

**Earlham Road Cemetery,
Norwich, Norfolk
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1320 CORPORAL

J. MARSHALL

AUST. MACHINE GUN CORPS

11TH JUNE, 1918

John (Jack) MARSHALL

John Marshall was born at Heathcote, Victoria in 1882 to mother Elizabeth Marshall (father registered as unknown). (Possible father – Thomas Vent who died in 1899 in Heidelberg, Victoria).

John Marshall attended Heathcote State School, Victoria.

John Marshall was a 34 year old, single, Labourer from "Fairmont", Neerim South, Victoria when he enlisted at Neerim South, Victoria on 21st February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1320 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Marshall, Warragul, Victoria.

Private John Marshall was posted to "D" Company, 37th Battalion at Seymour on 11th March, 1916 for recruit training

Private John Marshall embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Persic (A34)* on 3rd June, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Brigade, 37th Infantry Battalion "D" Company & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 25th July, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private John Marshall was marched in to No. 5 Camp at Larkhill, Wiltshire with 37th Battalion Reinforcements on 25th July, 1916.

Private John Marshall was transferred to 10th Machine Gun Company on 30th October, 1916 & taken on strength of 10th Machine Gun Company on 30th October, 1916 from 37th Battalion.

Private John Marshall proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 22nd November, 1916.

Private John Marshall was sent to Hospital sick on 29th December, 1916. He was admitted to 10th Australian Field Ambulance on 29th December, 1916 with Pleurisy then transferred the same day to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Pte Marshall was transferred to Ambulance Train No. 18 on 31st December, 1916 & admitted to No. 7 Convalescent Depot at Boulogne on 1st January, 1917 with myalgia. On 24th January, 1917 Pte Marshall was transferred to 3rd L. R. Camp at Boulogne, France with myalgia.

Private John Marshall was marched in to Machine Gun Corps Base Depot at Camiers, France on 5th February, 1917 from Hospital. Pte Marshall was marched out to join his Unit from Camiers on 24th February, 1917 & rejoined his Unit from Hospital in the field on 24th February, 1917.

Private John Marshall was sent to 3rd Divisional Convalescent Camp on 29th May, 1917.

Private John Marshall was appointed Lance Corporal on 15th June, 1917.

Lance Corporal John Marshall was to be temporary Corporal from 10th August, 1917 then promoted to Corporal the same day – vice Corporal Barnes promoted.

Corporal John Marshall was sent to Gas School from 9th September, 1917 & rejoined his Unit on 15th September, 1917.

Corporal John Marshall was sent to Hospital on 23rd September, 1917. He was admitted to 10th Field Ambulance with a broken nose & discharged to duty on 25th September, 1917.

Corporal John Marshall was wounded in action on 4th October, 1917. He was admitted to 11th Australian Field Ambulance on 4th October, 1917 with gunshot wounds to neck then transferred to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 4th October, 1917. Corporal Marshall was transferred to 15th Casualty Clearing Station on 5th October, 1917 then transferred & admitted to 26th General Hospital on 8th October, 1917. He was listed for transfer to England on 15th October, 1917 then on 16th October, 1917, Corporal Marshall embarked from England on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

War Diary - 10th Machine Gun Company

Square Farm 4th October, 1917

6 am – ZERO HOUR. All objectives are taken and No. 4 section take up positions in the final objective with three guns (one had been lost during the advance).

ZERO + - Nos 1 & 3 sections move forward to new barrage position in vicinity of VAN ISACKERE FM [D.21a).

Casualties - Killed in action (7 soldiers named) Wounded1320 Cpl. J. MARSHALL (one of 17 names listed)

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Corporal John Marshall was admitted to St. Anselm's V.A.D. Hospital, Walmer which was affiliated with Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, England on 16th October, 1917 with bullet wounds to left side of neck – severe. He was transferred to Shorncliffe Military Hospital on 27th November, 1917 then discharged to furlough from 29th November, 1917 to 13th December, 1917 & was then to report to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.

Corporal John Marshall was reported as Absent without Leave on 13th December, 1917 from No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. He returned from A.W.L. on 14th December, 1917.

Corporal John Marshall was written up for an Offence at Sutton Veny – Absent without leave from 3.30 pm on 13th December, 1917 till 5 pm on 14th December, 1917. He was reprimanded by Lt. Col. G. H. Knox & forfeited 2 days' pay.

Corporal John Marshall was marched out from Sutton Veny on 5th January, 1918 & marched in to Machine Gun Training Depot at Grantham on 7th January, 1918.

Corporal John Marshall proceeded overseas to France from Grantham via Folkestone on 9th April, 1918. He was marched in to Machine Gun Depot at Camiers from England on 9th April, 1918. Corporal Marshall was marched out to his Unit on 12th April, 1918 & rejoined from being wounded on 16th April, 1918.

