

**St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard,
Harefield, Middlesex, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



33307 DRIVER

F. J. W. MARSHALL

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

3RD DECEMBER, 1918 Age 22

*Beloved Eldest Son
Of Mr & Mrs Marshall
Armada Victoria*

Frederick John William MARSHALL

Frederick John William Marshall was born at North Melbourne, Victoria on 1st December, 1896 to parents Frederick Adair Marshall & Christina Ann Marshall (nee Hart). His birth was registered in 1896 & his place of birth was listed as Hotham, Victoria.

Frederick John William Marshall attended Errol Street State School, North Melbourne, Victoria then attended Business College for a short time.

Frederick John William Marshall was a 20 year old, single, Clerk (occupation listed as Salesman on information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour) from 49 Northcote Road, Armadale, Victoria when he enlisted on 19th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Presbyterian & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Frederick Marshall, of 49 Northcote Road, Armadale, Victoria. Frederick John William Marshall stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served in Senior Cadets for 3 years, Citizen Forces & had previously been rejected for His Majesty's Service as unfit due to his eyesight.

As Frederick John William Marshall was under the age of 21 years – his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. "Fredk Marshall" & "Christina Marshall" both signed their consent.

Frederick John William Marshall was posted to Field Artillery Reinforcements at Maribyrnong on 2nd November, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column), 25th Reinforcements on 3rd February, 1917 as Driver.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall, Service number 33307, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 11th May, 1917 with the Field Artillery Brigade – February 1917 Reinforcements. He reported sick while at Sea & was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 30th June, 1917. Driver Marshall was discharged from Ship's Hospital on 2nd July, 1917. He disembarked at Plymouth, England on 19th July, 1917.

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.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall was marched in to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 19th July, 1917 from Australia.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 17th October, 1917 from Larkhill. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 18th October, 1917. Driver Marshall was marched out from A.G.B.D. on 21st October, 1917 & was taken on strength of 3rd Field Artillery Brigade on 23rd October, 1917 in Belgium.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall reported sick on 6th February, 1918. He was admitted to 15th Australian Field Ambulance on 6th February, 1918 – cause P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). Driver Marshall was discharged to duty on 10th February, 1918 & rejoined his Unit in France the same day.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall was on Leave to UK from 23rd October, 1918. He became sick on 4th November, 1918 while on Leave & was admitted to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, England on the same day with Influenza.

Mr F. Marshall, 49 Northcote Road, Armadale, Victoria, father of Driver Frederick John William Marshall, was advised by Base Records on 3rd December, 1918 that Driver F. J. W. Marshall had been admitted to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, England on 4th November, 1918 suffering from Influenza & was seriously ill on 27th November, 1918.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall died at 06.30 on 3rd December, 1918 at 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield Park, Harefield, Middlesex, England from Primary – Influenza & secondary – Broncho-Pneumonia (as per Report of Death of a Soldier – Army Form B 2090 & Morning State of Sick form, however, the Casualty Form – Active Service, Statement of Service form & Telegram to "DMS Admin Aust" London recorded he died of Pneumonia.)

A death for Frederick J. W. Marshall, aged 21, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Uxbridge, Middlesex, England.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall was buried on 6th December, 1918 in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield, Middlesex, England – Plot number Aust.85 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

From the burial report of Driver Frederick John William Marshall – Military Funeral. Officiating Clergyman – Rev. A. P. Bladen, C.F., attached to No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex. Wreath supplied by Mr C. Billyard Leake (Harefield). Headquarters Firing Party & Bugler in attendance. Warrant Officer Hudson in Charge of Funeral. Small number of Hospital Staff & Patients attended the Funeral.

Mr F. Marshall, 49 Northcote Road, Armadale, Victoria, father of Driver Frederick John William Marshall, was advised by Base Records on 9th December, 1918 that Driver F. J. W. Marshall was dangerously ill.

Alexander Warne, Secretary, Hotham Union Lodge, No. 12 I.O.O.F., 15 Chapman Street, North Melbourne, wrote to Base Records on 18th December, 1918 requesting *“the sickness record of No. 33307 Driver F. J. W. Marshall. Also certificate of death, he was officially reported died of pneumonia on 3/12/18 in the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, England.”*

Base Records replied to Alexander Warne, Esq, on 9th January, 1919 advising that he had been admitted to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital on 4th November, suffering from Influenza & that he had died on 3rd December, 1918 at 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital of Pneumonia. Base Records advised that the report of death had not yet been received from abroad. *“Your request, however, has been noted for compliance at the earliest possible date.”*

Base Records contacted A. Warne, Esq, on 4th February, 1919, enclosing a certificate of report of death of the late No. 33307 Driver F. J. W. Marshall, 3rd (Army) Field Artillery Brigade.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall requested in his Will dated 1st May, 1917 that all his real & personal estate be bequeathed to his mother – Christina Marshall, of 49 Northcote Rd, Armadale. Christina Marshall was also appointed as Executrix of the Will.

