

**All Souls Cemetery,
Kensal Green, London, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6098 PRIVATE

F. J. SLEEP

9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

7TH NOVEMBER, 1916

Frederick James SLEEP

Frederick James Sleep was born at Crookwell, NSW on 6th February, 1888 to parents William James & Sabina Eliza Sleep (nee Rixon).

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Wide Bay, subdivision of Gayndah, Queensland recorded Frederick James Sleep, Farmer, of Mt. Steadman, Gooroolba.

Frederick James Sleep enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force in August, 1914. He was given a service number of 1796. His next-of-kin was listed as his father – Mr W. J. Sleep, of Gooroolba P.O., Gayndah Line via Maryborough, Queensland.

Private Frederick James Sleep embarked from Cairns, Queensland for Thursday Island (War Station) for Garrison Duty. He re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16th August, 1914 on Troopship *Kanowna* to take part in the capture of German New Guinea. Private Sleep returned to Townsville, Queensland on 18th September, 1914, on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on the troopship. He did not participate in the capture of German New Guinea. He was discharged on 18th September, 1914.

The 1915 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Wide Bay, subdivision of Gayndah, Queensland recorded Frederick James Sleep, Labourer, of Mt. Steadman. His parents – Sabina Eliza Sleep, Home Duties & William James Sleep, Farmer, were also listed at Mt. Steadman.

Frederick James Sleep was a 28 year old, single, Farmer from Gooroolba, Gayndah Line, Queensland when he re-enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland on 24th February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6098 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Sleep, of Gooroolba, Gayndah Line, Queensland.

Private Frederick James Sleep was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 28th February, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 19th Reinforcements of 9th Battalion on 5th April, 1916.

Private Frederick James Sleep embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Itonus (A50)* on 8th August, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 19th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th October, 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 Frederick James Sleep died on 7th November, 1916 at Fulham Military Hospital, Hammersmith, England from Cerebro Spinal Fever.

A death for Frederick Sleep, aged 28, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Fulham, London, England.

Private Frederick James Sleep was buried on 10th November, 1916 in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number 22, Soldier's Plot, Square 213, Row 8 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A letter was written from Base Records to Mrs E. Sleep, mother of the late Private F. J. Sleep, advising that the remains of her son had been exhumed from the former site & re-interred in Grave No. 8, Section 173, Kensal Green Cemetery, London. The letter stated that "*This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.*"

Base Records, Melbourne, Australia wrote to 1st Military District on 8th August, 1922 enquiring if the War Gratuity or Estates Registers listed a father for the late Private F. J. Sleep. The late Private F. J. Sleep had nominated his mother as the next-of-kin, but communications with her asking if Private Sleep's father was alive had gone

unanswered. Base Records had written to Mrs E. Sleep, of Post Office, Gooroolba, Queensland in February, 1922. According to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918, the medals awarded for the service of a soldier & other memorabilia were awarded in the following order of relationship – widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sisters etc.

Private Frederick James Sleep was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Sleep's father – Mr W. J. Sleep, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent September, 1922.)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick James Sleep – service number 6098, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William James and Sabina Eliza Sleep, of Miranda, Sutherland, New South Wales. Born at Crookwell, New South Wales.

F. Sleep is remembered on the Gooroolba War Memorial, located beside the railway crossing, Gooroolba, Queensland.



Gooroolba War Memorial (Photos from *Old War Memorials* – Shirley & Trevor McIvor)



Private F. J. Sleep is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 57.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(37 pages of Private Frederick James Sleep'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



Pte F. J. Sleep (*The Queensland Pictorial, 1916*)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private Frederick James Sleep is remembered on photo of "Descendants of the late Benjamin Rixon of Illawarra."



Newspaper Notices

DEATH OF PRIVATE J. SLEEP

Our Mt. Steadman correspondent writes:- Quite a gloom was cast over the district when the sad news of the death of Private Frederick James Sleep, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Sleep of Mt. Steadman, was received by cable on Monday last. The sad news was broken to the bereaved parents by Mr Thomas Hawkins, senr. The unfortunate event took place in the Fulham Military Hospital, England on the 7th instant, from spinal fever. He had only arrived from Australia on the 19th ultimo, and was a member of the 19th Reinforcements, 9th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, A.I.F. He was born at Crookwell, NSW on February 6th, 1889, and was therefore 27 years and 9 months of age at the time of his death. He came to Mt. Steadman with his parents some six years ago, and did much during that time in assisting to build up a neat and prosperous home, which now speaks for itself. The deceased enlisted with the A.I.F. in February last and sailed for England, via South Africa, in August. The late private was a fine specimen if a man. He was of a quiet, genial disposition, upright and honourable in his dealing, and endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. He took a keen interest in public matters and was a true patriot, he having sacrificed his life for his King and country. He was a sportsman of no mean order, and held trophies for rifle shooting, presented to him by the Youngaburra Rifle Club, N. Queensland, of which he was a member. The deepest sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, brothers and sisters in their sad irreparable loss. Mr and Mrs Sleep have two younger sons at the front, whom we sincerely hope will ere long return home safely from the terrible ordeal which they and others must be experiencing.

(Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 18 November, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

TOTAL CASUALTIES 860

159 QUEENSLANDERS INCLUDED

The 243rd list of Australian casualties was released by the censor....

Died of Illness – Pte F. J. Cleep, Gooroolba, 7/11/1916

(Queensland Times, Ipswich, Queensland – 22 November, 1916)

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)

Private F. J. Sleep does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England

All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green contains burials of both wars - 538. Half of the 482 First World War graves form a plot in the south-west section of the cemetery, the rest form small groups or are scattered throughout the cemetery. All of the 5s Second World War graves are scattered. There are also 2 non war burials here. A screen wall in the First World War plot (Sect. 213) records the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. Also recorded on the wall are the names of five servicemen whose remains were cremated in Kensal Green Crematorium.

(Information from CWGC)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green (Photo above Find a Grave – RMT; below by Rodney Burton)





Australian Plot

(Photo above by Eddy Bronselaer; below by Dave Shackson)



Photo of Private F. J. Sleep's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



(Photo by Francois Greeff - 2009)



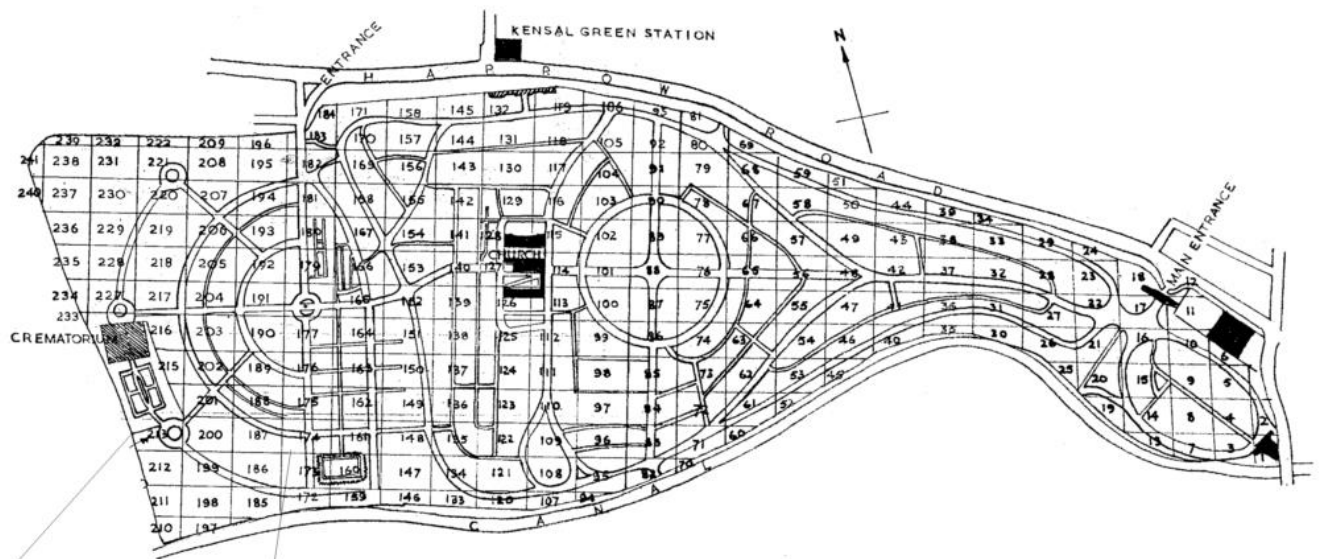
(Photo from Find a Grave – Brad Evans 2017)



All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green *(Photo courtesy of Francois Greeff)*



Cross of Sacrifice - All Souls Cemetery, Kensal Green *(Photo by Chris Doran)*



Sect. 213 : Main U.K. and N.Z. Plot.
 Sect. 173 and 174 : Main Dominion Plot