

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**5241 SERJEANT**

**F. J. LEE**

**AUST. ARMY SERVICE CORPS**

**19TH JANUARY, 1918**

*Only An Anzac*

*One Of The Best*

*Loved By All Who Knew Him*

## Frederick James LEE

Frederick James Lee was born at Collingwood, Victoria in 1888 to parents William John and Elizabeth Jane Ada Lee (nee Cooke).

The 1912 & 1913 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Flinders, subdivision of Wonthaggi, Victoria listed Frederick James Lee, Pastrycook, of Wonthaggi.

Frederick James Lee was a 26 year old, single, Pastry Cook when he enlisted at Geelong, Victoria on 18th November, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5241 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. J. Lee, Graham Street, Wonthaggi, Victoria.

Private Frederick James Lee was posted to 13th A.A.S.C. (Australian Army Service Corps) Field Bakery on 18th November, 1914 for recruit training.

Private Frederick James Lee embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 22nd December, 1914 with the Field Butchery and Bakery, No. 13 A.S.C. Company.

Private Frederick James Lee was admitted to Hospital on 16th April, 1915 at Abbassia & was discharged from Isolation Hospital to Zeitoun on 4th May, 1915.

Private Frederick James Lee proceeded to join M.E.F (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli on 21st May, 1915.

Private Frederick James Lee was admitted to Hospital at Imbros on 25th November, 1915. He rejoined his Unit from Hospital on 2nd December, 1915.

Private Frederick James Lee was admitted to Kephalos Hospital at Imbros on 7th December, 1915 with gastritis & rejoined his Unit from Hospital on 11th December, 1915.

Private Frederick James Lee was admitted to No. 3 General Hospital at Mudros on 20th December, 1915 with Herpes & was discharged to duty on 31st December, 1915.

Private Frederick James Lee disembarked at Alexandria from S.S. Karoo on 17th January, 1916 from Mudros.

Private Frederick James Lee joined his Unit at Tel-el-Kebir on 20th January, 1916.

Private Frederick James Lee was admitted to 1st Field Ambulance on 13th February, 1916 with Pleurisy then transferred & admitted to No.2 Australian Stationary Hospital at Tel-el-Kebir the same day. He rejoined his Unit – 13th Field Bakery on 4th March, 1916 from Hospital.

Private Frederick James Lee was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 8th March, 1916 with 13th A.S.C (vice Gartrell) – probationary with pay.

Corporal Frederick James Lee embarked for Overseas from Alexandria on S.S. *Simla* on 23rd March, 1916 to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th March, 1916.

Corporal Frederick James Lee, of 1st Australian Field Bakery, was admitted to 3rd Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France on 21st April, 1916 with I.C.T. hand. He was transferred to 1st Australian General Hospital on 2nd May, 1916. Corporal Lee was discharged to duty on 2nd June, 1916 & rejoined his Unit from Hospital the same day.

Corporal Frederick James Lee was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital on 20th June, 1916 with Epistaxis. He was discharged to duty on 23rd June, 1916 & rejoined his Unit from Hospital the same day.

Corporal Frederick James Lee was appointed to Temporary Sergeant on 1st April, 1917 vice Sgt. Cook reduced to Corporal.

Temporary Sergeant Frederick James Lee was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital with a septic abdomen on 6th April, 1917. His rank reverted to substantive rank of Corporal on 6th April, 1917 on becoming a casualty. He was transferred to 2nd Convalescent Depot on 14th April, 1917 & discharged to duty on 15th April, 1917. Cpl. Lee rejoined his Unit from Hospital in 15th April, 1917.

Corporal Frederick James Lee was appointed to Temporary Sergeant again on 16th April, 1917 with 1st Field Bakery.

Temporary Sergeant Frederick James Lee was on leave to UK from 7th May, 1917 & rejoined his Unit from leave on 20th May, 1917.

