

# Wandsworth Cemetery, London, England War Graves

(also known as Earlsfield Cemetery, Magdalen Road Cemetery, Wandsworth Earlsfield Cemetery)



*Lest We Forget*

## World War 1



**3833 PRIVATE**

**T. KEATING**

**52ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**10TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 28**

## Terence KEATING

Terence Keating was born at Newtown Butler, Co. Fermanagh, Ireland on 29th December, 1888 to parents Hugh & Roseanna Keating (nee Reilly). (Terence Keating listed his place of birth as Cavan, Ireland on his Attestation Papers)

Terence Keating attended school at Kildallon, Co, Cavan, Ireland.

The 1901 Ireland Census recorded Terence Keating as a 12 year old Scholar, living with his family at Bacade Glebe, Cavan, Ireland. His parents were listed as Hugh Keating (Farmer, aged 49, born Dublin City) & Rosanna Keating (Farmer's Wife, aged 47, born Co. Cavan). Terence was one of seven children listed on this Census – Lizzie Keating (aged 20, born Co. Galway), Susan Keating (Scholar, aged 14, born Co. Fermanagh), then Terence, Michael Keating (Scholar, aged 10, born Co. Fermanagh), John Keating (Scholar, aged 7, born Co. Fermanagh), Vincent Ambrose Keating (Scholar, aged 5, born Co. Fermanagh) & Mary Josephine Keating (Scholar, aged 4, born Co. Fermanagh).

According to information supplied by his father for the Roll of Honour – Terence Keating came to Australia when he was 30 years old. He was a Farm Labourer & was a Stone Worker in Brisbane, Queensland. A "Terence Keating" aged 25, was listed as a passenger on *Paparoa*, arriving in Queensland, Australia in 1914.

Terence Keating was a 25 year old, single, Labourer from care of A. E. Simpson, Alderley, Enoggera, Queensland when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 4th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Roseanne Keating, Bocade Ardrougher P.O., Baltorbet, County Cavan, Ireland.

Private Terence Keating was posted to "D" Company, 3rd Depot Battalion from 11th September, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 9th Reinforcements of 26th Battalion on 30th November, 1915.

Private Terence Keating, Service number 3833, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Wandilla (A62)* on 31st January, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 26th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

### 26th Battalion

The 26th Battalion was raised at Enoggera, Queensland, in April 1915 from recruits enlisted in Queensland and Tasmania, and formed part of the 7th Brigade.....

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Terence Keating was allotted & proceeded to join 50th Battalion from Heliopolis on 2nd April, 1916. He joined 52nd Battalion at Serapeum on the same day. (Note: Casualty Form Active Service listed "50th Battalion" then joined "52nd Battalion")

Private Terence Keating reported sick to Hospital on 24th May, 1916. He rejoined his Unit at Railhead on 28th May, 1916. (Note: "Hospital" is the generic term used – he may have been admitted to a Field Ambulance, Casualty Clearing Station or Dressing Station – not necessarily a "hospital")

Private Terence Keating proceeded from Alexandria on 5th June, 1916 on H.T. *Ivernia* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 12th June, 1916.

Private Terence Keating was written up for a Crime – when on active service he was absent without leave from 8.30 pm on 13th July, 1916 to 10 am on 14th July, 1916 at Hallay Les Pernois. He was awarded 14 days Field Punishment No. 2 & forfeited a total of 16 days' pay.

Private Terence Keating was wounded in action in France on 3-4th September, 1916 (date as per Casualty Form – Active Service). He was admitted to 13th Australian Field Ambulance on 3rd September, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wounds) to both Legs then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station. Private Keating was transferred & admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 5th September, 1916 with G.S.W. to Legs. He embarked from Boulogne on 5th September, 1916 for England on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

## 52nd Battalion

The 52nd Battalion was raised at Tel el Kebir in Egypt on 1 March 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were veterans from the 12th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 12th, the 52nd was originally a mix of men from South and Western Australia and Tasmania. From March 1916, the battalion's reinforcement groups mainly comprised men from Queensland. The 52nd became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division.

After arriving in France on 11 June 1916, the 52nd fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm on 3 September. It had been present during an earlier attack mounted by the 13th Brigade between 13 and 15 August, but had been allocated a support role and missed the fighting. In this second attack the 52nd had a key assaulting role and suffered heavy casualties- 50 per cent of its fighting strength.....