Driver Frederick John William Marshall was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Marshall’s father – Mr F. Marshall, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Frederick John William Marshall – service number 33307, aged 22, of 3rd A.F.A. Bde, Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Frederick & Christina Ann Marshall, of 149 Northcote Rd, Armadale, Victoria, Australia.

Driver F. J. W. 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 13.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

F. W. J. Marshall is remembered in the St. Albans Church Roll of Honour, located in St Albans Church, 583 Orrong Road, Armadale, Victoria.



St. Albans Church Roll of Honour (Photo from Flickr – Pru Mitchell)

The Errol Street Primary School (North Melbourne) Memorial Fountain, for World War 1 does not list individual names.

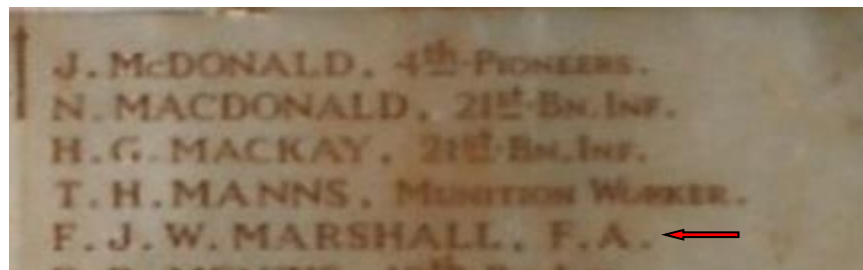


Errol Street Primary School Memorial Fountain (Photos from VHD Victoria)

F. J. W. Marshall is remembered on the Australian Soldiers' Memorial in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Church Hill, Harefield, Middlesex, England.



Australian Soldiers' Memorial, Harefield (Photo from War Memorials Online – B. Wood)



(62 pages of Driver Frederick John William 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

Engagements and Weddings

The engagement is announced of Miss Maude Treen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs George W. Treen, Murrumbeena, to Driver F. J. W. Marshall, of the Australian Field Artillery (A.I.F.) Reinforcements, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Fred Marshall, Armadale.

(*Table Talk*, Melbourne, Victoria – 1 March, 1917) & (*The Prahan Telegraph*, Victoria – 3 March, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOR

ILL

Dvr F. J. W. Marshall, Armadale

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 December, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

453rd Casualty List

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Dvr F. J. W. MARSHALL, Armadale, 3/12/18 (illness)

(*Bendigo Advertiser*, Victoria – 27 December, 1918)

DEATHS

On Active Service

MARSHALL.—Officially reported died of pneumonia, 3rd December, in 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, England, Driver Frederick John William (103rd Howitzer Battery), dearly loved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Marshall 49 Northcote road, Armadale (late of North Melbourne), and loving brother of Violet, Leslie, and Henry; grandson of the late Charles and of Ellen Marshall, North Carlton; also of the late John and Mary Hart, late of Chewton; loved nephew of Mrs. A. H. Garrett (Sydney), Mrs. A. S. Turner, and Mrs. R. Lean (Western Australia), Corporal James Hart (in England, wounded), and Bugler Henry Oliver Hart (Anzac), who died of wounds, received at the Dardenelles, 17th June, 1915; cousin of Corporal Frank Dale, of South Yarra (Anzac, returned) and Privates Dave and Alf Beynon, of East Prahran (on active service), aged 22 years and 2 days.

Deeply mourned.

—(Inserted by his sorrowing parents.)

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 21 December, 1918) & (*The Australian*, Melbourne, Victoria – 28 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MARSHALL – In sad remembrance of our dear son and brother, Driver Frederick John William Marshall (103 Howitzer Batter), who died in Harefield Hospital, England, of pneumonia, 3rd December, 1917 (two days after his 22nd birthday).

Deeply mourned.

Sleep on, loved ones, in a soldier's grave,
Your life for your country you nobly gave;
No dear ones were near to say good-bye,
But in God's keeping you safely lie.

When the shadows are falling soft and still

And the heat of the day is done,

I see through the dusk, as a mother will,

The face of her darling son.

My loved one is sleeping his last long sleep,

And his grave I may never see,

But some gentle hand in that distant land

May plant a small flower for me.

-Inserted by his loving parents and brothers, Mr and Mrs F. Marshall, Leslie and Henry, 49 Northcote-road, Armadale.

MARSHALL – In loving memory of my dear brother, Driver Frederick John William Marshall, 103rd Howitzer Battery, who died in Harefield Hospital, England, of pneumonia, 3rd December, 1918. Buried in Harefield cemetery.

Under the flag with the five starred cross,

The pride of our southern sea,

He laid down his life in the deadly strife

To keep Australia free.

None who knew him need ever be told,

A warmer heart death never made cold;

His cheery ways and smiling face,

There is none can fill my dear brother's place.

-Inserted by his loving sister, Violet (Mrs L. Osborne.)

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 December, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

MARSHALL, TURNER, HART – In sad remembrance of our dear beloved eldest son, Driver Frederick John William Marshall, who died from pneumonia in Harefield Hospital, December 3, 1918; also Gertrude May Turner, died November, 1919, at Guilford, West Australia, dearly loved aunt of the above; also Bugler Henry Oliver Hard, died 17th June, 1915, from wounds received at Gallipoli, uncle of the above. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing parents, Mr and Mrs F, Marshall, late of 49 Northcote-road, Armadale.

