

**Cliveden War Cemetery,
Cliveden, Buckinghamshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2216 CORPORAL

J. J. RILEY

AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS

12TH JULY, 1918 Age 23

A Token Of Esteem From His Comrades In France

Joseph James RILEY

Joseph James Riley was born at Warracknabeal, Victoria in 1895 to parents Joseph James and Harriett Vance Riley (nee Bates).

Joseph James Riley was aged 20 years & 8 months, single & a Tailor from Pynsent Street, Horsham, Victoria when he enlisted on 6th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2216 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. J. Riley, of Pynsent Street, Horsham, Victoria. Joseph Riley stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets for 2 years & Citizen Forces for 3 years. As Joseph James Riley 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. Joseph J Riley & Harriet Riley both signed their consent on 26th June, 1915.

Private Joseph James Riley was posted to 46th Depot Company on 6th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 23rd Battalion on 20th July, 1915.

Private Joseph James Riley embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 27th September, 1915 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 23rd Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements.

Private Joseph James Riley was taken on strength of 23rd Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 11th January, 1916.

Private Joseph James Riley proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 19th March, 1916 on *Osmarich* & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th March, 1916.

Private Joseph James Riley was promoted to Lance Corporal on 27th July, 1916 while in France.

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was wounded in action in France on 28th July, 1916. He was admitted to 1st N.Z. Stationary Hospital on 31st July, 1916 with GSW (gunshot wound/s) to left eye. Lance Corporal Riley was transferred to Ambulance Train on 3rd August, 1916 & then admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 4th August, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to head. He was invalided to England on Hospital Ship *St George* on 6th August, 1916.

War Diary – 23rd Battalion

28th July, 1916 – Pozieres

Operation Order No. 23 issued. Battalion left RESERVE TRENCH at 9.30 pm and proceeded to jumping off trench at 12 MIDNIGHT. B, C, & D Coys (A Coy Reserve) and Seventh Brigade were linked up jumping off position, Enemy shelled a first wave with shrapnel. Strength 35 OFF 958 OR

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth, London, England on 7th August, 1916 with GSW to head. He was discharged to Perham Downs, on 20th September, 1916.

Mr J. Riley, Pysent Street, Horsham, Victoria was advised on 30th August, 1916 that Pte J. J. Riley had been reported wounded.

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. Convalescing was also completed in Training Camps in Wiltshire.

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was granted furlough on 22nd September, 1916 from Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire England.

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 14th December, 1916 on S.S. *Princess Henrietta*.

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was marched in to 2nd Australian Divisional Base Depot at Etaples, France on 15th December, 1916, He was marched out to join his Unit on 21st December, 1916 & rejoined his Unit (23rd Battalion) from wounded on 25th December, 1916.

23rd Battalion

The 23rd Battalion was raised in Victoria in March 1915 as the third battalion of the 6th Brigade. After initial training, it left Australia in March and arrived in Egypt, where it would complete its advanced training, in June.

The battalion was next "in the line" on 10 April 1916, when it occupied forward trenches of the Armentieres sector in northern France. This relatively gentle introduction to the Western Front was followed in July by the horrific battles of Pozieres and Mouquet Farm, after which it was estimated that the Battalion lost almost 90 per cent of its original members.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was transferred to 6th Machine Gun Company in France on 27th January, 1917. He was taken on strength of 6th Machine Gun Company from 23rd Battalion on 28th January, 1917 & reverted to the rank of Private on being posted to 6th Machine Gun Company.

Private Joseph James Riley was appointed Lance Corporal on 9th October, 1917 with 6th Machine Gun Company.

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was promoted to Temporary Corporal on 16th April, 1918 vice Black evacuated.

Lance Corporal Joseph James Riley was sent to Hospital sick on 24th June, 1918. His rank reverted to Lance Corporal on being evacuated sick on 24th June, 1918. He was admitted to 6th Field Ambulance on 24th June, 1918 then transferred & admitted to 20th Casualty Clearing Station on the same day with Pneumonia. Lance Corporal Riley was transferred to Ambulance Train 9 on 30th June, 1918 & admitted to 5th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 1st July, 1918 sick – cause NYD (not yet determined). Lance Corporal Riley was transferred from Rouen on Ambulance Train 7 on 8th July, 1918 & embarked for England on Hospital Ship Gloucester Castle on 8th July, 1918 suffering from Pneumonia.

