

**Reading Cemetery,
Reading, Berkshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5739 PRIVATE

J. I. PERRY

7TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

4TH JULY, 1918 Age 35

James Ivo PERRY

James Ivo Perry was born at Richmond, Victoria in 1883 to parents Richard James and Jane Perry (nee Traill).

The 1905 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Melbourne, subdivision on Hotham, Victoria recorded James Ivo Perry, Driver, living at 20 Shiel Street, North Melbourne. Also listed at that address were his parents Richard James Perry, Stone Cutter, & Jane Perry, Home Duties. James' sister Thyra May Perry, Machinist was also listed at that address.

James Perry married Emma Dowler in Victoria in 1910. A birth was registered for Alan James Perry in 1912 in Victoria & Leslie Harry Perry in 1914.

The 1912, 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Maribyrnong, subdivision on Hotham, Victoria recorded James Ivo Perry, Driver, living at 15 Curran Street, North Melbourne with his wife Emmie Perry, Home Duties.

James Ivo Perry was a 31 year old, married, Gardener's labourer from Mackie Road, Bentleigh, Victoria when he enlisted on 3rd March, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5739 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs E. Perry, of Mackie Road, Bentleigh, Victoria.

Private James Ivo Perry was posted to Royal Park Camp, "A" Company, 22nd Battalion on 22nd March, 1916. He was transferred to 7th Battalion, 18th Reinforcements at Broadmeadows Camp on 28th April, 1916.

Private James Ivo Perry embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33) on 3rd July, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2nd September, 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 James Ivo Perry was marched in with 7th Battalion from Australia to 2nd Training Battalion at Perham Downs, Wiltshire.

Private James Ivo Perry proceeded overseas to France from Perham Downs on 15th October, 1916. He was marched in to 1st Divisional Base Depot at Etaples, France on 16th October, 1916. Pte Perry was marched out to join his Unit from Etaples on 29th October, 1916 & was taken on strength with 7th Battalion in the field on 3rd November, 1916.

Private James Ivo Perry was taken to Hospital on 27th November, 1916 & admitted to New Zealand Stationary Hospital at Amiens on 28th November, 1916 with Bronchitis. He was transferred to Ambulance Train & admitted to 1st Convalescent Depot at Rouen, France on 30th November, 1916 with Bronchial Catarrh & Piles. He was medically classed as unfit.

Private James Ivo Perry joined 1st A.D.B.D (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples from Hospital on 4th December, 1916. He was marched out to join his Unit on 31st December, 1916 & rejoined his Battalion in France on 1st January, 1917.

Private James Ivo Perry was admitted to 1st Divisional Rest Station on 19th March, 1917 with Rheumatism. He was discharged & rejoined his Battalion on 1st April, 1917.

Private James Ivo Perry was wounded in action on 20th September, 1917. He was admitted to 6th Field Ambulance on 20th September, 1917 with gunshot wounds to his legs. Pte Perry was transferred to 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station the same day. He was transferred & admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 22nd September, 1917.

7th Australian Infantry Battalion

After Pozieres the battalion manned trenches in the Ypres salient in Belgium, before returning to the Somme valley. It saw out the horrendous winter of 1916-1917 rotating between training, working parties and duty in the trenches.

In early 1917, the Germans withdrew to the Hindenburg Line and the 7th Battalion participated in the brief advance that followed and then came to a grinding halt before Bullecourt. The battalion was withdrawn from the front line for training on 9 May 1917 and did not return to action until the Ypres offensive of September and October. It fought major battles at Menin Road on 20 September and Broodseinde on 4 October, and then spent much of ensuing winter in the Ypres mud.

(Information from the Australian War Memorial)

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 1st October, 1917 that her husband had been admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital on 24th September, 1917 suffering from gunshot wounds to legs & his condition was dangerous.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 23rd October, 1917 that her husband's condition was stationary.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 3rd December, 1917 that her husband was pronounced out of danger.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 8th December, 1917 that her husband's condition was improving.