Temporary Sergeant Frederick James Lee was written up for a crime on 24th June, 1917 – “*Neglect of duty viz:- allowing 16 lbs of bread to be burnt and unfit for issue*”. This was admonished by O.C. on 25th June, 1917 and Temporary Sgt. Lee was required to pay cost of bread (2/9d.).

Temporary Sergeant Frederick James Lee was promoted to Sergeant on 1st November, 1917.

Sergeant Frederick James Lee was sent sick to Hospital at Rouen on 12th December, 1917. He was transferred to England from 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen on 18th January, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Western Australia* suffering from Arteriosclerosis.

Sergeant Frederick James Lee was admitted to the University War Hospital, Southampton, Hampshire, England on 19th January, 1918.



**The University War Hospital, Southampton**

Sergeant Frederick James Lee died on night of 19th January, 1918 at the University War Hospital, Southampton, Hampshire, England from Nephritis, Bronchitis & Heart failure – aggravated by Active Service.

A death for Frederick J. Lee, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Southampton, Hampshire, England.

Sergeant Frederick James Lee was buried at 3 pm on 22nd January, 1918 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number N. 401 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Sergeant Frederick James Lee - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral, Gun Carriage being supplied by A.S.C. at Netley and Bearers by R.A.M.C. at Netley Hospital. A service was conducted in the Hospital Chapel, and at the graveside by Chaplain the Rev. J. Laverack, (Methodist Chaplain) attached to Netley Hospital. The “Last Post” was sounded by a Bugler of the R.A.M.C. No. 115 Pte G. W.*

*Lee, brother of deceased, was present at the ceremony. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. (Note – Sergeant Lee's brother was listed as No. 115 Pte Geo. W. Lee, 1st Australian Amm Sub Park Convalescent Training Depot, Parkhouse.)*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Sergeant Frederick James Lee contains letter from Lt.-Colonel, R.A.M.C. which reads: *"In reply to your letter with reference to the death of the above-named N.C.O., I beg to say that he was admitted 19-1-18, suffering from Nephritis and Bronchitis, and was unconscious. He died at 9.15 pm the same evening without regaining consciousness and was buried in the Military Cemetery at Netley."*

Frederick James Lee requested in his Will, dated 17th July, 1917 that all his personal estate be bequeathed to his mother – J. Lee of Graham Street, Wonthaggi, Victoria.

Mr W. J. Lee, of 343 Johnstone St, Abbotsford, formerly of Wonthaggi, replied to Base Records in February, 1921 stating that he was the father of the late Sergeant Frederick James Lee & that his wife (mother of the late Sergeant Frederick James Lee) was still alive & living at the address in Abbotsford.

Sergeant Frederick James Lee was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sergeant Lee's father - Mr W. J. Lee, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

Mr G. W. Lee, Fruiter and Confectioner, of Graham Street, Wonthaggi, wrote to Base Records in October, 1925 enclosing a postal note for the cost of Mother's Badge for Mrs E. J. A. Lee.

George Warne Lee, brother of the late Sergeant Frederick James Lee, applied for the Gallipoli Medallion in July, 1967 in respect of his late brother's service.