Mr J. Riley, Pysent Street, Horsham, Victoria was advised on 8th July, 1918 that Lance Corporal Joseph Riley had been admitted to 20th Casualty Clearing Station on 27th June, with Lobar Pneumonia. A further report later on 8th July, 1918, advised that Lance Corporal Joseph Riley was dangerously ill.

Corporal Joseph James Riley was admitted to The Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, England on 9th July, 1918.

Corporal Joseph James Riley died at 4.15 pm (according to Hospital Admissions form he died at 5.10 pm – all other forms have 4.15 pm including a telegram to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. from the Hospital) on 12th July, 1918 at The Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital, Taplow, Buckinghamshire, England from Lobar Pneumonia & heart failure consequent of Septic antoxieation (as per Telegram to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. from the Hospital). (Morning State of Sick form & Casualty Form – Active Service both have the cause of death as Lobar Pneumonia & heart failure consequent of Septic Intoxication.)

A death for Joseph Riley, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Eton, Buckinghamshire, England.

Corporal Joseph James Riley was buried on 16th July, 1918 in Cliveden War Cemetery, Buckinghamshire, England – Memorial reference 32. The graves in Cliveden War Cemetery are marked by plain stones set into the ground rather than the regular upright headstones. His name is engraved on the bronze wall plaque located behind the font. The burials in Cliveden War Cemetery are still recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Corporal Joseph James Riley - *Coffin was good. Polished Elm. Brass furniture. Deceased N.C.O. was accorded a full Military Funeral. The Coffin was draped with the Union Jack and borne to the Church at the Hospital where an impressive service was conducted by Chaplain Rev. A. C. Trench, a large number of Officers,*

Sisters and Patients of the Hospital being present. From the Church, the coffin was taken on a Gun Carriage to the Private Cemetery in the beautiful grounds of Clivedew Estate set aside by Major Astor for the burial of soldiers. Two wreaths were sent from "Australian Friends in Hospital" one from Mrs Ellison of Clivedew, and one from Miss Douglas, 7 Hunter Road, Ilford, London, E. The Service at the Graveside was also conducted by Chaplain Trench. The "Last Watch Down" was sounded by two Trumpeters at the Graveside after the Customary Volleys had been fired over the Grave. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the Funeral.

Relatives and Friends present at the Funeral – Friend – Miss Douglas, 7 Hunter Road, Ilford, Essex.

The A.A.G., 3rd Military District wrote to Base Records in July, 1918 advising that the next-of-kin of the late Corporal J. J. Riley had been advised that he had died from Heart Failure following Pneumonia but that the "Septic Intoxication" had been deleted from the report to the next-of-kin.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Corporal Joseph James Riley contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the fullest details possible into his wounds, death and burial. Mary Macdonald, Nursing Sister, 15th Canadian General Hospital, Taplow, Buckinghamshire replied: "*He was admitted to this Hosp on the 9th July direct from France, suffering from Lobar Pneumonia, and died on the 12th July from heart failure due to the above disease. He passed peacefully away at 5 pm. Everything that was possible to help save his life was done ! But I very much regret without success. On 16th July he was given a military funeral and was buried with full honours at the Cemetery on Cliveden Estate near this Hospital.*"

Corporal Joseph James Riley was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Riley's father – Mr J. J. Riley, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

