

**Efford Cemetery,
Plymouth, Devon, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



737 PRIVATE

L. W. STOWERS-JACKSON

40TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

11TH SEPTEMBER, 1916

Leslie William STOWERS-JACKSON

Leslie William Stowers-Jackson was born in a private residence at Brondesbury, London, England on 24th April, 1897 to parents Stowers William Jackson & Ida Elizabeth Stowers-Jackson (nee Lewin). His birth was registered in June quarter, 1897 in the district of Hendon, Middlesex, England (listed as Leslie William S. Jackson). Leslie William Stowers Jackson (surname listed in Baptism Register as Jackson) was baptised on 26th May, 1897 in Christ Church, Brondesbury, Brent, England. According to Baptism Register the family lived at 58 Plympton Road & Stowers William Jackson was recorded as a Solicitor.

Stowers William Jackson, father of Leslie William Stowers-Jackson, died on 19th January, 1901. (Details from Probate – Jackson, Stowers William of 120 St. John's Road, Upper Holloway, Middlesex died 19 January, 1901. Administration London 20 March to Ida Elizabeth Jackson, widow. Effects £69 9s. 7d.)

The 1901 England Census recorded Leslie W. S. Jackson as a 3 year old living with his widowed mother at his grandfather's house at 21 Burton Road, Willesden, Middlesex. David D. Lewin (his grandfather) was listed as head of the house (Retired Tea Broker (own Means), widower, aged 81, born Douglas, Isle of Man). Leslie's mother was listed as Ida E. Jackson (daughter of David D. Lewin, Millinery Dept A. & N. Stores, aged 41). Also listed was Blanche H. Lewin (daughter of David D. Lewin, aged 38, on own means, born Wimbledon, Surrey) & Charlotte E. Bye (General Servant, aged 33).

Leslie William Stowers-Jackson attended Brighton Secondary School, Sussex, England.

The 1911 England Census recorded Leslie W. Stowers Jackson as a 13 year old, living with his family at 27 Cissbury Rd, Hove, Sussex, England in an 8 roomed dwelling. His widowed mother was listed as Ida E. Stowers Jackson (Independent, aged 50, born Douglas, Isle of Man). Ida stated she had two children who were listed on this Census – Leslie & Reginald Lewin Jackson (aged 11, born Brondesbury). Also listed in the household was Blanche Lewin (Sister of Ida Stowers Jackson, aged 45, born Wimbledon, Surrey) & Dora Clare (Maid, aged 27, born Camden Town, London).

According to information provided by his mother for the Roll of Honour – Leslie Stowers-Jackson came to Australia when he was 16 years old.

Leslie William Stowers-Jackson was a 22 year old, single, Farmer from Hobart, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 17th February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Ida Elizabeth Stowers-Jackson, 5 Malvern Road, Southsea, England.

Private Leslie William Stowers-Jackson, Service number 737, embarked from Hobart, Tasmania on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 1st July, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Brigade, 40th Infantry Battalion, "C" Company & disembarked at Devonport, England on 22nd August, 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 Leslie William Stowers-Jackson was admitted to Military Hospital, Devonport on 22nd August, 1916 – sick severe.

40th Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 40th Battalion was Tasmania's contribution to the strength of the division and it joined the Victorian-raised 37th, 38th and 39th Battalions to form the 10th Brigade.

The battalion embarked for the Western Front in July 1916 and by December was serving in the trenches in France....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Leslie William Stowers-Jackson died at 5.35 am on 11th September, 1916 at Military Hospital, Devonport, England from Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Severe type. Mental depression a marked feature.*"

A death for Leslie S. Jackson, aged 20, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Devonport, Devon, England.

Private Leslie William Stowers-Jackson was buried in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England – Plot number Church C. 4986 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Private Leslie William Stowers-Jackson 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 Stowers-Jackson's widowed mother – Mrs E. Stowers-Jackson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Leslie William Stowers-Jackson – service number 737, of 40th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private L. W. Stowers-Jackson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 133.

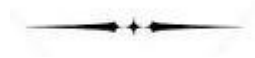


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia



(36 pages of Private Leslie William Stowers-Jackson'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



Newspaper Notices

RECRUITING

Recruiting at the Hobart Barracks on Wednesday resulted in seven men offering themselves, and five passed. The following are the names of those who passed:- L. W. Stowers-Jackson, H. A. Harrison, G. Jeffrey, H. C. Mathers, J. Gannon.

(Daily Post, Hobart, Tasmania – 17 February, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

216TH AND 217TH CASUALTY LISTS

ILL

TASMANIA

Stowers-Jackson, L. W., dangerously

(The Mercury, Hobart, Tasmania – 21 September, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOR

228TH CASUALTY LIST

TASMANIAN CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

PTE L. W. STOWERS-JACKSON, England (Sept. 11, 1916)

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 5 October, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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.

Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England

During the First World War, Plymouth, Devonport and Stonehouse contained between them the Royal Dockyard, Royal Naval Barracks (known as H.M.S. Vivid), the Royal Marine Barracks of the Plymouth Division, and naval and military hospitals. For the duration of the war, Devonport was made headquarters of the Auxiliary Patrol Area. Plymouth was a naval station second only to Portsmouth during the Second World War. Devonport was also an important military station and there was a R.A.F station at Mount Batten, opposite Plymouth. PLYMOUTH (EFFORD) CEMETERY contains 338 scattered burials of the First World War. The 109 Second World War burials, including 5 unidentified, are also scattered apart from a small group in Section C, in a plot set aside for service burials that was actually little used. The Commission also maintains five non-war burials within the cemetery and 12 war graves of other nationalities, most of them Greek merchant seamen. PLYMOUTH CITY CREMATORIUM is situated in Plymouth (Efford) Cemetery and 61 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there are commemorated on a screen wall set into a recess in the hedge behind the Cross of Sacrifice.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth *(Photo from CWGC)*



War Graves in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth (Photo from CWGC)



War Graves in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Smith)

Photo of Private Leslie W. Stowers-Jackson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Efford Cemetery, Plymouth, Devon, England.



*In Loving Memory of LESLIE W. STOWERS-JACKSON 40TH Australians
Who Died Sept 11TH 1916. Aged 19 Years,*