

**Lodge Hill Cemetery,  
Birmingham, West Midlands**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**6384 PRIVATE**

**F. W. STOREY**

**25TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**23RD NOVEMBER, 1917 Age 23**

## Frederick William STOREY

Frederick William Storey was born at Rockhampton, Queensland on 15th April, 1894 to parents Herbert Ramsay Storey & Jessie Storey (nee Wotherspoon).

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kennedy, Georgetown, Queensland recorded Frederick William Storey, Stockman, Carpentaria Downs.

Frederick William Storey was a 22 year old, single, Stockman from Einasleigh via Cairns, North Queensland when he enlisted on 17th October, 1916 in Cairns, Queensland with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Presbyterian & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Jessie Storey, Sheridan Street, Cairns, North Queensland. Frederick William Storey stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Citizen Forces in Cairns.

Private Frederick William Storey was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 28th October, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 18th Reinforcements of 25th Battalion on 19th November, 1916.

Private Frederick William Storey, Service number 6384, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Demosthenes (A64)* on 23rd December, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital while at Sea on 11th February, 1917 & was discharged on 16th February, 1917. Private Storey disembarked at Plymouth, England on 3rd March, 1917.

Herbert Ramsay Storey, father of Private Frederick William Storey, died on 6th January, 1917 at Cairns, Queensland.

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 William Storey was marched in from Australia to 7th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire, England on 3rd March, 1917. He reported sick to Parkhouse Hospital, Wiltshire on 17th March, 1917 with Mumps & was discharged to 7th Training Battalion on 4th April, 1917.

Private Frederick William Storey proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 14th June, 1917 from 7th Training Battalion. He was marched in to 2nd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre, France on 15th June, 1917. Private Storey proceeded from 2nd A.D.B.D. on 2nd July, 1917 to join his Unit & was taken on strength of 25th Battalion in France on 3rd July, 1917 from Reinforcements.

Private Frederick William Storey reported sick on 30th September, 1917 & was admitted to 5th Field Ambulance with PUO (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). He was transferred to 7th Field Ambulance on the same day & was discharged to duty on 6th October, 1917. Private Storey rejoined his Unit on 9th October, 1917.

Private Frederick William Storey was wounded in action on 9th October, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance on 9th October, 1917 with Shrapnel wound/s to Neck then transferred to 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station. Private Storey was transferred to Ambulance Train on 12th October, 1917 & was admitted to 7th Canadian General Hospital on the same day. He was marked for transfer to England on 23rd October, 1917 & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Stad Antwerpen* on 24th October, 1917.

### 25th Battalion

The 25th Battalion was raised at Enoggera in Queensland in March 1915 as part of the 7th Brigade. Although predominantly composed of men recruited in Queensland, the battalion also included a small contingent of men from Darwin.

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Although it acted in a supporting role at the second battle of Bullecourt, the 25th Battalion did not carry out a major offensive role again until 20 September 1917, when it was part of the 2nd Division's first wave at the battle of Menin

Road in Belgium. Victory here was followed up with the capture of Broodseinde Ridge on 4 October. The 25th reprised its role from Menin Road, in what was its last large-scale offensive action for the year.....

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

#### War Diary – 25th Battalion

*9/10th October, 1917:*

*As per Report attached.*

*Report on Operation by 25th A.I. Battalion at Zonnebeke on 1/2nd October to 8/9th October, 1917:*

*9th – Left RAILWAY WOOD at 2.30 am and moved to TOKIO SPUR D-27-a-c&d Bn in position at 4.50 am on 9th. H.Qs at D-26-d-5-5.*

*At 6 am Bn moved forward to D-22-c-9-3 – D-22-c-7-7. Move complete at 6.45 am and came under command of 5th A.I.Bgde. Bn. H.Qs. at MOULIN FARM. At 9.27 am 1 Officer and 50 O/Ranks sent forward as carrying party for S.A.A. from Dump Cross Road BROODSEINDE to front Line. 10 am Bn. less carrying party moved to D-16-a-7-3 – S-23-a-4-7 ½.*

*Disposition then:- “A” & “D” Coys in D-16-d-7-3 – D-23-a-4-7 ½*

*“B” Coy in SUNKEN ROAD D-16d – D-23-a.*

*“C” Coy in Trench D-23-a-0-7 – D-23-a-3-5*

*9th/10th – Relieved in Support Area by 2 Coys. 45th Bn. – Relief complete at 3.10 am on 10th.*