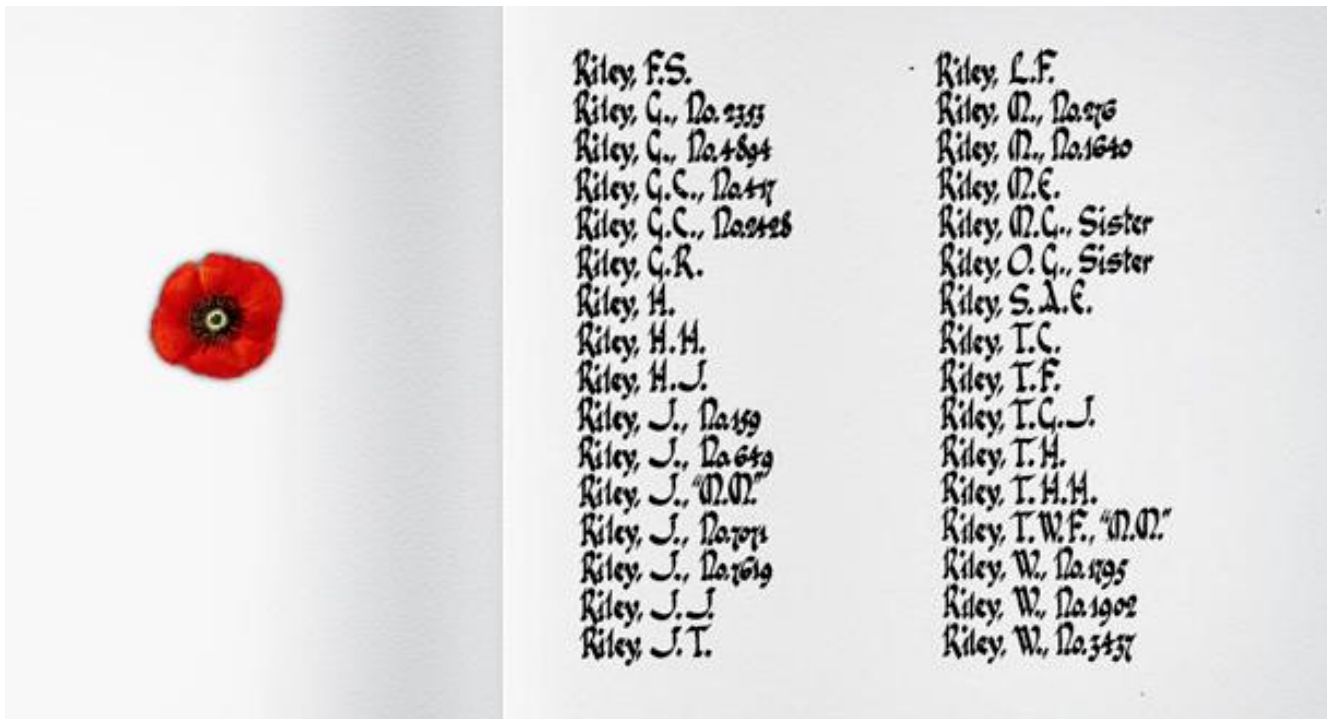
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Joseph James Riley – service number 2216, aged 23, Australian Machine Gun Corps. He was the son of Joseph James and Harriett Vance Riley, of Dimboola, Victoria.

Corporal J. J. Riley is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 175.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. J. Riley is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

J.J. Riley is remembered on the Horsham & District Cenotaph and War Memorial, located in Sawyer Park, Memorial Drive, Horsham, Victoria.

