

**Southampton Old Cemetery,  
Hampshire, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1716 L. CPL**

**A. OSBORNE**

**AUST. ARMY SERVICE CORPS**

**7TH JULY, 1916 Age 27**

## Alfred OSBORNE

Alfred Osborne was born in Birmingham, England on 9th October, 1889 to parents Alfred & Mary Jane Osborne. He was baptised on 17th November, 1889 at The Church of Immanuel, Birmingham, Worcester, England. The family lived at High St, Kings Heath & Alfred Osborne (Senior) was listed as a Master Plumber.

The 1891 England Census recorded Alfred Osborne as a 1 year old, living with his family at 30 Poplar Rd, Kings Norton, Worcestershire. His parents were listed as Alfred Osborne (Plumber, aged 26, born Birmingham) & Jennie Osborne (aged 27, born Liverpool). Alfred (born King's Heath) was the youngest of three children listed on this Census – Edith Osborne (aged 4, born Birmingham) & Jennie Osborne (aged 4, born Birmingham).

The 1901 England Census recorded Alfred Osborne as an 11 year old, living with his family at No. 84 Parkwood Rd, Pokesdown, Hampshire. His parents were listed as Alfred Osborn (Plumber & cycle maker, aged 36) & Mary J. Osborne (aged 37). Alfred was one of five children listed on this Census (all born Birmingham) – Jane (aged 15), Edith (aged 15) then Alfred, Daisy (aged 9) & Queenie (aged 5).

Alfred Osborne was a 25 year old, single, Driver / Mechanic when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 30th September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1716 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr A. Osbourne, (name as listed on Embarkation Roll) Whittam Road, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Queensland.

Alfred Osborne was posted to D. A. P. (Divisional Ammunition Park) as Driver on 30th September, 1914 for recruit training. He was posted to 8th Australian Army Service Corps (no date recorded).

Driver Alfred Osbourne (name as listed on Embarkation Roll) embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ceramic* (A40) on 22nd December, 1914 with the 301st (M.T.) A.S.C. (17th Divisional Ammunition Park) (8th A.S.C.)

Driver Alfred Osborne was written up on 10th March, 1915 at Romsey for Obscene Language & Insubordination to Senior N.C.O. He was awarded 2 extra guards & 1 week confined to Barracks.

Driver Alfred Osborne was written up on 28th March, 1915 while posted at Romsey for being Absent Without Leave. This was admonished on 29th March, 1915.

Driver Alfred Osborne embarked from Avonmouth, Bristol, England on S.S. *Saba* on 12th July, 1915. He disembarked at Rouen, France on 15th July, 1915.

Driver Alfred Osborne was promoted to Lance Corporal on 25th July, 1915 at Steenvorde.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was written up for neglect of duty on 17th November, 1915 – “1. *While N.C.O. in charge of camp guard did not march round reliefs* 2. *Not ascertaining if anything unusual had happened* 3. *Not reporting that Dvr Smith came into camp at 11.15 pm after sentry had reported same. He was severely reprimanded on 18th November, 1915.*”

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was granted Leave from 28th November, 1915 to 5th December, 1915.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was admitted to 4th Stationary Hospital at St. Omer, France on 10th January, 1916 with conjunctivitis. He was discharged to B.M.T.D. (Base Motor Transport Depot) at Rouen, France on 18th January, 1916.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was admitted to Hospital on 29th January, 1916 with Influenza. He was discharged to B.M.T.D. (Base Motor Transport Depot) on 16th February, 1916.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was admitted to Hospital on 21st February, 1916 with Laryngitis. He was discharged to B.M.T.D. (Base Motor Transport Depot) on 3rd March, 1916.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was admitted to Hospital on 8th March, 1916 with Rheumatism. He was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *St. Andrew* on 17th March, 1916.

Mr A. Osborne, Whittamson Road, Indooroopilly, Queensland was advised by Base Records on 25th March, 1916 that his son Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne had been admitted to Hospital in London with Myalgia.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England on 18th March, 1916 with Rheumatism which was caused from Active Service in France. He was reported to be dangerously ill (no date recorded).

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne died on 7th July, 1916 at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, England from Infective Endocarditis and Pneumonia.

The Report of Death of a Soldier – Army form B. 2090 recorded that Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was married. His wife was listed as Mrs Lily Osborn, 35 Eastfield Road, St. Deny's, near Southampton.

A death for Alfred Osborne, aged 26, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Wandsworth, Greater London, England.