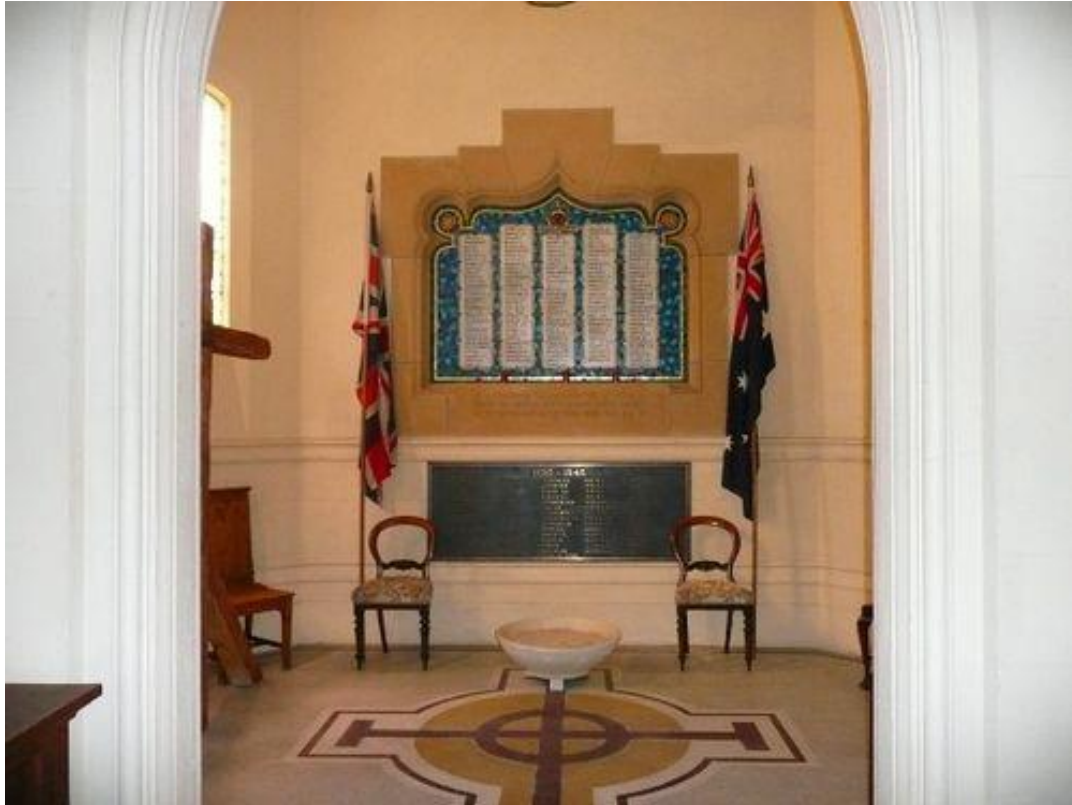
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sergeant Frederick James Lee – service number 5241, of 1st Field Bakery, Australian Army Service Corps. He was the son of William John and Elizabeth Jane Ada Lee, of Graham St., Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia.

Sergeant F. J. Lee is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.