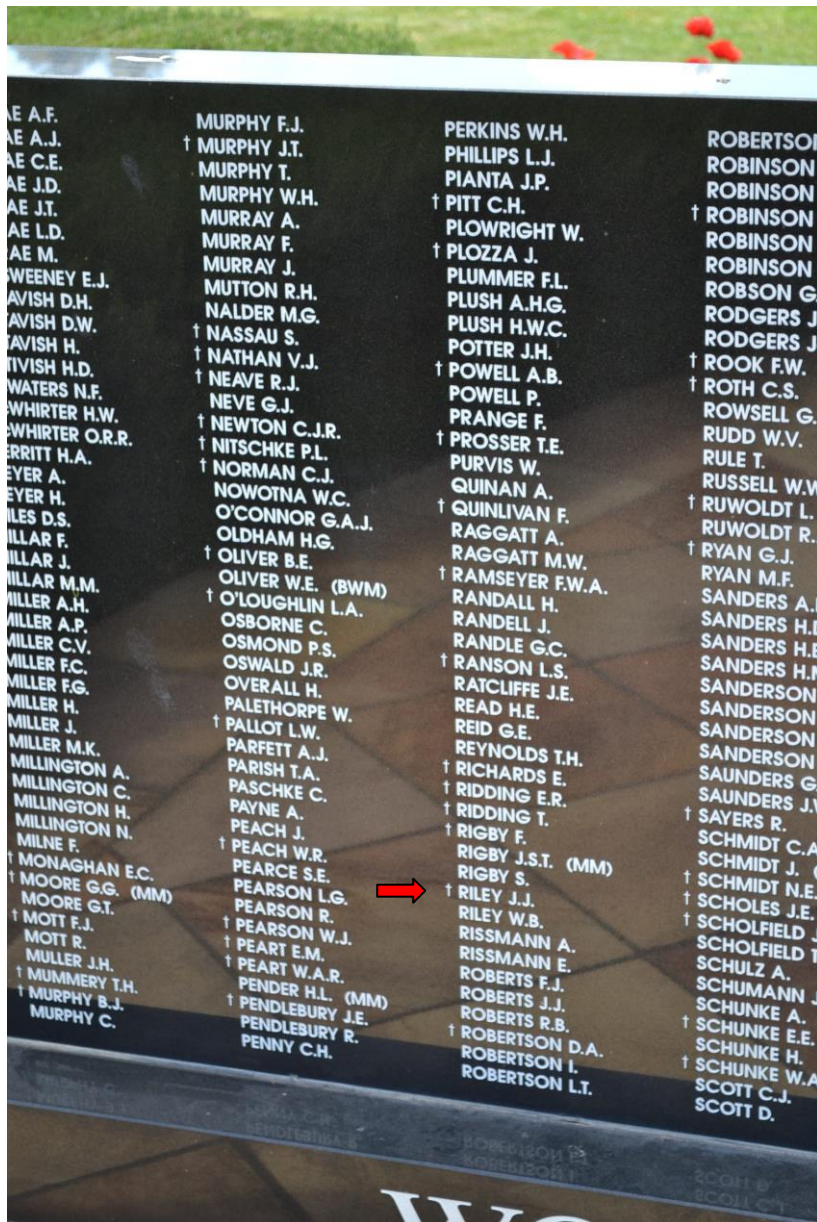


Horsham & District Cenotaph and War Memorial (Photos courtesy of Carol's Headstone photos)



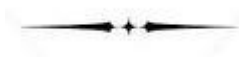


Horsham & District Cenotaph and War Memorial (Photos courtesy of Carol's Headstone photos)



(84 pages of Corporal Joseph James Riley'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

Australian Casualties

209th and 210th LISTS

WOUNDED

Pte J. J. Riley, Horsham

(The Horsham Times, Victoria – 15 September, 1916)

About People

Mrs J. J. Riley, of Baillie-street, Horsham, on Monday received word from the Base Records Office that her son, Lance-Corporal Joseph Riley, had been wounded at the front, and was in a dangerous condition. A subsequent message stated that this soldier had been admitted to the Twentieth Casualty Clearing Station on June 27, suffering from pneumonia.

(The Horsham Times, Victoria – 12 July, 1918)

VICTORIAN CASUALTIES

LIST No. 417

SERIOUSLY ILL

L.-Cpl J. J. Riley, Horsham (dang.);

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 July, 1918)

Died on Service

RILEY – Died of lobar pneumonia in England, on 12th July, after three years' active service (previously reported dangerously wounded and ill), Corporal J. J. Riley, late 23rd Batt., third loved son of J. J. and Mrs Riley, Baillie-street, Horsham, aged 23 years and 9 months; loved brother of Mrs John McCann, Tom, Will (on active service), Mrs Ashley E. Dore (Melbourne), Joan and Gwladys.

One of the best.

Loved by all.

(The Horsham Times, Victoria – 23 July, 1918)

DEATH

RILEY – Died of lobar pneumonia in England, on 12th July, after 3 years' active service (previously reported dangerously wounded and dangerously ill), Corporal J. J. Riley, late 23rd Batt., third loved son of J. J. and Mrs Riley, Baillie-street, Horsham, aged 23 years and 9 months. Loved brother of Mrs John McCann, Tom, Will (o.a.a.) Mrs Ashley E. Dore (Melbourne), Joan and Gwladys; also loved nephew of Mrs S. A. Ross and the late James Ross, Dart Dart, Dimboola, and cousin of Mrs J. Haines, Dimboola.

One of the best.