Private James Ivo Perry was reported to be still a patient at 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 3rd February, 1918.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 9th April, 1918 that her husband was progressing favourably,

Private James Ivo Perry was invalided to England from France on Hospital Ship *St. Andrew* on 28th April, 1918 with fracture of perinallia.

Private James Ivo Perry was admitted to Reading War Hospital, Reading, Berkshire, England on 29th April, 1918 with gunshot wounds to right & left thighs, Perinalum & Urethra – dangerously ill.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 20th May, 1918 that her husband had been admitted to Reading War Hospital, Reading, England on 29th April, 1918 suffering from gunshot wounds to thighs & his condition was severe.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 28th May, 1918 that her husband was progressing favourably.

Mrs E. Perry, wife of Private James Ivo Perry, was advised on 3rd July, 1918 that the report of 20th May should have read – gunshot wound to thighs, perinaeum urethra, now dangerously ill.

Private James Ivo Perry died at 7 pm on 4th July, 1918 at No. 1 Reading War Hospital, Reading, Berkshire, England from wounds received in action – “1. Gunshot wounds to Perineum & 2. Ascending infection of Kidneys – septic absorbtion.”

A death for James I. Perry, aged 36, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Reading, Berkshire, England.

Private James Ivo Perry was buried at 2 pm on 8th July, 1918 in Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire – Screen Wall. 72. 6455. Those buried in Plot 72 & buried in other parts of the cemetery that do not have headstones marking

their graves are named on the Memorial Screen Wall located near the Cross of Sacrifice. Their deaths are still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Pte Perry - *Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths. Band, gun-carriage, Bugler and Pallbearers, were in attendance. A party of 60 Australians (Patients in No. 1 Reading War Hospital), and several of the Nursing Staff followed the remains of the deceased to the Cemetery. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Names of friends present at the funeral – Dr R. H. Stevens, Mount Stuart, Grove Hill, Sth Woodford. & No. 5747, Pte Robinson, 7th Bn. A.I.F. 1st O.I.B. Sandhill, Warminster.*

Emma Perry, widow of the late Pte James Ivo Perry, remarried in 1919 to Henry Charles Glossop.

Pte James Ivo Perry was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Perry's remarried widow – Mrs E. Glossop, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

Mrs Jane Perry, mother of the late Private James Ivo Perry, wrote to Base Records in July, 1923, asking if the "Scroll & Plaque" for fallen soldiers had ever been asked for by the widow of her son. The letter continues "*She married soon after his death & do not think she would bother about it as she cut our relationship & I never heard from her. I once wrote to the Barracks about it to see if I was entitled to them but got no reply and if they are still unclaimed why not me have them as they would be treasured.....*" Base Records replied to Mrs Perry, mother of the late Private James Ivo Perry, that the mementoes issued on account of the service of her late son - British War medal, Victory Medal, Memorial Plaque & Memorial Scroll had been handed over to his widow.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private James Ivo Perry – service number 5739, aged 35, of 7th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Richard James and Jane Perry; husband of Emma Perry, of 21 Clifton St., Caulfield, Victoria, Australia. Born at Richmond, Victoria.

Private J. I. Perry is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 51.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

I. Perry is remembered on the Benteleigh War Memorial, located in Benteleigh Memorial Gardens, Jasper Road, Benteleigh, Victoria.



Benteleigh War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)

(76 pages of Pte James Ivo Perry'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



Newspaper Notices

THE 422nd CASUALTY LIST

VICTORIAN NAMES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private J. I. Perry, Bentleigh

(*The Mildura Cultivator*, Victoria – 14 August, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

PERRY – In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Private James Ivo Perry, late 7th Batt., died of wounds 4th July, 1918.

As true a heart as ever beat

Has passed away from earth;

But memory dwells within the heart

Of those he left behind.

When peace dawns over the countryside,

Out thanks shall be to all our boys;

But think of the ones who have gone from us,

How hard it will be when they all return.

- Inserted by his sorrowing wife and little sons, Alan and Harry, Mackie-road, Bentleigh.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 July, 1919)

Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire, England

Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire contains 248 War Graves, 17 of those being from Australian Forces – World War 1.

The War Graves Plot is situated at the back of the cemetery, in the right hand corner from the entrance. A Screen Wall Memorial commemorates those buried in Plot 72 and those buried in other parts of the cemetery whose graves are not marked by headstones. There are 207 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 41 of the 1939-1945 war. There is also 1 Serbian burial.

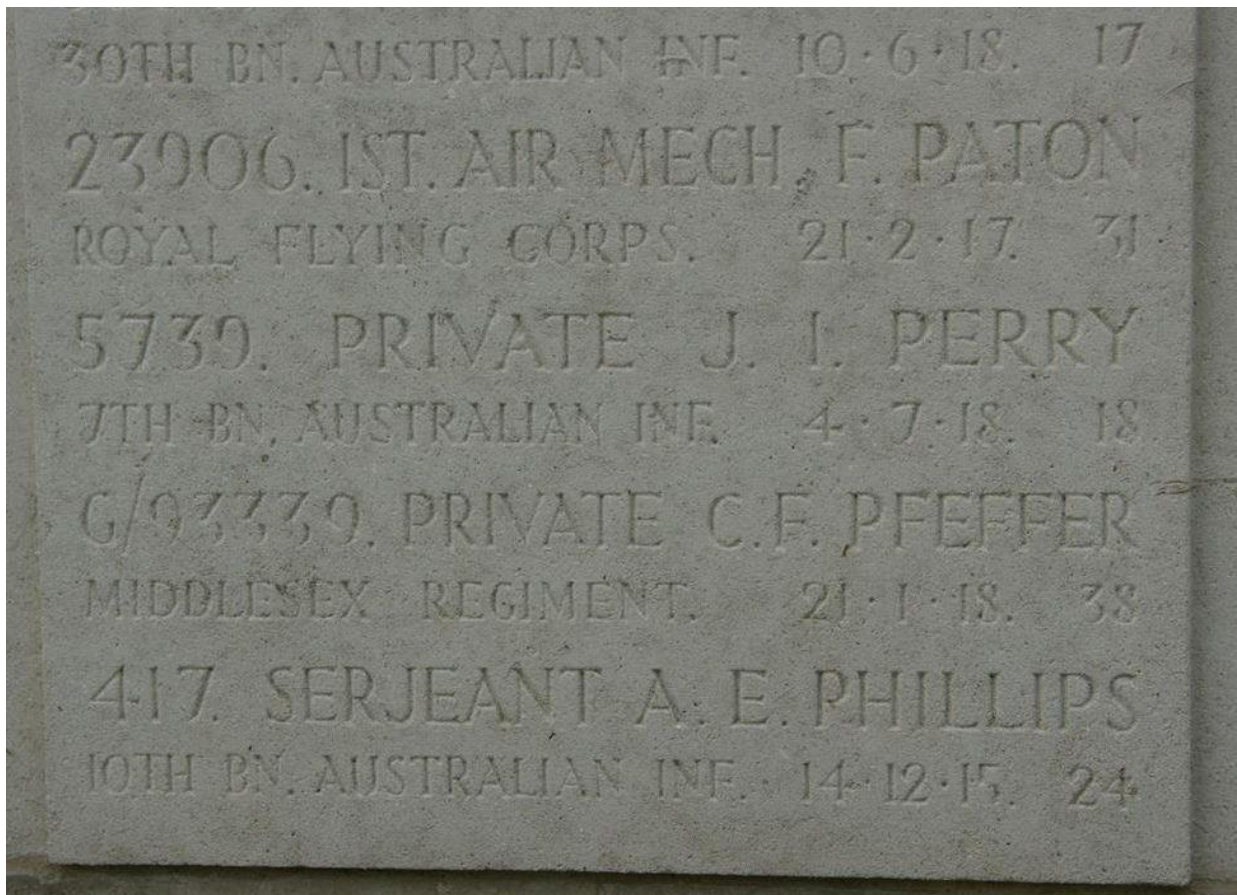
(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice & Memorial Screen Wall, Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire *(Photos from CWGC)*



Photo of Pte J. I. Perry's name on the Screen Wall Memorial in Reading Cemetery, Reading, Berkshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Phil Wood)