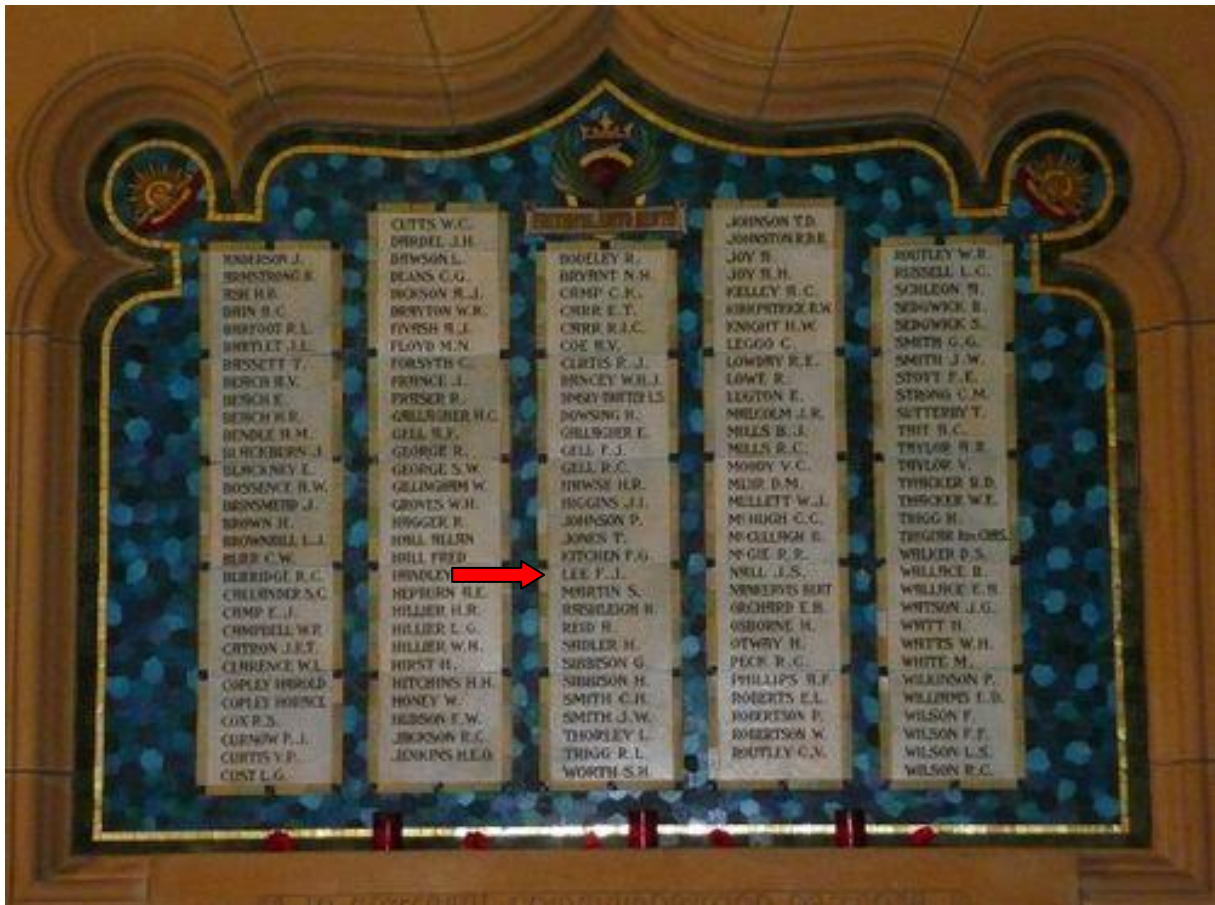


*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

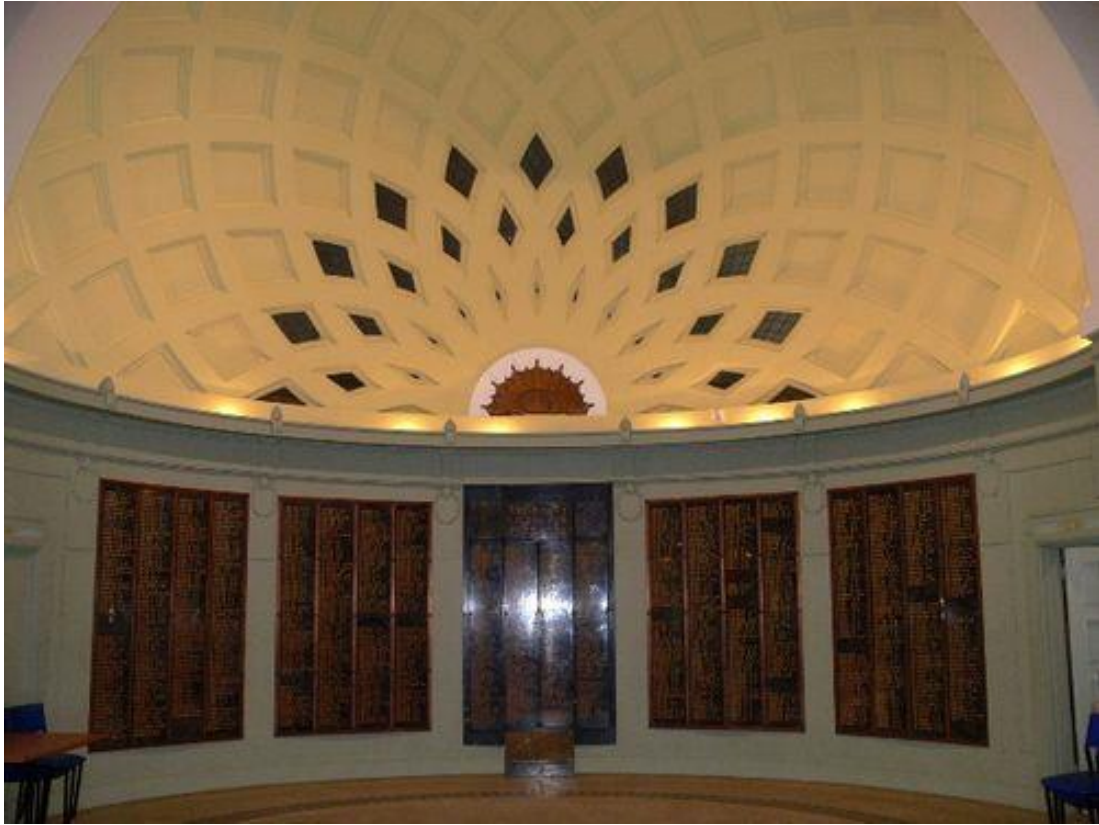
F. J. Lee is remembered on the Yarra Street Methodist Church Honour Roll, located in Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra Street, Geelong, Victoria.