Loved by all.

(Dimboola Banner and Wimmera and Mallee Advertiser, Victoria – 26 July, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

RILEY – On the 12th July, at 15th Canadian Hospital, Taplow, of lobur pneumonia, after three years' active service (prev reported dangerously wounded and dangerously ill), Corporal J. J. Riley, 6th Machine-gun Company, third loved son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Riley, Baillie-street, Horsham, aged 23 years and 9 months; loved brother of Mrs John McCann (Coleraine), Tom, Will (on active service), Mrs Ashley Dore (Melbourne), Ivan, and Gwladys.

One of the best.

Loved by all.

Our Anzac Hero.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 July, 1918)

DEATHS

On Active Service

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Our Anzac Hero.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 July, 1918)

Another of our local lads (says the "Wimmera Star"), Lance-Corporal J. J. Riley, has laid down his life at the front in defence of our liberties and of Australia. Our gallant young soldier was the son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Riley, of Baillie-street, Horsham, and was 23 years and 9 months old when he passed away. AN active member of the local fire brigade, he enlisted in July, 1915. The flags in grateful tribute to his memory were flown at half-mast on the public buildings at Horsham when the sad intelligence was received. The deceased was a cousin of Mrs J. Haines. Dimboola.

(Dimboola Banner and Wimmera and Mallee Advertiser, Victoria – 2 August, 1918)

Died on Service

PRIVATE J. J. RILEY

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Riley, of Baillie-street, are in receipt, of letters from Europe bearing upon the death on active service of their son, Private J. J. Riley. They are indicative of the sympathetic treatment meted out to our boys and will prove comforting to many other bereaved and suffering friends of those who went out to do battle in a far land.

France, July 30th, 1918. Dear Mr. Riley and Family.-- It is with great sympathy that I write you concerning the death of Joe. It is only about two weeks since he left us, and to-day we learn to our great sorrow that he has passed away to the great unknown. He was in our sector, and his mates wish me to take this opportunity of expressing to you their deep appreciation of the gallant work done by Joe to help us all, and their deepest sympathy is with you all in your sad bereavement. I wish, Mrs. Riley, that we could express to you our admiration of your son. He was an example to all for his cheerfulness in time of trouble, and for his cleanliness in living. Being very popular, he was sought by many, and always showed great strength of character. In him we lose one of the most popular lads in the company. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and try to hear the loss as bravely as he would have wished. We will be pleased to hear from you at any time, and give you any information that you may like to know.-Yours very sincerely. (Here follow the names of 31 comrades.)

First Canadian General Hospital, Taplow, Bucks., 29th July, 1918.- Dear Mr. Riley, - On July 12th your son died in this hospital. He was buried by myself on July 15th in a beautiful cemetery on the Clevedon Estate, which is owned by Major Astor. The service was held with full military honors, and there were a large number of flowers sent. Though your son died far from home, yet he was surrounded by many friends. He rests with a number of other comrades in a beautiful spot. Should you ever visit this country you will be quite satisfied, I am sure with your son's grave. You have our deepest sympathy and may God indeed bless you and yours. Yours sincerely, A. C. Trench, C.F.

Donnington House, Maidenhead, August 8th.--Mr. J. J. Riley, Pynsent street, Horsham, Victoria -Dear Sir.- I am the Australian Red Cross visitor at the hospital where your son, Pte. J. J. Riley, died, and think you might like to hear anything I can tell you about him. He came over from France only two or three days ago before he died and I saw him on either the day after his admittance or the next day. I gave him some Australian papers, I which he seemed very pleased to have, and told him I would do all I could for him while he was there; but he was looking very ill and weak, so I did not stay very long and went again to see him next day, and he had just died as I entered the ward. He was buried with full military honors, and the other Australian boys subscribed for some beautiful flowers, and I sent some myself. The place where he lies is the "Italian Garden" of the estate of Major Astor. It is very beautiful there, and it is proposed to put up a beautiful monument for all the soldiers who have been buried there when the war is over. The matron of the hospital has received a letter from Lieut. Duncan, 6th Australian M.G. Co., sending 200 francs from him and your son's comrades, and asking for a marble slab to be put up for him. It must be some little comfort for you to know how well he was loved by his comrades and that he is lying at peace away from that poor war-torn part of the country where he was. If I can do anything for you at any time please use me. I am an Australian, too, and just count it an honour to be able to do anything for our splendid brave boys.-With all my sympathy, I remain, your sincerely, (Mrs.) Constance McAllison, c/o Commercial Bank of Australia, 1 Bishopsgate St., London, E.C.