*Bn on relief moved to GORDON CAMP and Infantry Barracks.*

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*Casualties for period 8th to 10th.*

*KILLED:- 1 Off. 4 O/R. WOUNDED:- 1 Off. 45 O/R.*

*MISSING:- 1 O/R*

*(War Diary Extract from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Frederick William Storey was admitted to 2/1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England on 24th October, 1917 with Paralysis of right Arm. The X-Ray report for 29th October, 1917 states “*F.B. Clavicular region.*” (FB = Foreign body)

Private Frederick William Storey died at 3.25 am on 23rd November, 1917 at 2/1st Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham, England from shrapnel wound/s to Neck (right side) & Anaemia. A Telegram was sent from “Wounded Dudley Rd Birmingham” to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London on 23rd November, 1917 advising them of the death of 6384 Private F. W. Storey 25th Battalion & “*Relatives Mrs Kitson Sutherland Ave Pollockshields Glasgow informed.*”

A death for Frederick W. Storey, aged 23, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Birmingham, Warwickshire, England.

Private Frederick William Storey was buried at 11 am on 27th November, 1917 in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England – Grave No.223 Section B10. His name is now remembered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall B10. 223 as those in this Plot do not have headstones.

From the burial report of Private Frederick William Storey - *Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral, the Gun Carriage and Bearers being supplied by R.A.M.C. of Dudley Road and 1st Southern General Hospitals. A service was conducted in the Cemetery Chapel and at the graveside by Chaplain*

*Rev. W. A. Holdsworth, M.A., C.F., (A.P.D.) of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham. The "Last Post" was sounded by a Bugler of the R.A.M.C. There were no relatives or friends present at the funeral. A wreath from the Staff and Patients of the Hospital and two from Anonymous donors were placed on the grave. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

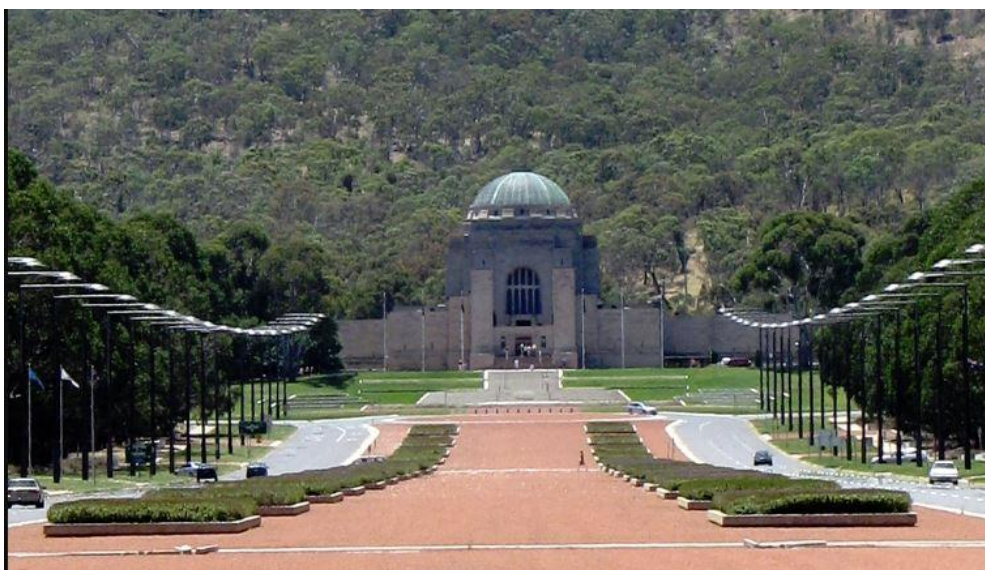
Private Frederick William Storey was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Storey's widowed mother – Mrs J. Storey, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick William Storey – service number 6384, aged 23, of 25th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Herbert Ramsay Strey & Jessie Storey, of Minnie Street, Cairns.

Private F. W. Storey is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 106.