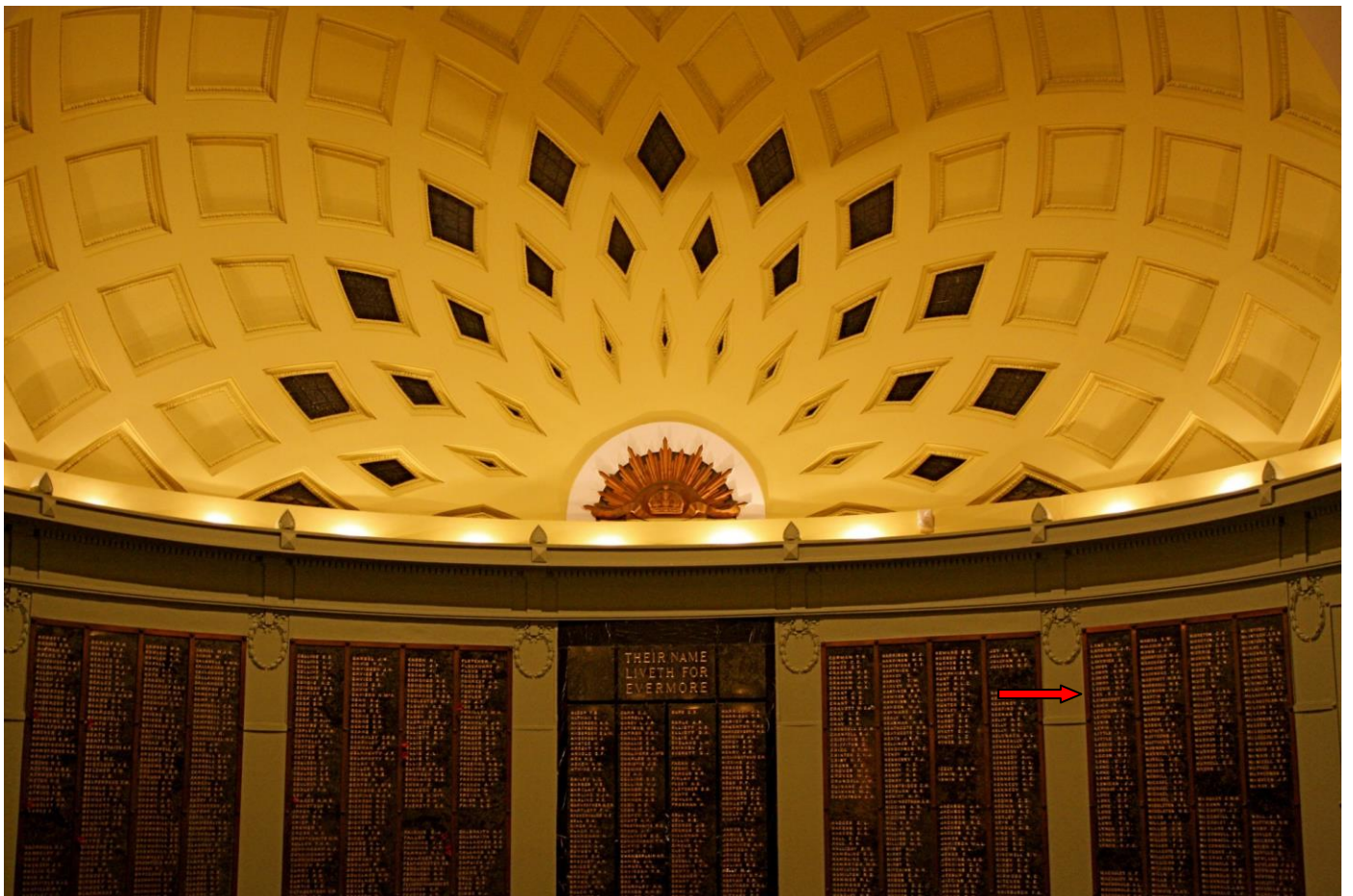
Yarra Street Methodist Church Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Nancy Alford)



