

**Christ Church Military Cemetery,
Portsdown, Hampshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2804 PRIVATE

J. L. TATTERSON

29TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

15TH MAY, 1918 Age 19

To Live in Hearts

We Leave Behind

Is Not To Die

James Lister TATTERSON

James Lister Tatterson was born at Warragul, Victoria on 20th December, 1898 to parents George and Emma Tatterson (nee Howe). His birth was registered in 1899 at Warragul, Victoria.

James Lister Tatterson was an 18 year old, single, Clerk from Trafalgar, Victoria when he enlisted on 3rd August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2804 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr George Tatterson of Trafalgar, Victoria. James Tatterson's brother – Leslie Edward Tatterson, 19 year old, Hairdresser enlisted on 5th August, 1915 & had a service number of 2805. As their son was under the age of 21 years, George & Emma Tatterson both signed their consent on 19th July, 1915 for their son – James L. N. Tatterson to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad.

Private James Lister Tatterson was posted to Depot Battalion on 2nd August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 23rd Infantry Battalion on 12th October, 1915.

Private James Lister Tatterson & his brother Leslie Edward Tatterson embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ulysses* (A38) on 27th October, 1915 with the 6th Reinforcements, 23rd Infantry Battalion, 6th Infantry Brigade & disembarked at Suez on 25th November, 1915.

Private James Lister Tatterson was allotted & proceeded to join 58th Battalion from 23rd Battalion at Zeitoun on 23rd February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 58th Battalion on 23rd February, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir.

Private James Lister Tatterson was transferred from 58th Battalion to 59th Battalion on 15th March, 1916 & taken on strength of 59th Battalion on 15th March, 1916.

Private James Lister Tatterson was sent sick to Hospital at Ferry Post on 8th April, 1916. He was admitted to 15th Field Ambulance at Staging Camp on 9th April, 1916 with Tonsillitis then transferred to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 12/13th April, 1916. Pte Tatterson was transferred to 15th Field Ambulance at Ferry Post on 17th April, 1916 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). Pte Tatterson was admitted to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station with Influenza & discharged & rejoined his Unit on 6th May, 1916.

Private James Lister Tatterson embarked from Alexandria on 18th June, 1916 on *Kinfauns Castle* to join the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Private James Lister Tatterson was wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to No.2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 20th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to Arm. He was transferred to No. 1 Convalescent Depot at Boulogne, France on 21st July, 1916 then embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. David* on 21st July, 1916.

War Diary – 59th Battalion

SAILLY – 19th July, 1916

12 Noon – Heavy bombardment of enemy lines. 60th Battn. relieved half our front from PINNEY AVENUE inclusive.

7 pm – 59th Battn. attacked enemy position in four waves. First wave going over parapet at 6.45 pm other three waves following at five minute interval. Attack did not penetrate enemy trenches being held up by intense rifle and machine gun fire approximately 100 yds from enemy front line.

(War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private James Lister Tatterson was admitted to Military Hospital, Edmonton, England on 22nd July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to left forearm & fractured radius (slight).

Private James Lister Tatterson was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 1st September, 1916 & medically classified as "A" – fit for Active Service. He was granted furlough on 2nd September, 1916. Pte Tatterson reported in from furlough to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs on 18th September, 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 James Lister Tatterson was marched in to 15th Training Battalion (Camp 26) at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 18th September, 1916 from No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs.

Private James Lister Tatterson proceeded overseas from 15th Training Battalion via Folkestone on SS *Princess Henrietta* on 6th December, 1916. He was marched in to 5th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 7th December, 1916. Pte Tatterson rejoined 59th Battalion in the field on 29th December, 1916 after returning from being wounded.

Private James Lister Tatterson was sent to Hospital sick on 9th February, 1917. He was admitted to 15th Australian Field Ambulance with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin) & then transferred to 5th Divisional Rest Station. Pte Tatterson was transferred to 45th Casualty Clearing Station on 16th February, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train on 18th February, 1917. Pte Tatterson was admitted to 1st General Hospital at Etretat, France on 19th February, 1917. He was transferred to 4th Convalescent Depot at Havre, France on 28th February, 1917 suffering from Influenza. Pte Tatterson was discharged to Base Depot on 5th April, 1917.

Private James Lister Tatterson was marched in to 5th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 5th April, 1917.

Private James Lister Tatterson was marched out to join his Unit on 14th April, 1917. He was taken to 5th Divisional Rest Station on 15th April, 1917 with boils on his back whilst en route to his Unit. Pte Tatterson was transferred to 56th Casualty Clearing Station on 18th April, 1917. Pte Tatterson was discharged to duty & rejoined 59th Battalion from being sick on 22nd April, 1917.

Private James Lister Tatterson was transferred & taken on strength of 29th Battalion on 4th August, 1917 from 59th Battalion.

