roll of Honour**

#### **Two Casualty Lists**

Casualty lists Nos. 395 and 396 were issued this morning....

KILLED, DIED, &c.

Dvr S. H. Jones, Burringbar, NSW, died 14/3/18, c.n.s.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 4 May, 1918)

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#### **TOLL OF WAR**

#### **TWO CASUALTY LISTS**

#### **NOS. 395 AND 396**

DROWNED

Dvr Stuart Harold Jones, Burringbar, NSW, 14/4/18

(*The Daily Mail*, Brisbane, Queensland – 6 May, 1918)

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## **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

### **CASUALTY LIST NO. 400**

#### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

Dvr. Stuart Harold Jones, Burringbar, NSW, 14/4/18 (gas, prev. rep. died, cause not stated).

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 18 May, 1918)*

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#### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

JONES – Gunner Stuart Harold Jones, 4th Division, A.I.F., died of wounds, Rednal Military Hospital, near Birmingham, England, on 14th April, 1918.

Inserted by sincere friend, M. Bull, Dunwich.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 14 April, 1919)*

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#### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

JONES – Died of wounds, on 14th April, 1918, in Rednal Military Hospital, near Birmingham, England, Gunner Stuart Harold Jones, 11th Field Artillery Brigade.

Inserted by R. Bull, Dunwich.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 14 April, 1920)*

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#### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private S. H. Jones does not have CWGC headstone, his name is instead remembered on a CWGC Screen Wall as his grave was one that could not be individually marked with a headstone.