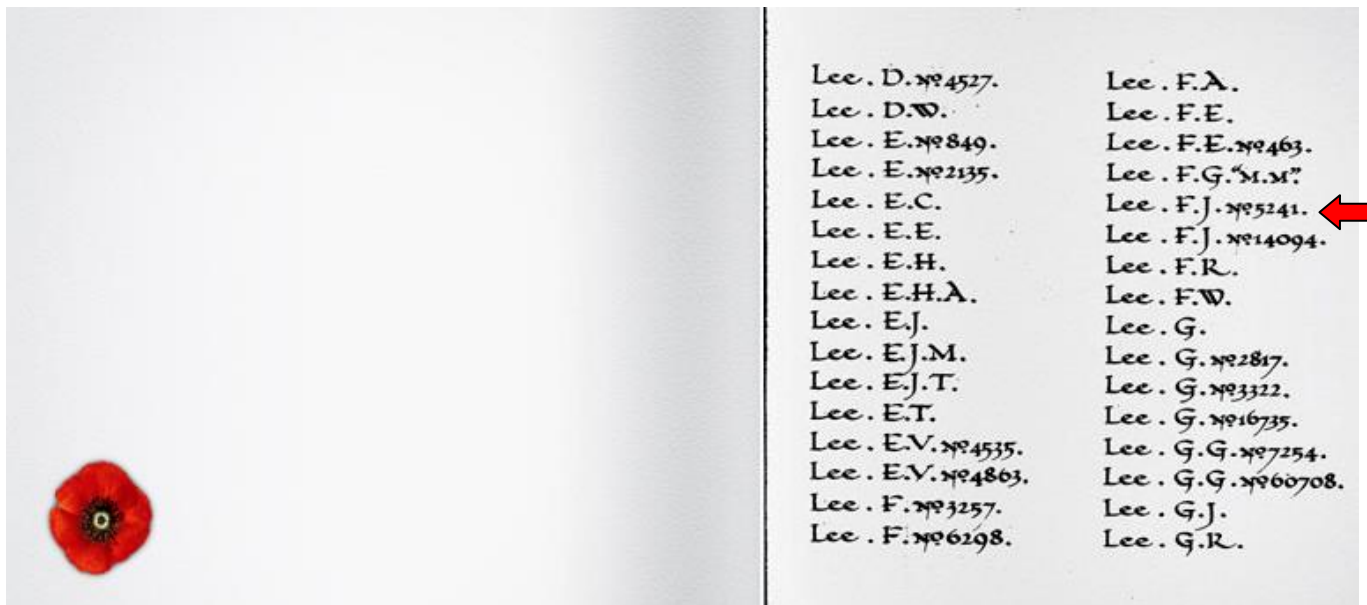
F. J. Lee is remembered at the Geelong & District Peace Memorial, located at Johnstone Park, Gheringhap Street, Geelong, Victoria.