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

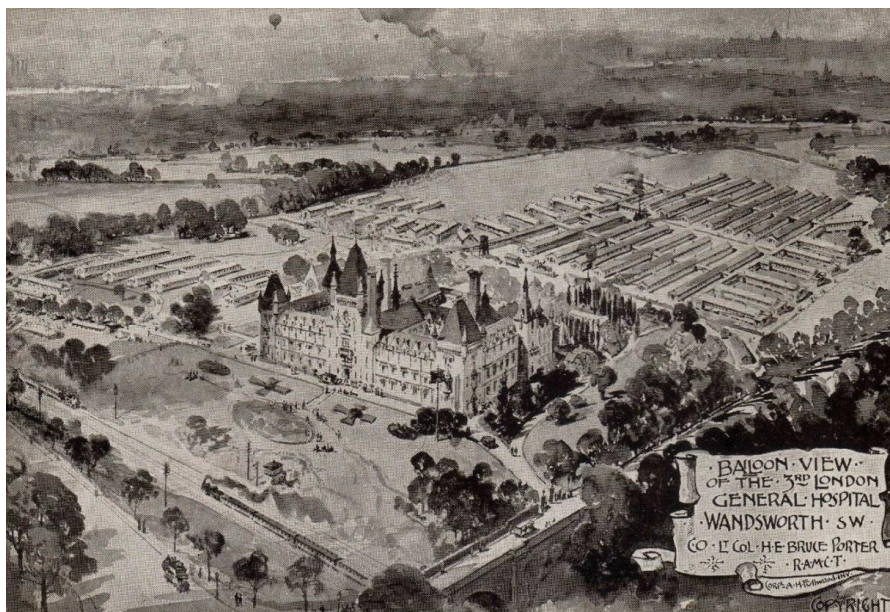
Private Terence Keating was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England on 6th September, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to Legs & Knee. He was reported to be seriously ill on 7th September, 1916.



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## 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth



Private Terence Keating died on 10th September, 1916 at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England from wounds received in action in France – Gunshot wounds to both Legs & Septicaemia.

A death for Terence Keating, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Wandsworth, London, England.

Private Terence Keating was buried on 14th September, 1916 in Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London, England – Block 19 Grave No.30.

This is now recorded by Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Plot number Aust. 6 and he now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Terence Keating contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Brisbane to find any details of his death & burial.

- Edith Holden, Matron, 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth wrote the following letter: *“Pte Keating was only in Hospital about a week. He had both his legs amputated while he was here and only lived a few days after the second operation. He was buried in the Cemetery at Wandsworth. Pte Keating’s brother came to see the Sister in Charge of the Ward he was in, so that his near relatives have had all particulars of his illness and death.”*

A War Pension was granted to Rosannia Keating, Bocade, Ardlougher, Co. Cavan, Ireland, mother of the late Private Terence Keating, 3833, 52nd Battalion, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 22nd November, 1916.

Private Terence Keating was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Keating’s mother – Mrs R. Keating, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued from England in July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Terence Keating – service number 3833, aged 28, of 52nd Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Hugh & Roseanna Keating, of Bocade, Ardlogher, Co. Cavan, Ireland.

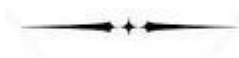
Private T. Keating is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 155.



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

(27 pages of Private Terence Keating'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **Roll of Honour**

#### **Australian Casualties**

Following is a continuation of casualty lists, Nos. 224 and 225....

#### **WOUNDED**

Pte T. Keating, Ireland, and ser. ill

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 2 October, 1916)*

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### **AUSTRALIAN ROLL OF HONOR**

#### **229th AND 230th LISTS**

#### **QUEENSLAND**

Died of wounds:- Private T. Keating, Ireland

*(The Northern Miner, Charters Towers, Queensland – 9 October, 1916)*

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### **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 T. Keating does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



## Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London

This is to the North-East of Earlsfield Station and is bounded by the Magdalen Road on the East and the main railway line on the West.

It contains five 1914-1918 War Plots, (the general Military Plot, the Australian, the Newfoundland, the New Zealand and the South African plots). These are on the main path leading West from Magdalen Road and there are also over 200 burials in other parts of the cemetery. The Military Plot contains a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried in it and those in unmarked graves in other parts of the cemetery. The majority of the 1939-1945 burials are scattered throughout the cemetery but there is one group of six burials together in a War Plot near the main entrance. Again, those whose graves are unmarked are also named upon the Screen Wall, Panel 1.

Many of the 1914-1918 burials are from the 3rd London General Hospital which was at Wandsworth. There are 477 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 115 of the 1939-1945 war here. There are also 5 non-war service burials here.

There are 34 Australian World War 1 Soldiers buried here & 1 Australian Soldier from 1925.

*(Information from CWGC)*



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**A group of Soldiers' graves in the Australian Section of Wandsworth Cemetery, London** *(taken 15 April, 1931)*



*(Photo by Scotch Mist 2013)*





**The Australian Plot in Wandsworth Cemetery, London** *(Photos from CWGC)*







**Cross of Sacrifice** (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private T. Keating's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London, England.



*(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)*