(*The Horsham Times*, Victoria – 17 December, 1918)

In Memoriam

RILEY – In loving memory of my dearly loved son and our brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, late 6th M.G. Coy., who died at the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, England, on the 12th of July, 1918, buried on the private estate of Major Astor, "Clivedon", England 16/7/18, aged 23 years, also our dear mother, who passed peacefully away on the 8/6/19.

God will remember these gallant lads when the world forgets.

"Peace, perfect peace."

- (Inserted by father, brothers, and sisters, Will (just returned), Ivan, and Gwladys,

RILEY – In loving memory of our dear brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, of 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, who died of illness at Taplow, England, on 12th July, 1918.

When the bells of peace are ringing
And our hearts are filled with pride,
Give o kind thought to the sorrowing ones
Whose loved ones fought and died.

-Inserted by his fond brother and sister-in-law, T. and R. Riley.

RILEY – In fond memory of our dear brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, of 2nd Machine Gun Battalion, who died of illness at Taplow, England, on 12th July, 1918.

He never shunned his country's call,
But gladly gave his life, his all;
He died the helpless to defend:
An Australian soldier's noble end.

-Inserted by his fond sister and brother-in-law, E. and J. McCann, Coleraine.

RILEY – In fond memory of our dear brother, and uncle, Corporal J. J. Riley, late 6th M.G. Coy., who died on 12th July, 1918, at the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, England; buried one the private estate of Major Astor. After 3 years faithful service.

“The hours I spent with thee, dear heart.”

-Inserted by his loving sister, brother-in-law and nephews, Mr and Mrs Ashley E. Dore, Kendall and Vance, 21 Netherlee-street, East Malvern, Melbourne,

(*The Horsham Times*, Victoria – 11 July, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

RILEY – A tribute of love and honour to the memory of my dear brother, 2216 Corporal Joseph J. Riley, 2nd Machine-gun Batt., who died of Spanish influenza at Taplow, England, on the 12th July, 1918, after 3 years' active service, aged 23 years; also my dear mother, who died at Horsham on 8th June, 1919, aged 56 years.

Lead, kindly light.
Mother and son reunited.

-(Inserted by his loving sister, Mrs Ashely E. Dore, Nertherlie street, East Malvern.)

RILEY – In loving memory of me dearly loved son and our brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, who died at the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, England, on the 12th of July, buried on the private estate of Major Astor, “Cliveden,” England, July 16, 1918, aged 23 years; also our dear mother, who passed peacefully away June 8, 1919.

“God will remember these gallant men when the world forgets.”

“Peace, perfect peace.”

- (Inserted by father, brothers, and sisters, Tom, Mrs John McCann, Will (just returned), Ivon, and Gwladys, Baillie street, Horsham.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 July, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM
On Active Service

RILEY – In loving memory of me dearly loved son and our brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, who died at the Duchess of Connaught Hospital, Taplow, Bucks, England, on the 12th of July, buried on the private estate of Major Astor, "Cliveden," England, July 16, 1918, aged 23 years; also our dear mother, who passed peacefully away on the 8th June. Peace, perfect peace.

"God will remember these gallant men when the world forgets."

- (Inserted by father, brothers, and sisters, Tom, Mrs John McCann, Will (just returned), Ivon, and Gwladys, Baillie street, Horsham.)

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

IN MEMORIAM

RILEY – In loving memory of my dear son and our brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, who died on the 12th July, 1918. Buried on the private estate of Lady Astor, M.P.

"The one we loved so dearly now
sleeps in a far-distant land."

-Inserted by his loving father, brothers and sisters. Horsham

(*The Horsham Times*, Victoria – 13 July, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM
On Active Service

RILEY – In loving memory of our dear brother, Corporal J. J. Riley, who passed away on July 12, 1918.