Mr A. Osborne, Whitton Road, Indooroopilly, Queensland was advised by Base Records on 13th July, 1916 that his son Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was dangerously ill with Endocarditis.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was buried on 14th July, 1916 in Southampton Old Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number 149 N. 194 (family grave for three) and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Owing to the fact that circumstances precluded the attendance of a representative of Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London – the burial details were requested from Mrs Lily Osborne, widow of the late Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne. She also advised on 12th July, 1917 that she had left 35 Eastfield Road, St. Denys, Southampton & her new address as 10 Houghton Villas, Batley Road, Romsey, Hants.

A War Pension was granted to Lily Louisa Osborne, widow of the late Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne, in the sum of 46/- per fortnight, commencing from 7th September, 1916.

Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Corporal Osborne's (remarried) widow – Mrs L. L. Bevis (The Cottage, Mill Lane, Romsey, Hants, England), as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne - service number 1716, aged 27, of 8th Coy., Australian Army Service Corps. He was the son of Alfred and the late Mrs Osborne; husband of Lily Louisa Osborne, of The Cottage, Mill Lane, Romsey, England.

Lance Corporal A. Osborne 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*

(40 pages of Lance Corporal Alfred Osborne'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*



L.-CPL. A. OSBORNE,  
Died of illness.

*(The Queenslander – 12 August, 1916)*

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

#### **159th LIST OF CASUALTIES**

QUEENSLAND

ILL

L-Cpl. A. Osborne, 17th Div. Ammn. Park (201st A.S.C.), Brisbane (in hospital, London)

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 1 April, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOR**

#### **187th CASUALTY LIST**

Died of Illness

Lance Corporal A. Osborne, Indooroopilly

*(Townsville Daily Bulletin, Queensland – 28 July, 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)*

Lance Corporal A. Osborne has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone but does not have an inscription.

## Old Cemetery, Hampshire, England

This cemetery, on the Common, belongs to the Corporation. It was made in 1846 under Act of Parliament, and it now covers 27 acres. It contains 104 scattered Commonwealth war graves of the 1914-18 War, a plot of 21 1914-18 War Belgians and 15 Commonwealth war graves of the 1939-45 War.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**Southampton Old Cemetery** (Photos from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)





**Cross of Sacrifice** (Photo above – Friends of Southampton Old Cemetery; below CWGC)

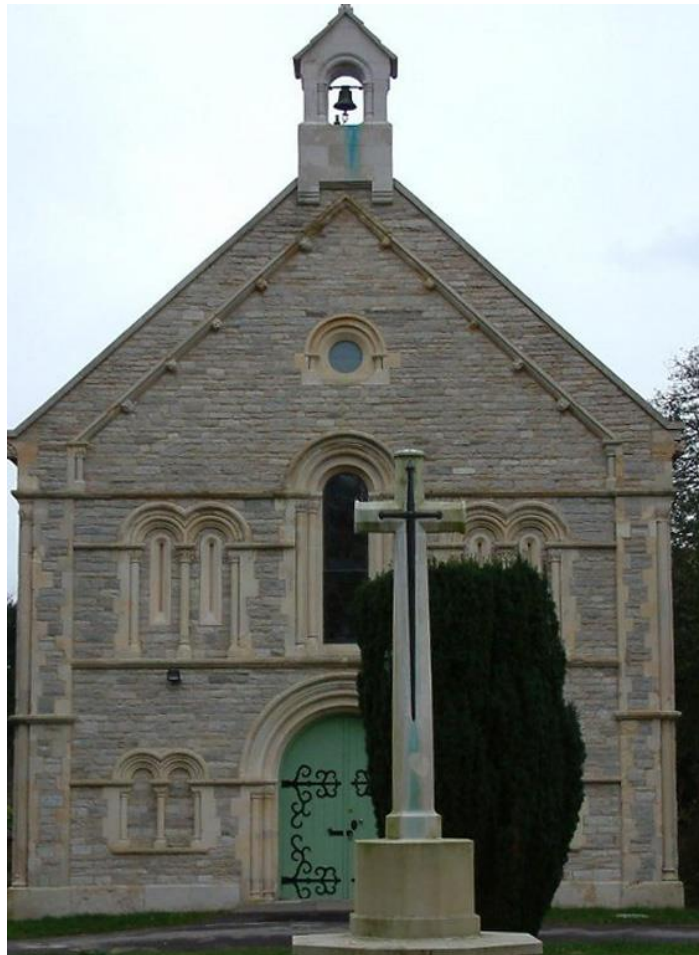


Photo of Lance Corporal A. Osborne's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Southampton Old Cemetery, Hampshire, England.