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 December, 1922)

**Newspaper Memorial Notices were also placed in 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933

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)

Driver F. J. W. Marshall does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Beloved Eldest Son Of Mr & Mrs Marshall

Armadale, Victoria

St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield, Middlesex, England

St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield contains 126 Commonwealth War Graves.

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Harefield (St. Mary) Churchyard contains war graves from both world wars. There are 120 First World War graves, mostly those of Australians who died in No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield Park. Uniquely, their graves are marked by scroll shaped headstones, chosen by the staff and patients at the hospital. In the centre of the Australian plot stands a memorial obelisk which was erected by Sir Francis Newdegate, late Governor of Tasmania and of Western Australia, and Mr. C.A.M. Billyard-Leake, of Harefield Park. The churchyard also contains six graves of the Second World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield



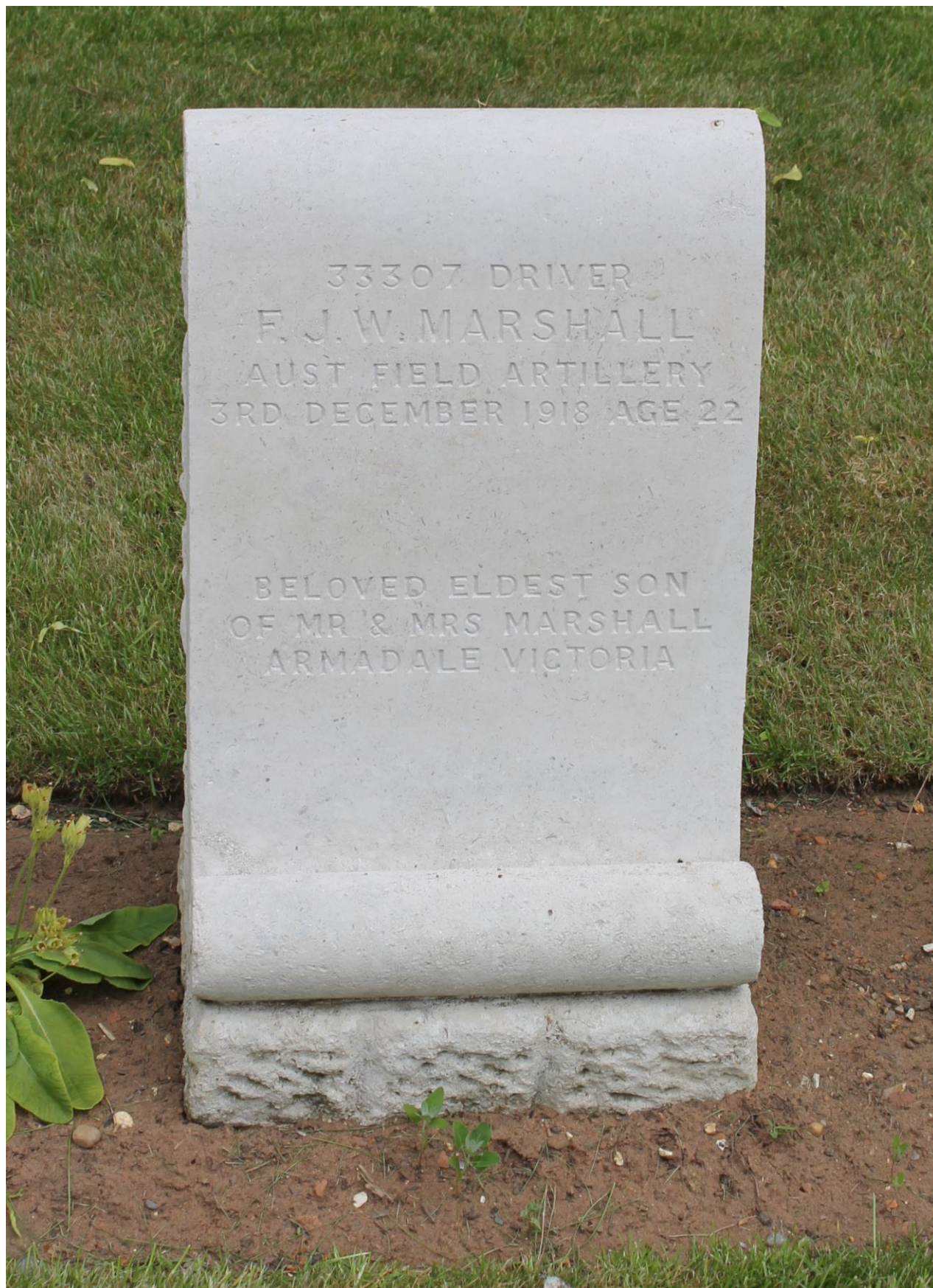


St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield



THE ANZAC CEMETERY, HAREFIELD, LAWRENCE, PHOTO

Photo of Driver F. J. W. Marshall's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield, Middlesex, England.



(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)



St Mary the Virgin Church, Harefield (Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)



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