

**Compton Chamberlayne
War Graves Cemetery,
Wiltshire, England**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2450 PRIVATE

A. LE TISSER

57TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19TH DECEMBER, 1916 Age 23

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT

Algin LE TISSER

Algin Le Tisser was born in Talbot near Caralulup, Victoria in 1893 to parents John & Agnes Le Tisser.

Algin Le Tisser attended school at Caralulup, Victoria.

Algin Le Tisser was a 23 year old, single, Labourer/ Farmer from Caralulup, Victoria when he enlisted on 6th June, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2450 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John T. Le Tisser of Caralulup, Victoria. Algin Le Tisser had previously applied to enlist but was rejected due to a hernia.

Algin Le Tisser was posted to "C" Company, 14th Depot Battalion at Ballarat, Victoria on 21st June, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 20th Reinforcements of 6th Battalion at Broadmeadows on 1st July, 1916 then transferred on 5th July, 1916 to 5th Reinforcements of 57th Battalion.

Private Algin Le Tisser embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 25th September, 1916 with the 57th Infantry, 5th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th November, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plains area.

Private Algin Le Tisser was marched into 15th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire, England on 21st November, 1916.

Private Algin Le Tisser was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 13th December, 1916 with influenza.

Private Algin Le Tisser died at 8.45 a.m. on 19th December, 1916 at Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Pleuro pneumonia.

A death for an Algin Le Tissir, aged 22, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Algin Le Tisser was buried on 22nd December, 1916 in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Front Row, Grave Plot #5.

Private Algin Le Tisser was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (August, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (July, 1922) were sent to Private Le Tisser's father – Mr J. Le Tisser .

Mrs Agnes Le Tisser, mother of Private Algin Le Tisser, was awarded a War pension of 30/- per fortnight from 24/2/1917 on the death of her son.

Private A. Le Tisser is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 164.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. Le Tisser is remembered on the Caralulup State School Honour Roll located in the A.N.A. Hall, Ballarat & Heales Streets, Talbot, Victoria.



Caralulup State School Honour Roll (Photo by Tim Fitzgerald – Monument Australia)

A. Le Tisser is remembered on the Evansford Honor Roll, located in the Evansford Community Centre, School Road, Evansford, Victoria. (Note: At the time of requesting photos of the Honor Roll – the Honor Roll was in storage as the Community Hall was being renovated).



Evansford Honor Roll (Photos courtesy of Ricky Foster – Evansford Community Centre)

A. Letisser is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



Lestrangle. S.E.	Lethbridge. R.C.
Le Sueur. A.C.	Lethbridge. W.
Le Sueur. P.C.	Lethlean. H.J.T.
Le Sueur. T.D.A.	Lethlean. H.V.
Letch. C.W.	Lethlean. L.L. "M.S.M."
Letch. E.W.	Lethlean. R.
Letch. H.A. "M.C."	Lethlean. W.
Letch. P.	Lethlean. W.E.
Letch. S.	Leticq. R.J.
Letch. W.H.	Letisser. A. →
Letch. W.I.	Letman. V.M. "M.M."
Letcher. A.J.	Letson. A.J.
Letcher. E.	Letson. C.A.
Letcher. J.A.	Letson. S.G.
Letcher. J.G.	Lett. C.G.
Letcher. N.J.	Lett. C.W.



(37 pages of Private Algin Le Tisser's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



In the details for the Roll of Honour, submitted by Algin Le Tisser's father, the following question was asked – “Was he connected with any other Member of the A. I. F. who died or distinguished himself (Please state relationship)”. Mr Le Tisser answered the following – “True Pal – Frank James Solomano Killed in Action Polygon Wood 27. 9. 1917.”

** Private Algin Le Tisser & his pal Private Frank James Solomano both enlisted together on 6th June, 1916. They both embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 25th September, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th November, 1916. Private Solomano was killed in action on 27th September, 1917 & is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium.