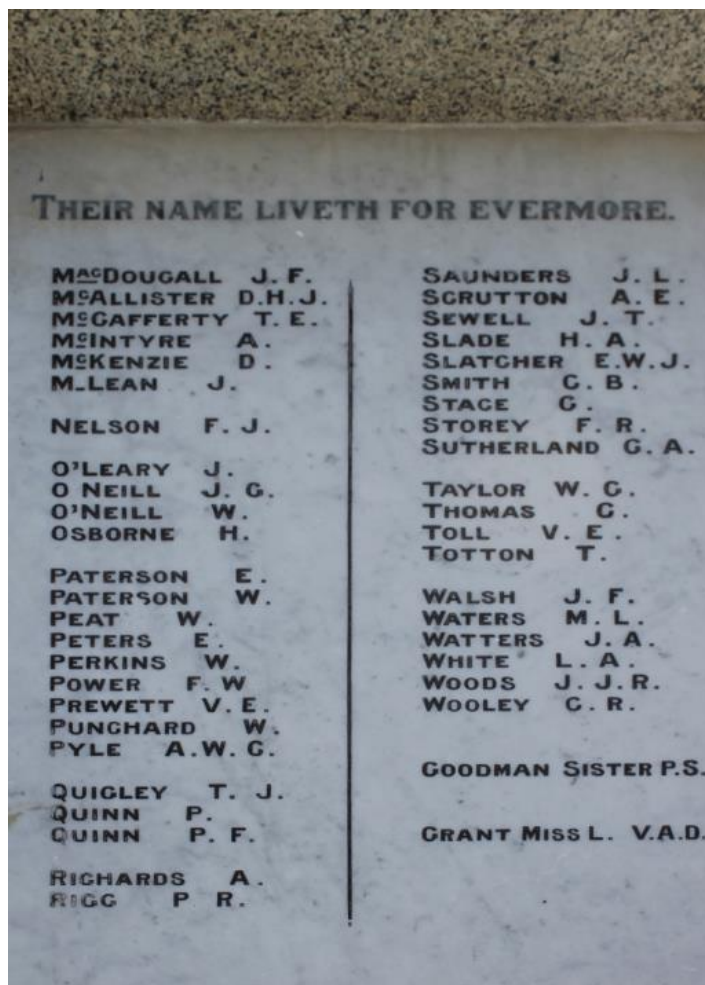
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*



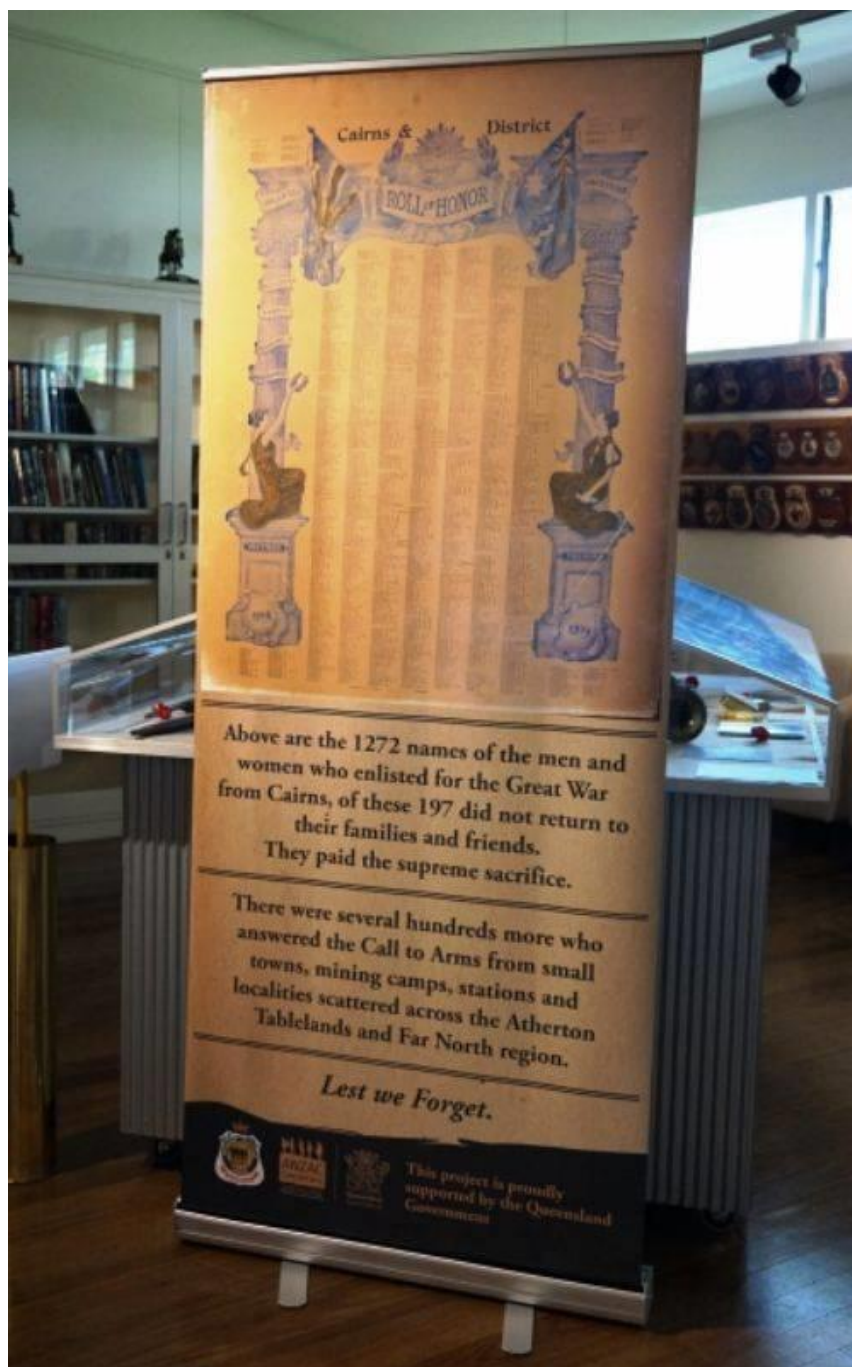
An "F. R. Storey" is remembered on the Cairns Cenotaph (Sailors & Soldiers Memorial – Digger), located on The Esplanade, opposite Base Hospital, Cairns, Queensland.