Corporal John Marshall was wounded in action – gassed (2nd occasion) on 26th May, 1918. He was admitted to 11th Field Ambulance on 26th May, 1918 then transferred to 49th Casualty Clearing Station with Gas shell. Corporal Marshall was admitted to 2nd Stationary Hospital at Abbeville, France on 3rd June, 1918. He was transferred to England on 7th June, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

Corporal John Marshall was admitted to Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, England.



Corporal John Marshall died at 5.30 am on 11th June, 1918 at Norfolk War Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk, England from Gas Poisoning (shell), Pneumonia & Nephritis.

A death for John Marshall, aged 36, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Blofield, Norfolk, England.

Corporal John Marshall was buried at 2 pm on 14th June, 1918 in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England – Plot number 54.713 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Corporal John Marshall - *Coffin was Elm, brass mounted. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack. Prior to the interment a service was held by Chaplain Rev. B. S. Everett at the graveside. The "Last Post" was sounded. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Base Records contacted Mrs E. Marshall, of Warragul, Victoria in January, 1922 asking if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & in particular if Corporal Marshall's father was still alive due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. Mrs E. Marshall replied that her son's father was dead & she was the sole next-of-kin.

Corporal John Marshall was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Marshall's widowed mother – Mrs E. Marshall, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).



Memorial Plaque for Corporal John Marshall

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal John Marshall – service number 1320, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Machine Gun Corps. He was the son of Mrs Elizabeth Marshall, of Warragul, Victoria.

John Marshall is remembered on the Neerim War Memorial, located outside the Cemetery, 2626 Main Neerim Road, Nerrim, Victoria.



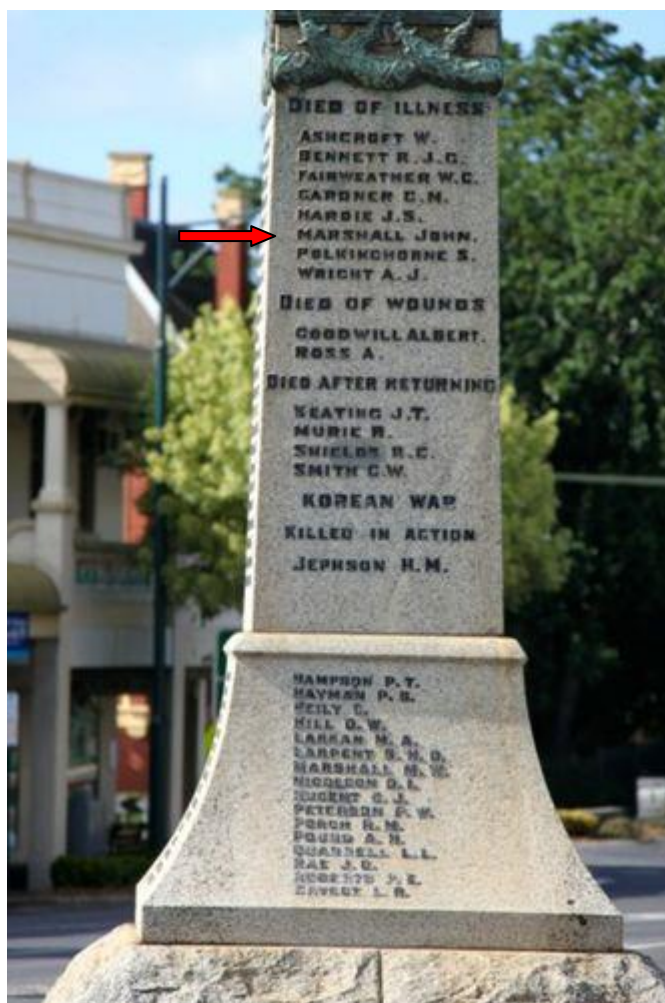
Neerim War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



John Marshall is remembered on the Warragul War Memorial, located at Victoria & Smith Streets, Warragul, Victoria.



Warragul War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



J. Marshall is remembered on the Warragul Honour Roll, located in Foyer of the Old Shire Hall, Queen Street, Warragul, Victoria.



Warragul Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia- Sandra Brown)

Corporal J. Marshall is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 176.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(54 pages of Corporal John Marshall'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) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

359th CASUALTY LIST

WOUNDED

Pte J. Marshall, Warragul (sev.)

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 30 November, 1917)

Roll of Honor

Anzacs and their Comrades

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Marshall, J. Neerim South

(West Gippsland Gazette, Warragul, Victoria – 18 June, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

MARSHALL – On the 11th June, from gas effects, Corporal Jack Marshall, only son of E. Marshall (Warragul), loving nephew of C. and A. M. Thexton, after 2 years and 3 months' active service.

Duty nobly done

One of the Gallant Third.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 June, 1918)

THE 412th CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIAN NAMES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Corporal J. Marshall, Warragul

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 29 June, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MARSHALL – In loving memory of our dear brother, Corp. John Marshall, who died on 11th June, 1918, from gas poison and pneumonia, at Norwich Military Hospital.

Only a grave if a hero,

Only a mould of earth;

Far from the land of wattle,

The place that gave him birth.

Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Charlie Jenkins, Junee.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 June, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MARSHALL – In loving memory of our dear brother, Corporal John Marshall, who died on active service, 11th June, 1918.

In fond remembrance

Inserted by his loving mother, sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Charlie Jenkins, Junee, New South Wales.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 June, 1920)



Private John (Jack) Marshall



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)

Corporal J. Marshall does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich contains 533 Commonwealth War Graves.

The cemetery was laid out in 1856 and casualties of the South African War were buried in the oldest part. Nearly half of the 1914-1918 burials are to be found in two military plots; one in the North-Eastern part and the other in the Western part of the burial ground. Ground immediately adjoining the latter was reserved for service burials of the 1939-1945 War and is now combined with it to form the 1914-1918 and 1939-1945 War Graves Plot. The Cross of Sacrifice, which honours the servicemen of both Wars who are buried in the cemetery, stands in the plot, and carved upon two of the panels of its base are the dates 1914-1918 and 1939-1945. There are now nearly 350, 1914-1918 and nearly 200, 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site. In addition, a special memorial is erected to one soldier buried among civilian air raid victims in a grave on which it was not possible to erect a headstone.

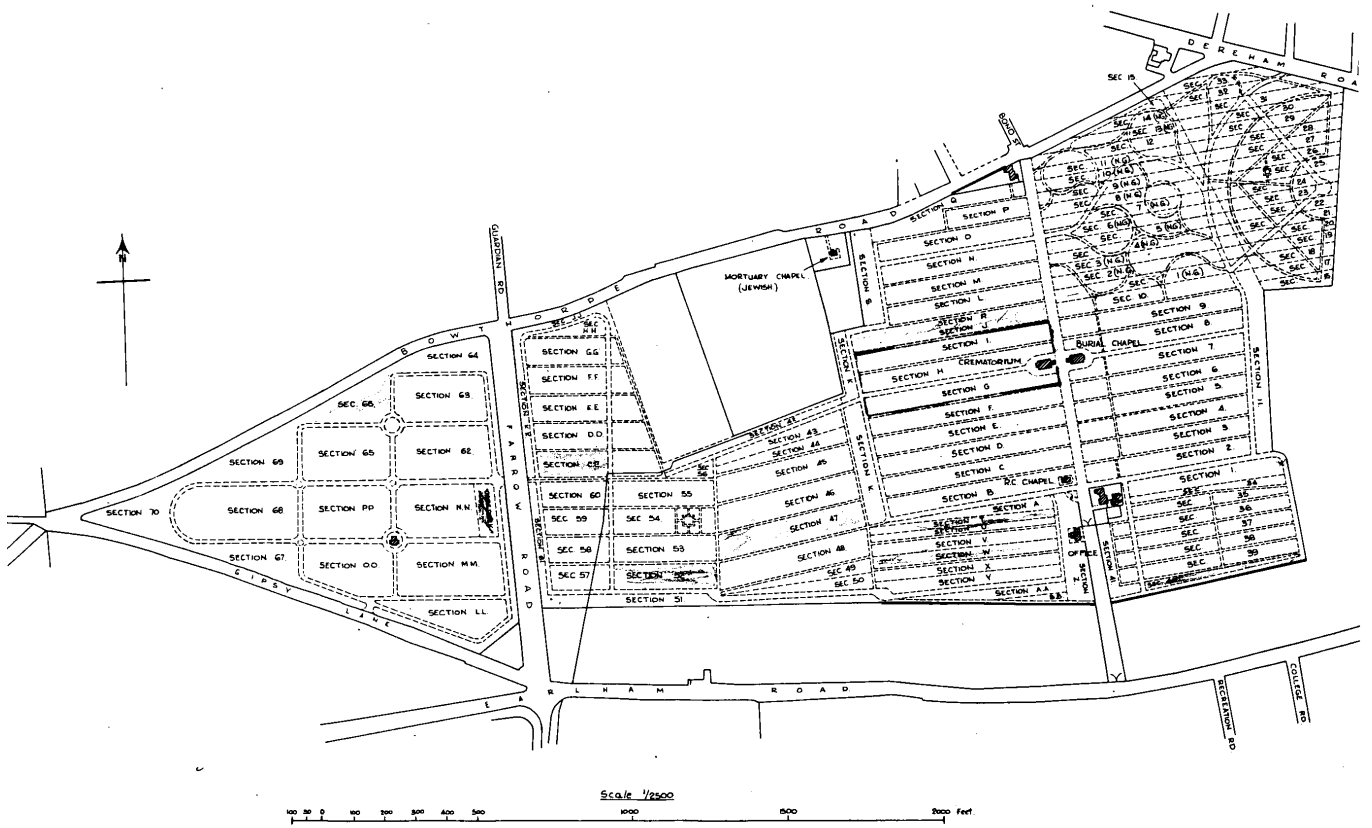
(Information & photo from CWGC)



Photo of Corporal J. Marshall's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England.



(Photo by Jennifer Hart – Find a Grave)



Map of Earlham Road Cemetery, Norwich, Norfolk, England