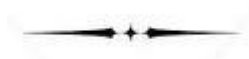
They are both remembered on Panel 164 of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.





Photo of Pte Algin Le Tisser – C June 1916

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Newspaper Reports

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Died of Illness – Victoria

LETISSER, Pte A., Caralulup, 19/12/16

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Tuesday 2nd January, 1917) & (The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – Saturday 6th January, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM – On Active Service

LE TISSER – SOLOMANO _ In loving memory of our dear friend, Private A. Le Tisser who died in Fovant Military Hospital, England, on 19th December, 1916; also our dear cousin, Private F J Solomano, who was killed in action on 27th October, 1917.

As heroes they lived, as heroes they fell,

Though only two lads, they played their part well.

Two pals so true, we will never forget,

For men like them are seldom met.

- (Inserted by Mrs Butler and family, of Mitcham, late Port Melbourne.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 22nd December, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM – On Active Service

SOLOMANO – LE TISSER – In loving memory of our dear cousin, Private F J Solomano, who was killed in action on 27th September, 1917; also his true pal, Private A Le Tisser, who died in England; both of the 57th Battalion.

Two nobler hearts did never beat,

Or two more true and kind:

They were friends with everyone,

And loving memories they have left behind.

- (Inserted by Mrs Butler and family, of Surrey Hills, late Port Melbourne.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Friday 27th September, 1918)

Algin Le Tisser is remembered on his parents' headstone in Amherst Cemetery, 235 Avoca Road, Talbot, Victoria.



Amherst Cemetery (photo above from Find a Grave - Rebecca McIntosh)



Le Tisser Headstone (Photo from Billion Graves)

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 at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery. 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)

Pte A. Le Tisser does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery contains 34 Commonwealth War Graves all from World War 1. Of these 28 are of Australian Soldiers.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



Compton Chamberlayne War Graves *(Photo from CWGC)*



Left & right of Cemetery with central Plinth *(Photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey 2012)*

Photo of Pte A. Le Tisser's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)



Photo taken from back of Cemetery looking towards the Entrance (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)

Compton Chamberlayne War Grave Locations



British Soldier



Irish Soldier



Australian Soldier

Front Row	Grave	Middle Row	Grave	Back Row	Grave
Public	1	Oliver	1		1
Public	2	Knowles	2	Public	2
Haywood	3	Skipper	3	Turner	3
Gilbert	4	Wehrmann	4	Evans	4
Le Tisser	5	Park	5	Dreckow	5
Jones	6	Riley	6	Cass	6
Cook	7	Turnbull	7	Arnold	7
Pairman	8	White	8	Sillar	8
	9	Howard	9	Ross	9
Norris	10	Tull	10	Finn	10
Lintott	11	Snell	11	McCarthy	11
Redman	12	Ferrow	12	Trengove	12
Public		Public			13
Public		Public			14
Public				Walsh	15
					16
				Hooper	17
					18
				Larkin	19



(Photo taken c March, 1919)

Graves of Australian soldiers in the cemetery at Compton-Chamberlyne, each marked by a cross.

Back row, left to right: 55821 Private (Pte) Alfred Alwin Dreckow, 32nd Battalion (Bn), died 19 October 1918; 3712 Pte Thomas Cass, 10th Bn, died 17 August 1918; 3764 Pte William Joseph Arnold, 31st Bn, died 2 July 1918; Captain Roy Allan Sillar, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 30 June 1918; 1993A Pte Sydney Ross, 18th Bn, died 31 May 1918.

Front row: 1666 Sergeant Percy Robert Knowles, 9th Australian Light TM Battery, died 30 January 1918; 1995 Pte Thomas James Skipper, 51st Bn, died Fovant Military Hospital 7 January 1918; 687 Pte John Thomas Wehrmann, 32nd Bn, died 3 November 1917; 3462 Pte William Joseph Park, 60th Bn, died 23rd September 1917; 1725 Pte William Ernest Riley, 60th Bn, died 22 May 1917.