A beautiful memory left behind,

Of a loving brother true and kind;

His cheery ways and sunny smiles,

Are pleasant to recall.

-Inserted by his loving sisters and brother-in-law, E. and J. McCann, Dimboola.

(*The Horsham Times*, Victoria – 12 July, 1921)

Cliveden War Cemetery, Buckinghamshire, England

Cliveden War Cemetery is in the grounds of Cliveden House, a National Trust property, near the river Thames. From December 1914 to September 1917, the hospital at nearby Taplow was the Duchess of Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital, and then until September 1919, No. 15 Canadian General Hospital. Most of the 40 First World War burials, the majority of them Canadian, are associated with the hospital. The cemetery also contains two Second World War graves and two American War Graves from the First World War.

There are 3 Australian WW1 War Graves.

During the war the family of the Cliveden Estate gave permission for the garden to be adapted to serve as the final resting place for servicemen who died in the hospital. The mosaic paving was replaced with turf and the graves were marked with plain stones recumbent on the graves rather than the upright headstones that are familiar in other Commonwealth War Graves commission cemeteries. The names of those buried are inscribed on the bronze wall plaque behind the font.

(Information from CWGC)



Cliveden War Cemetery (Photo by Rwendland)



Cliveden War Cemetery (Photo from War Memorials Online – National Trust)



Key Plan of Cliveden War Cemetery Plaque



Nº28 JOHN GRAHAM
CORPORAL 270473
8th Canadian (Postal) Coy.
Born at Ballyshannon, Ireland.
Died May 11th, 1916.
Aged 25 years.

Nº29 F. A. GLENCROSS
SERGEANT 25975
10th Canadian
Born at Richmond, New Brunswick.
Died November 27th, 1916.
Aged 25 years.

Nº30 A. KNEEN
PRIVATE 150061
Canadian Forestry Corps.
Born at ...
Died March 27th, 1916.
Aged 25 years.

Nº31 C. R. RUSSELL
PRIVATE 22207
10th Canadian
Born at Riley, Indiana, U.S.A.
Died November 11th, 1916.
Aged 25 years.

Nº32 J. J. RILEY
CORPORAL 2216
6th Machine Gun Corps.
Australian Commonwealth Military Force
Egypt, Belgium, France.
A token of esteem from his comrades in France.

Nº33 RAYMOND EARL BRAY
2nd FLIGHT LIEUTENANT.
VICTORIA, B. C.
Born in U.S.A. 1895.
Died August 12th, 1917.
Aged 22 years.

Nº34 OMER GERMAIN
PRIVATE 243105
2nd Bn. Canadian Expeditionary Force.
Born at St-Jude, Quebec.
Died May 20th, 1916.
Aged 25 years.

Nº35 HARRY ELEMENT
PRIVATE 5369
45th Bn. Australian Imperial Force.
Born at Newtown, Sydney, N.S.W.
Died November 27th, 1916.
Aged 28 years.

Nº36 JOHN CHOCE
PRIVATE 142424
Canadian Army Medical Corps.
Born at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
Died June 3rd, 1918.
Aged 21 years.

Nº37 FRANK OTTO LAU
PRIVATE 910789
Canadian Mounted Rifles.
Born at Justice, Manitoba.
Died December 15th, 1918.

Photo of Corporal J. J. Riley's Memorial Stone in Cliveden War Cemetery, Buckinghamshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld- Find a Grave)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Taplow, England. c. 1919. The War Memorial garden at Cliveden Estate was originally designed as an Italian Garden however during the First World War the estate was loaned to the Canadian Army and a military hospital established in the grounds and the garden was adapted for use as a cemetery for those soldiers who died. Three Australian soldiers are buried there among the forty-two graves which include Canadian and American soldiers. The ground is covered in grass with numbered bronze square plates set flat in the ground and a small primrose planted at each grave. The three Australian soldiers are 4658 Gunner Edward Hugh Carley, 21st Brigade Australian Field Artillery who died of wounds on 29 June 1917; 5369 Private Harry Element, 45th Battalion, AIF who died of wounds on 27th November 1916; and 2216 Corporal Joseph James Riley, Australian Machine Gun Corps who died of sickness on 12 July 1918. (Donor B. Benns)