**Geelong & District Peace Memorial**



F. J. Lee is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(54 pages of Sergeant Frederick James Lee'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*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Australian Army Service Corps wagons loading bread at the 1st Australian Field Bakery, at Imbros, for shipment to Anzac.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Men of the 1st Australian Field Bakery, Imbros, baking at a long row of ovens. Freshly baked bread is in the foreground along with baking tins and wood for the ovens. The baker with the pole (left) is smoking a pipe. The camp is in the background.*



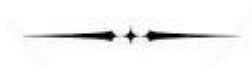
### Connected to Sergeant Frederick James Lee:

Older brother – Benjamin Joseph Ernest Lee – Private 1292. Labourer, aged 29 when he enlisted on 17th July, 1915. Next-of-kin – Mrs Ada Lee, Graham Street, Wonthaggi, Victoria. Embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on 10th November, 1915 on HMAT *Ascanius* with 8th Infantry Brigade, 29th Infantry Battalion, “D” Company. Transferred to 1st Field Bakery on 16th March, 1916. Appointed Lance Corporal on 1st April, 1917. Reverted to Private. Returned to Australia on *Port Melbourne* from England on 5th July, 1919. Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. Died 1964 in Victoria.

Younger brother – George Warne Lee – Lance Corporal 910. Baker, aged 24 when he enlisted on 18th August, 1914. Next-of-kin – J. Lee, Graham Street, Wonthaggi, Victoria. Embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on 19th October, 1914 on HMAT *Benalla* with 8th Infantry Battalion “H” Company. Transferred to 1st Divisional Headquarters with a new service number of 115 & rank of Private. He was transferred to 1st Divisional Motor Transport Company. Returned to Australia & disembarked on 27th January, 1919. Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. Died 1980 in Victoria.



\*\*The Australian War Memorial holds 12 items - postcards from Lee and his brother and a newspaper cutting.



### Newspaper Notices

#### **DEATH – ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

On 19th January, 1918, at University War Hospital, Southampton, England, Sergeant 5241 Frederick James Lee, third son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Lee, Graham-street, Wonthaggi, officially reported died of illness, aged 30 years; three years and one month on active service.

Greater love hath no man,  
That he laid down his life for his friends.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, sisters, brothers, Will, Joe (on active service) and George (on active service).

*(Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser, Victoria – 8 February, 1918)*

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#### **THE 382nd CASUALTY LIST**

The Victorian Names are:-

#### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Sergt. F. J. Lee, Wonthaggi

*(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 13 February, 1918)*

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## IN MEMORIAM

LEE – In loving memory of my dearest friend, Sgt. F. J. Lee, who died at University War Hospital, Southampton, on January 19th, 1918.

“My Anzac.”

-Inserted by M.S.