**Cairns Cenotaph** (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Peter F. Williams)



An "F. W Stoney" (as transcribed by Marjorie Earl, July 2003) is remembered on the Cairns & District Roll of Honour, located in Cairns RSL, 115 Esplanade, Cairns, Queensland.



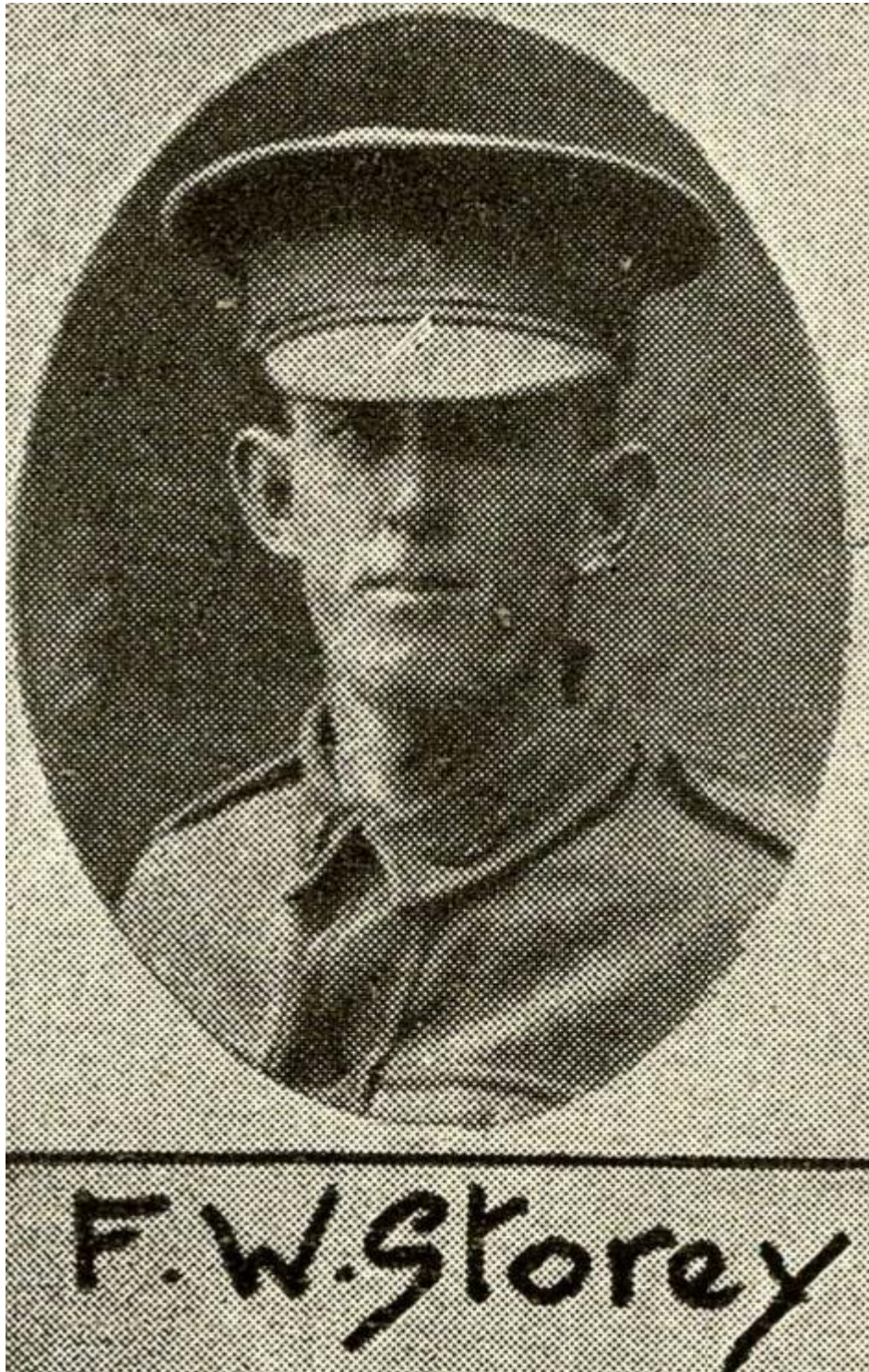
**Cairns & District Roll of Honour** (Photo from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)

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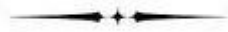
(34 pages of Private Frederick William Storey's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*





*(The Queenslander Pictorial – 1 September, 1917)*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

#### **The Latest Lists**

BRISBANE, Nov. 25

Casualty Lists Nos. 356 and 357 were issued from the censor's office yesterday morning.....

The names include Pte Frederick William Storey, Cairns, wounded.....

(*Cairns Post*, Queensland – 26 November, 1917) & (*The Northern Herald*, Cairns, Queensland – 30 November, 1917)

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#### **Pte Storey Killed**

The official news was received on Wednesday that Pte Frederick William Storey, son of Mr H. R. Storey, Court Bailiff, Cairns, had died on 23rd inst. from a gunshot wound.

(*Cairns Post*, Queensland – 29 November, 1917) & (*The Northern Herald*, Cairns, Queensland – 30 November, 1917)

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### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

#### **LIST No. 374**

Died of Wounds

Private F. W. Storey (Cairns, previously reported severely wounded)

(*Morning Bulletin*, Rockhampton, Queensland – 24 December, 1917)

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### **DEATHS**

STOREY – At his residence, Sheridan Street, on the 6th January, aged 53, Herbert Ramsay Storey, second son of the late Major William Fitch-Storey, and grandson of the late General Fitch-Storey.

(At Rest)

Also – Frederick William Storey, of wounds “Somewhere in France” on November 23rd, 1917, at the age of 23.

He gave his life for his King and country.

(*Cairns Post*, Queensland – 30 January, 1918) & (*The Northern Herald*, Cairns, Queensland – 7 February, 1918)

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## Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Private Frederick William Storey does not have CWGC headstone, his name is instead remembered on a CWGC Screen Wall as his grave was one that could not be individually marked with a headstone.

## **Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England**

The First World War saw four important hospitals - besides many smaller - posted at Birmingham: the 1st Southern General (3,500 beds) was in the university and other buildings, with a section at Stourbridge; the 2nd/1st Southern General (1,800 beds) in the Dudley Road Infirmary and in billets; the 1st Birmingham War Hospital (1,000 beds) at Rubery Hill Asylum and the 2nd Birmingham War Hospital (900 beds) at Hollymoor Asylum. Military hospitals were at Birmingham again during the Second World War, including No 7 Canadian Hospital at Marston Green. Birmingham and Coventry were among the chief manufacturing areas producing materials for the war effort and were subjected to many devastating air raids during the Blitz of 1940-41.