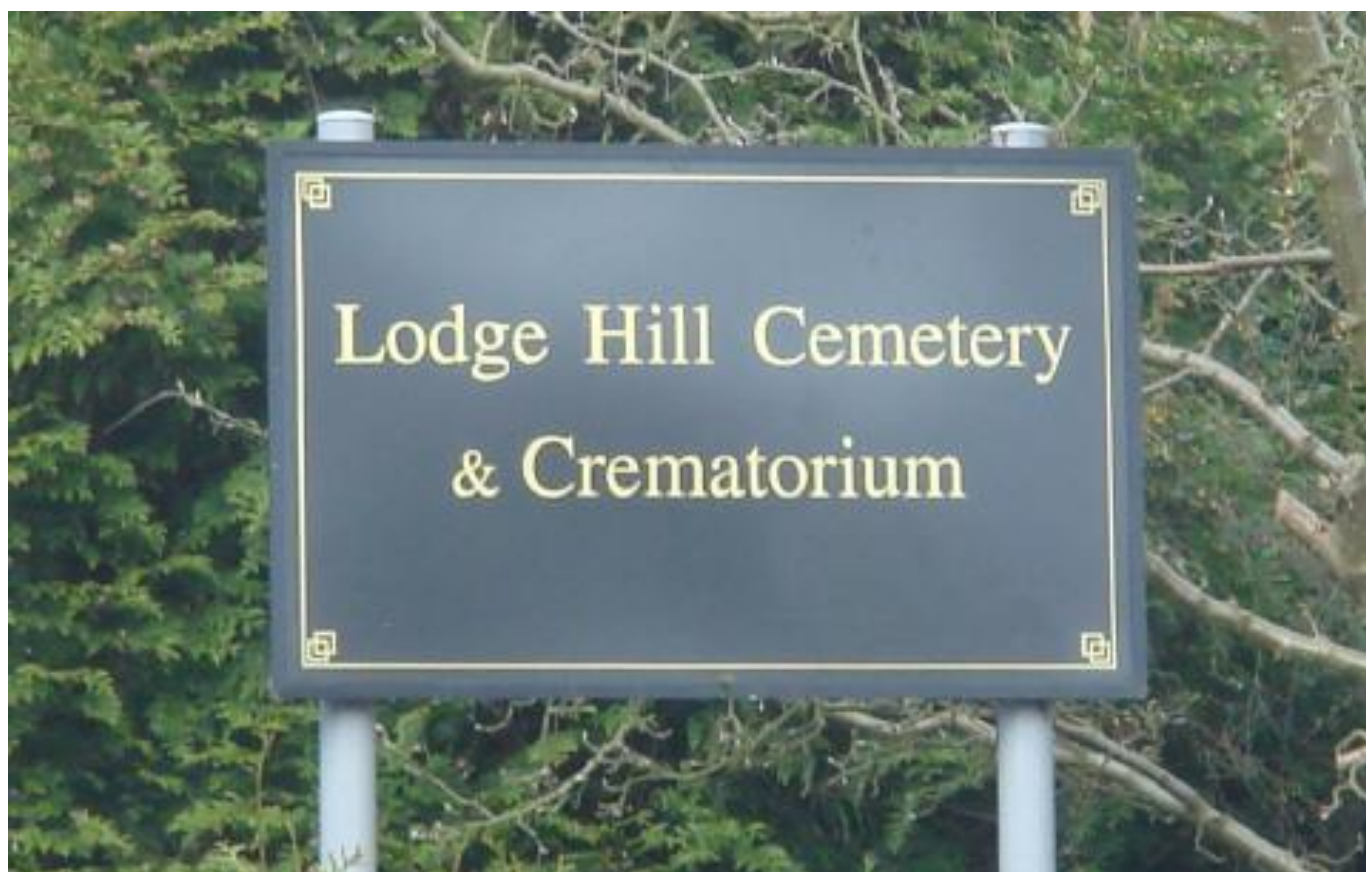


## Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England

The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41.

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY contains 499 First World War burials, most of them in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on a Screen Wall. Second World War burials number 125, most of them scattered throughout the cemetery, although there is a small plot in Section 2E. Birmingham Municipal Crematorium stands within the cemetery. In the chapel, there is a bronze plaque commemorating 48 servicemen of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

*(Information from CWGC)*



*(Photo by Lepidus Magnus)*



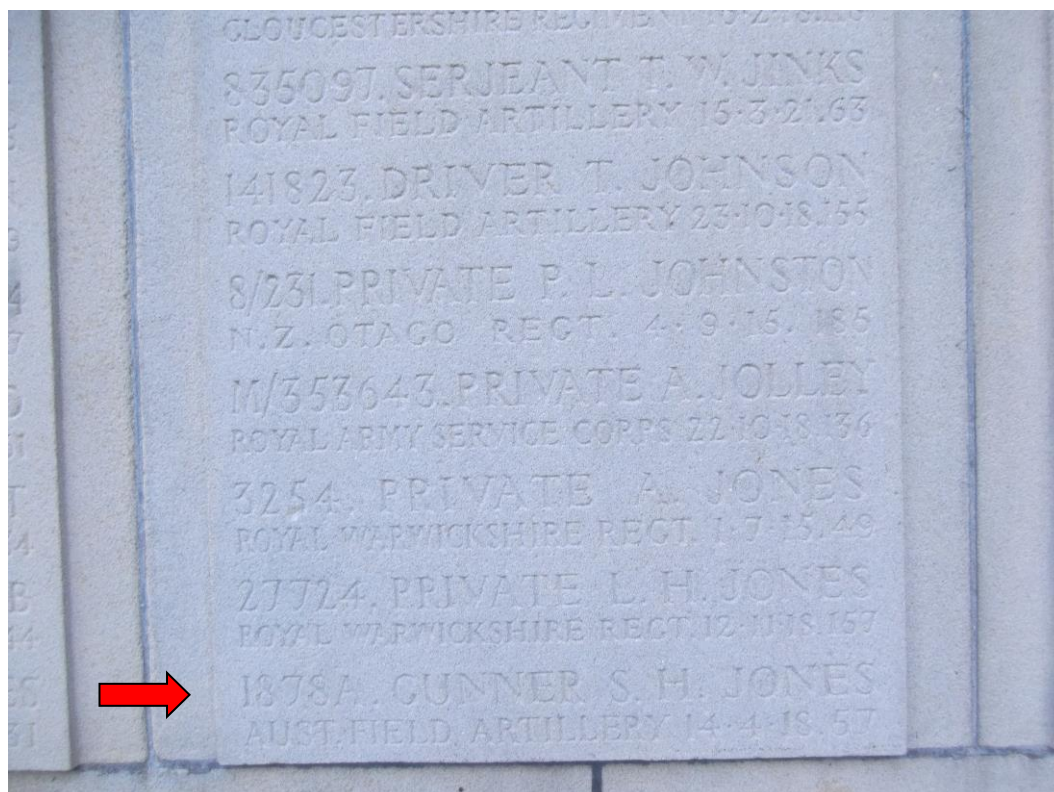


**Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham** (*Photos from CWGC*)





Photo of Gunner S. H. Jones' name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission WW1 Screen Wall in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England.



(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



**WW1 Screen Wall in Garden of Remembrance** (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)





WW2 Garden of Remembrance (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)

# Lodge Hill Cemetery