29th Battalion

The only large battle in 1917 in which the 29th Battalion played a major role was Polygon Wood, fought in the Ypres sector in Belgium on 26 September.

(Extract of Battalion information from The Australian War Memorial)

Private James Lister Tatterson proceeded on leave to UK on 21st February, 1918. He rejoined 29th Battalion in the field from leave on 9th March, 1918.

Private James Lister Tatterson was wounded in action (2nd occasion) on 25th March, 1918. He was admitted to 2nd Casualty Clearing Station on 25th March, 1918 with gunshot wounds to right thigh. He was transferred to 26th Ambulance Train on 26th March, 1918. Pte Tatterson was admitted to 59th General Hospital at St. Omer, France on 26th March, 1918. Pte Tatterson embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Brighton* on 3rd April, 1918 with gunshot wounds to right thigh.

War Diary – 29th Battalion

OUSTTAVERNE Sector – 25th March, 1918

6am – Our artillery fairly active. M G as usual fired during the night.

(time ?) - Enemy artillery fairly active. M G not very _____ The Battalion was relieved at 9.58 pm by the 6th Bn. A.I.F. The relief was carried out without any casualties in their Bn.

KEMMEL – 11 pm - ___ back to Camp at Kemmel all Coys reporting back at 11.30 pm.

(War Diary information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private James Lister Tatterson was admitted to Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, Hampshire, England on 4th April, 1918 with gunshot wounds to right thigh (severe). The Hospital notes in part read "Septic Temp & Wound X ray.... Buttock incised 21.4.18. Large Haematoma & pus... abscess of L shoulder incised 10.5.18. Temp 102 to 104 dailysigns of weakness. Septicaemia." Notification was sent to Pte Tatterson's father on 14th May, 1918 stating his son was still dangerously ill on 8th May.

Private James Lister Tatterson died at 8.55 pm on 15th May, 1918 at Alexandra Hospital, Cosham, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action – gunshot wounds to right thigh.

A death for James L. Tatterson, aged 20, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Fareham, Hampshire, England.

Private James Lister Tatterson was buried at 2 pm on 20th May, 1918 in Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire, England – Plot number B. 14A and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte James Lister Tatterson - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and surmounted with several beautiful wreaths. Gun Carriage, Firing Party, Buglers and Pallbearers, under the command of an Officer, were present. Prior to the interment a service was held in the Church by Chaplain J. E. Rogers, C.F. A part of Australians (patients in the Alexandra Hospital, Cosham) followed the remains to the Cemetery. The grave will be turfed, and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were presented at the funeral.*

Private James Lister Tatterson was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Tatterson's father – Mr George Tatterson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private James Lister Tatterson – service number 2804, aged 19, of 29th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of George and Emma Tatterson, of Trafalgar, Victoria, Australia. Native of Warragul, Victoria.

Private J. L. Tatterson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 116.

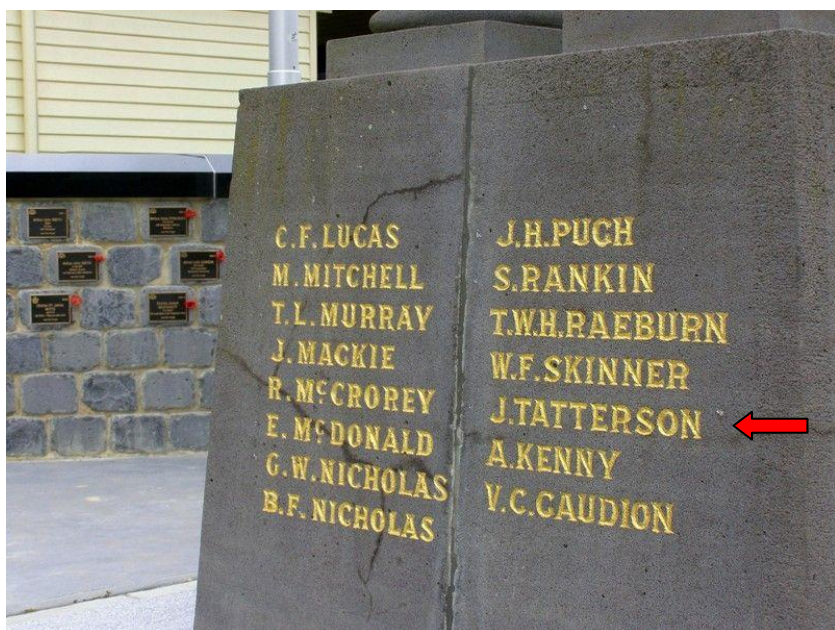


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. Tatterson is remembered on the Trafalgar War Memorial, located at 55 Kitchener Street (corner Contingent Street) Trafalgar, Victoria.



Trafalgar War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/ Sandra Brown)



Jas. Tatterson & his brother – J. Tatterson & L. Tatterson are remembered on the Narracan Honour Roll for those who served in World War 1, which is located in the Shire Offices, Princes Highway, Trafalgar, Victoria.