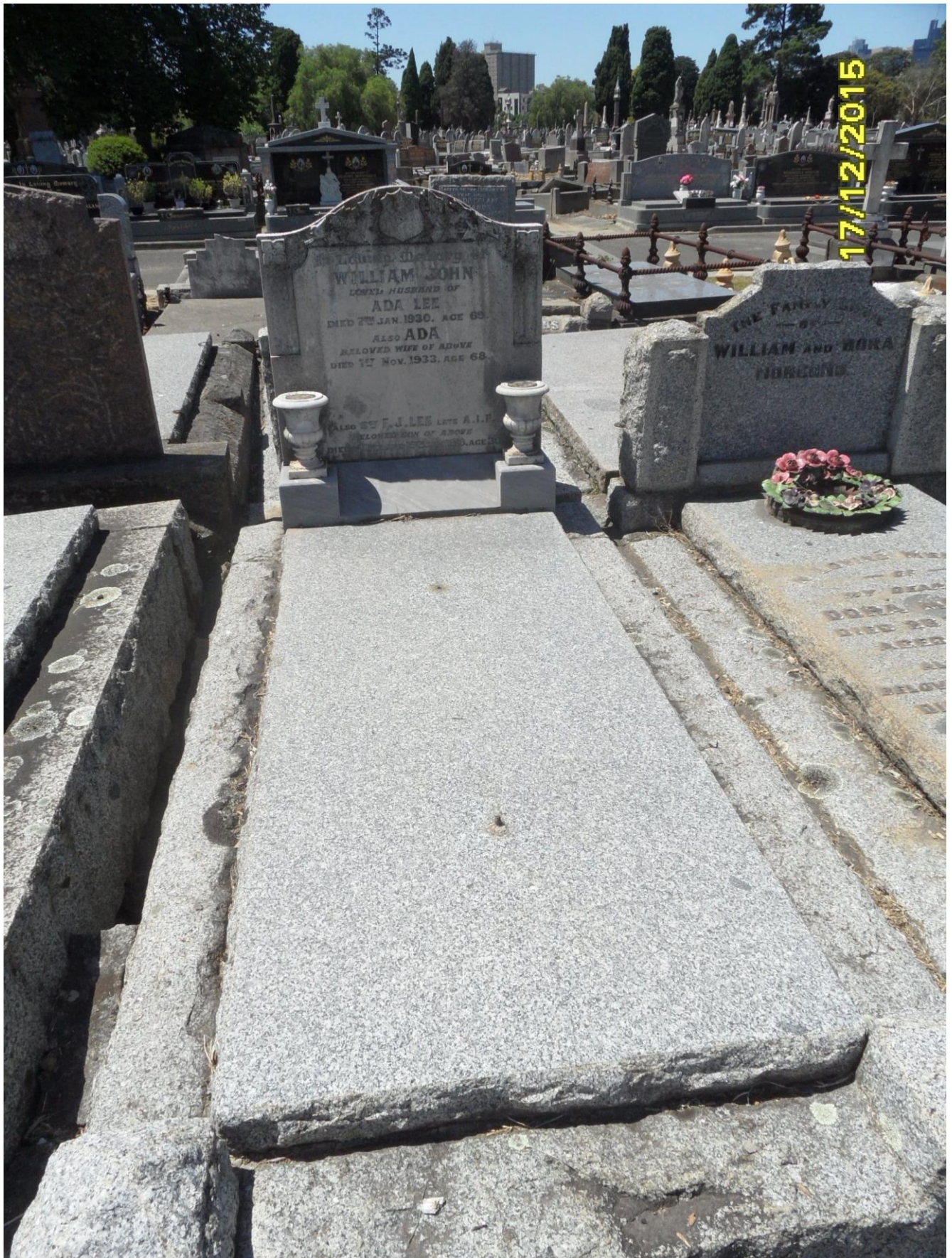
(*Geelong Advertiser*, Victoria – 20 January, 1919)

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Sgt. F. J. Lee is remembered on his parents' headstone in Melbourne General Cemetery, Victoria, Australia.



**Melbourne General Cemetery** (Photo by Rebecca McIntosh – Find a Grave)



(Photo by Tony M. – Find a Grave)



In Loving Memory of  
**WILLIAM JOHN**  
LOVED HUSBAND OF  
**ADA LEE**  
DIED 7<sup>TH</sup> JAN. 1930. AGE 69.  
ALSO **ADA**  
BELOVED WIFE OF ABOVE  
DIED 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV. 1933. AGE 68.

ALSO S<sup>ON</sup> **F. J. LEE** LATE A.I.F.  
BELOVED SON OF ABOVE  
DIED IN ENGLAND 19<sup>TH</sup> JAN. 1918. AGE 31.



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***Also Sgt. F. J. LEE, Late A.I.F.***

***Beloved Son Of Above***

***Died In England 19th Jan. 1918. Age 30***

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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)*

Sergeant Frederick James Lee does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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## 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 Sergeant F. J. Lee's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.







**Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery**