

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,  
Brookwood, Surrey, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2135 PRIVATE**

**J. RADOSLOVICH**

**38TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**25TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 18**

*Thy Will Be Done*

## Joseph RADOSLOVICH

Joseph Roco Radoslovich was born at Port Pirie, South Australia on 2nd February, 1899 to parents Joseph Roco Radoslovich & Elizabeth Radoslovich (nee Donaghey).

Joseph Radoslovich attended School at Port Pirie & Unley High Schools.

Joseph Radoslovich was an 18 year old, single, Farm Hand from 37 Charles Street, Unley, South Australia when he enlisted at Adelaide, South Australia on 1st July, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Salvation Army & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Raedel, 37 Charles Street, Unley, South Australia. (Note: surname listed as “*Radostorisch*” on the original Embarkation Roll but corrected by AWM for Embarkation Roll on their website)

As Joseph Radoslovich was under the age of 21, his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. On 19th June, 1916 his mother (father deceased) wrote the following: “*I Mrs W. Readel hereby give my consent to my son J. Radoslovich to enlist in the A.I.F. (signed) Mrs W. Readel.*”

Private Joseph Radoslovich was posted to “D” Company, 2nd Battalion on 1st July, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 3rd Reinforcements of 43rd Battalion at Mitcham on 10th August, 1916.

Private Joseph Radoslovich, Service number 2135, embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Anchises* (A68) on 28th August, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Brigade, 43rd Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th October, 1916.

### 43rd Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 43rd Battalion was South Australia's contribution to the strength of the division. Along with the 41st, 42nd, and 44th Battalions, plus support troops, it formed the 11th Brigade.

The battalion embarked in June 1916 and, after landing briefly in Egypt, went on to Britain for further training.....  
*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

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 Joseph Radoslovich was transferred to 38th Battalion & was taken on strength on 13th November, 1916 while in England from 43rd Battalion.

Private Joseph Radoslovich proceeded overseas to France via Southampton, England on 22nd November, 1916.

Private Joseph Radoslovich was wounded in action on 8th February, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 8th February, 1917 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Back then transferred to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Private Radoslovich was transferred & admitted to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 13th February, 1917. He was listed for transfer to England on 14th February, 1917 & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. Denis* on 15th February, 1917.

### 38th Battalion

The 38th Battalion was formed on 1 March 1916 at a camp established on the Epsom Racecourse at Bendigo in Victoria. Early training was disrupted by a severe outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the camp, as a result of which the healthy members were transferred to a camp at Campbellfield, where the Battalion had to be rebuilt from fresh reinforcements.

After training in both Australia and Britain, the 38th Battalion crossed to France in late November 1916 and moved

into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 1 December. During the harsh winter of 1916-17 the 3rd Division was heavily involved in raiding the German trenches. In February 1917 the 38th Battalion provided 400 troops, with a similar party from the 37th Battalion, to form a special raiding "battalion". After several weeks of training this force staged a single 35-minute raid on the night of 27 February and was then disbanded.....

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

#### War Diary – 38th Battalion

(Note: the first entry in the War Diary for February, 1917 is 10th February)

<i>10/2/17 – Total casualties to 10/2/17</i>	<i>Killed &amp; Missing</i>	<i>3 Officers</i>	<i>36 O.R's</i>
	<i>Died of Wounds</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>6 "</i>
	<i>Wounded</i>	<i>5 "</i>	<i>73 "</i>
		<i>8 Officers</i>	<i>115 "</i>

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Base Records advised Mrs E. Readel, 91 Marion Street, Unley, S.A., mother of Private Joseph Radoslovich, on 16th February, 1917 that Private Joseph Radoslovich had been admitted to Hospital on 9th February dangerously wounds with a gunshot wound to spinal cord.

Private Joseph Radoslovich was admitted to County of London War Hospital, Epsom, England on 16th February, 1917 (as per Hospital Admissions form. Casualty Form – Active Service & Statement of Service forms recorded he was admitted on 17th February, 1917) with G.S.W. to Spine – dangerously ill. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Spine damaged by large piece of shrapnel \_\_\_\_\_ 4 – 5 dorsal vertebrae. Shrapnel removed, spinal arch smashed to pieces. Complete loss of sensation below.....*"

Base Records advised Mrs E. Readel, 91 Marion Street, Unley, S.A., mother of Private Joseph Radoslovich, on 24th February, 1917 that Private Joseph Radoslovich had been transferred to the County of London War Hospital on 17th February suffering from gunshot wound spine.

Private Joseph Radoslovich, 38th Battalion, "A" Company, died at 6.20 am on 25th February, 1917 at County of London War Hospital, Epsom, England from wounds received in action in France - G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Spine.

A death for Joseph Radoslovich, aged 18, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Epsom, Surrey, England.

Private Joseph Radoslovich was buried on 1st March, 1917 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground – Grave number 178844.

From the burial report of Private Joseph Radoslovich - *Coffin was good - Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral. Chaplain Captain S. Armson of the A.I.F. assisted in the burial service. No relatives were present at the funeral.*

Base Records wrote to Mrs E. Raedel, 43 Charles St, Unley, S.A., on 3rd April, 1923 stating that the site the late No. 2135 Private J. Radoslovich's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery is now officially registered as Plot 11 Row F Grave 5.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference – XI. F. 5. Private Joseph Radoslovich now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Base Records replied to The District Secretary, Independent Order of Rechabites, District Offices, Adelaide, South Australia on 14th May, 1917, enclosing, as requested, a certificate of report of death of the late No. 2135 Private J. Radoslovich, 38th Battalion.

Base Records contacted Mrs E. Readel, 10 Mary Street, Unley, South Australia on 15th March, 1921 stating she was registered on the records as the next of kin of the late No. 2135, Private J. Radoslovich, 38th Battalion, but requested to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & was specifically asked if his 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.

Base Records sent out another letter on 26th July, 1922 requesting to know if the father of the late Private J. Radoslovich was still alive.

Mrs E. Raedel, 43 Charles St, Unley, replied to Base Records on 31st July, 1922 advising "*... I, his mother, am his nearest surviving relative. Would you kindly communicate to me as to how and where I can obtain any medals belonging to my son as I have received none whatsoever.*"

Base Records replied to Mrs E. Raedel on 15th August, 1922 that they "*...shall be obliged if you will inform me whether the late soldier's father is still living, and if so his present address, as according to the instructions under the Deceased Soldiers Estates Act of 1918, war medals, etc, must be distributed as follows:- "....father, mother, etc...." unless there are good and sufficient reasons for varying the procedure.*"

Mrs E. Raedel, 43 Charles St, Unley, replied to Base Records on 28th August, 1922 advising "*.... His father is dead many years now and so shall be obliged if you would send medals etc to me. I am sorry that I omitted to put that in the last letter.*"

Private Joseph Radoslovich was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Radoslovich's remarried mother – Mrs E. Raedel, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Joseph Radoslovich – service number 2135, aged 18, of 38th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Elizabeth & the late Joseph Roco Radoslovich, of 43 Charles St., Unley, South Australia.

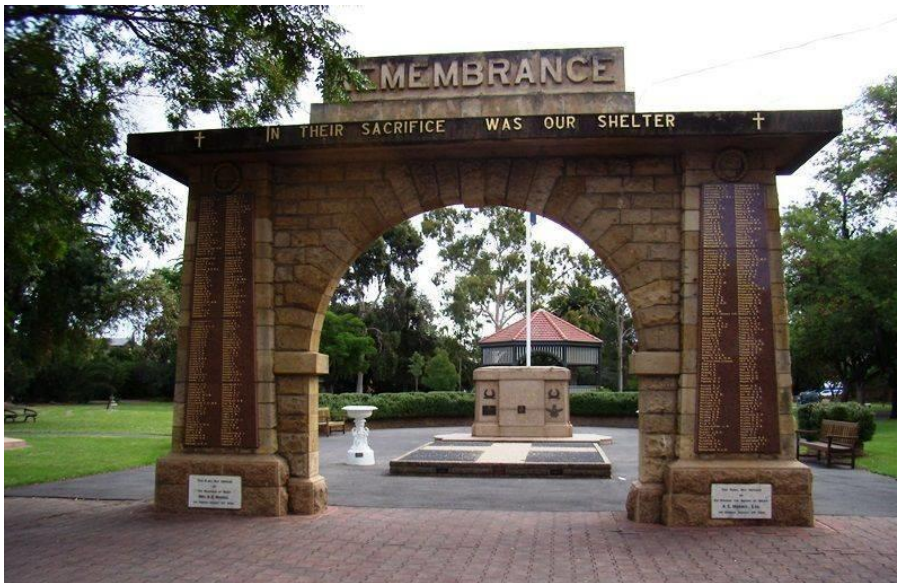
Private J. Radoslovich is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 130.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia



J. R. Radoslovitch is remembered on the Unley Memorial Arch, located in Memorial Gardens, Unley Road & Thomas Street, Unley, South Australia.



Unley Memorial Arch (Photos from Monument Australia)



J. Radoslovich is remembered on the Unley City Honour Roll, located Town Hall, Unley Road, & Oxford Terrace, Unley, South Australia.



**Unley City Honour Roll** (Photo from Monument Australia)

J. Radoslovich is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



**National War Memorial – Adelaide** (Photos by Bilby)

(54 pages of Private Joseph Radoslovich'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*







Private Joseph Radoslovich





**Men of 3rd Reinforcements, 43rd Battalion**

*The 3rd Reinforcements comprised the men listed below. They embarked on the HMAT Anchises on 28 August 1916 from Port Adelaide. Identities have not been matched to the image. ....RADOSLOVICH, Joseph 2136,.....*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **THE ROLL OF HONOR**

#### **ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

News has been received by Mrs Readel, of Unley, that her son, Private J. R. Radoslovich, has been dangerously wounded in France.

*(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 22 February, 1917)*



## THE ROLL OF HONOR

### 275th CASUALTY LIST

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Wounded

2135 Pte J. RADOSLOVICH, Unley (dang.)

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 February, 1917)

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#### THE LATE PRIVATE J. RADOSLOVICH

Mrs E. Raedel, of 91, Marion street, Unley, has been notified that her son, Private J. Radoslovich, died in the hospital in London on February 25, from the effects of a gunshot wounds received in action in France. He was 18 years of age, and had been at the front for six months.



Private J. Radoslovich. [REDACTED]

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 3 March, 1917) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 10 March, 1917)

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## **DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

RADOSLOVICH – On the 25th February, died of wounds in France, Joseph, dearly beloved son of Mrs W. Radel, Unley, He answered his country's call.

*(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 10 March, 1917)*

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## **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of Private J. Radoslovich, who died of wounds February 25th, 1917. – Inserted by Gertie.

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of our dear brother, who died of wounds February 25th, 1917.

Anchored in love, death cannot sever,  
Fond remembrance lasts for ever.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister and friend, Ada.

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of my elder son, Private Joe Radoslovich, who died of wounds February 25, 1917.

The voice of Jesus called him  
To a perfect home above  
He waits across the river  
For his loved ones yet to come.

-Inserted by his loving mother, E. Raedel.

*(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 February, 1918) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 2 March, 1918)*

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## **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of our son and brother, Joseph. Died of wounds, 25th February, 1917.

Not far away, for unbroken  
Is the broken chain of love;  
It is binding us still together,  
On earth, and in heaven above.

-Inserted by his mother, brother, and sisters.

*(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 February, 1919) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 1 March, 1919)*

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## **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of our dear brother, Joseph, who died of wounds on the 25th February, 1917.

Soon will the shadows of earth life be passed,  
Sorrows and parting be over at last;  
Soon we shall meet in bright mansions of day,  
Meet when our dear ones will fade not away.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sisters.

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of my dear son, Joseph, who died of wounds on the 25th February, 1917.

Ever near. Not dead, but sleeping.

-Inserted by his loving mother, E. Readel

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 February, 1920)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of my dear brother Joseph Roco, who died of wounds in England, February 25, 1917.

Hard was the blow that caused me to part  
With the brother who was so close to my heart.

-Inserted by his brother, Will.

RADOSLOVICH – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Joseph, who died of wounds February 25, 1917.

Some may think you are forgotten  
When at times they see us smile,  
But little they know the sorrow  
That is hid behind the smile.

-Inserted by his loving mother and sisters.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 March, 1922)

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### **IN MEMORY OF THE BRAVE**

RADOSLOVICH – Pte J. Radoslovich, of 38th Btn., who died 25th February, 1917.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 February, 1925)

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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)*

A letter from Base Records, dated 28<sup>th</sup> July, 1921, to Mrs E. Readel, 10 Mary Street, Unley, S.A., advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her son, the late No. 2135 Private J. Radoslovich, 38th Battalion, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private J. Radoslovich does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Thy Will Be Done*

## **Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England**

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** *(Photo from CWGC)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)*

*Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918.*

*Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.*



**Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)





**Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery** (Photos by Magicfingers)







*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*



**Australian War Graves** *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*



Photo of Private J. Radoslovich's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)*





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