BIRMINGHAM (LODGE HILL) CEMETERY contains 499 First World War burials, most of them in a war graves plot in Section B10. The names of those buried in the plot, or in graves elsewhere in the cemetery which could not be individually marked, are inscribed on a Screen Wall. Second World War burials number 125, most of them scattered throughout the cemetery, although there is a small plot in Section 2E. Birmingham Municipal Crematorium stands within the cemetery. In the chapel, there is a bronze plaque commemorating 48 servicemen of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

*(Information from CWGC)*



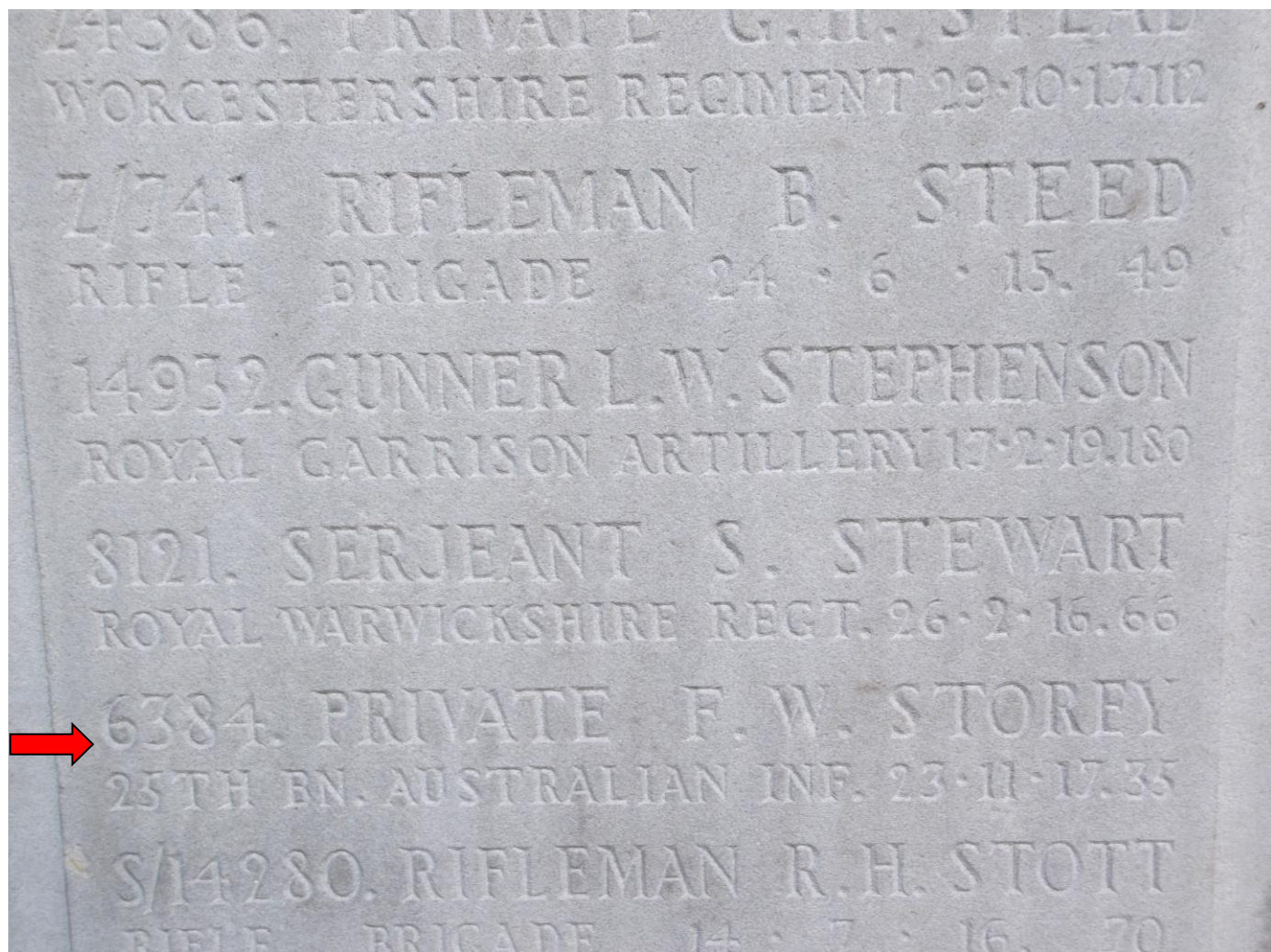
*(Photo by Lepidus Magnus)*



**Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham** *(Photos from CWGC)*



Photo of Private F. W. Storey's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission WW1 Screen Wall in Lodge Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, West Midlands, England.



(Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)





**WW1 Screen Wall in Garden of Remembrance** (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)



**WW2 Garden of Remembrance** (Photo by Myra Mason – Find a Grave)

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