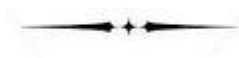


Narracan Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)



(80 pages of Pte James Lister Tatterson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

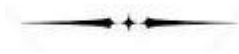
Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Connected to Private James Lister Tatterson:

Older Brother – Driver John Tatterson, 1326, enlisted 20th July, 1915. 5th Divisional Train. Returned to Australia from England on 8th April, 1919. Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

Older Brother – Private Leslie Edward Tatterson, 2805, enlisted 26th July, 1915. 23rd Battalion, 58th Battalion, 59th Battalion, 66th Battalion, 29th Battalion & 32nd Battalion. Returned to Australia from England on 13th April, 1919. Entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.



Newspaper Notices

DIED ON SERVICE

TATTERSON – Officially reported died of wounds, my dearly loved brother, Private James Lister Norcliffe Tatterson, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs George Tatterson, Trafalgar, Gippsland; loved brother of Will, Mrs McCrorey, Driver Jack, and Private Les (both on active service), Gladys, and Reuben.

Our brave laddie, Jim.

His young life so gallantly and so loyally given for our country's cause.

So dearly loved, so deeply mourned.

-(Inserted by his loving sister, Ethel Coupar).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 May, 1918)

The latest casualty list contains the names of Pte J. L. Tatterson, Trafalgar, died of wounds.

(*Gippsland Times*, Victoria – 10 June 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

VICTORIAN LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte J. L. TATTERSON, Trafalgar, 15/5/18 (prev. rep. W., 2nd occ.)

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 June 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TATTERSON – In sad and loving remembrance of our dear son, Albert (Chum), 2nd Pioneer Battalion, killed in action 11th October, 1917, near Ypres, buried at Bellvand Ridge by his comrades, after two years' service, aged 19 years 9 months; **also his dear cousin, Jim Tatterson, of Trafalgar, who died of wounds in hospital, England, 15th May, aged 19 years.**

Two boys nobly did their duty,
No one knows the silent heartache,
Only those can tell,
Who have lost their best and dearest,
Without a last farewell,
But God is kind, He gives us strength
To bear our heavy cross.
He is the only one who knows
Our loneliness and loss.

-Inserted by his loving parents, Kaye and Susan Tatterson, sister (Bobs) and brothers, Victoria-street, Warragul.

(4 other notices are with this)

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 11 October, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TATTERSON – In proud and loving memory of our dear boys, cousin Jim, died of wounds 15th May, 1918; also our dear brother Albert (Chum), killed in action 11th October, 1917, both aged 19 years.

All honour give to those who, nobly fighting, nobly fell, that we might live.

-Inserted by Flora Clark and Mel Misson.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 May, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TATTERSON – In loving memory of my darling brother, Private James Lister Norcliffe Tatterson, who died of wounds on May15, 1918; dearly loved fourth son of Mr and Mrs George Tatterson, Trafalgar, Gippsland.

“So dearly loved”

-(Inserted by his loving sister, Ethel Coupar).

TATTERSON – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private James Lister Northcliff Tatterson, died of wounds at Alexandra Military Hospital, England, 15th May, 1918, buried at Portsdown Parish Churchyard, Cosham, Hampshire.

Little Jim.

A clean young life that promised well;
Perhaps 'tis best; ah! who can tell?
An angel clasped our dear laddie's hand
And led him to a better land.
Not dead to those that loved him.

-(Inserted by his loving sister Lizzie, Mrs Tom McCCorey, Trafalgar)

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TATTERSON – In loving memory of Private James Lister Northcliff Tatterson, died of wounds at Alexandra Hospital, England, 15th May, 1918.

Only a boy, but so much alone;
Standing for ever to his gun.
There was his duty to be done,
And he did it.

Tho' death divides, fond memory clings.

-(Inserted by his loving sister-in-law Essie and brother Jack, returning)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 May, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TATTERSON – In sad and loving memory of our dearly loved nephew and cousin, who died of wounds on the 15th May, 1917.

One worthy of remembrance.

-(Inserted by his loving auntie and cousin, E. Redman and Glynda)

TATTERSON – In loving memory of my dearly loved brother, Private James Lister Tatterson, who died of wounds, Alexander Military Hospital, Cosham, England, on 15th May, 1918.

Little Jim.

Our brave laddie. Sadly missed.

-Inserted by his loving sister, Lizzie.

TATTERSON – In loving remembrance if our dear nephew and cousin, Jim, whi died on the 15th May, 1918, of wounds received in France, aged 19 years.

A call to duty, 'twas nobly done,
In doing that duty a crown was won;
No fear of self, in trying to save
The lives of others his life he gave.

-Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt and Bobs, Warragul.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 May, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TATTERSON – In sad and loving memory of our dearly loved nephew and cousin, who died of wounds May 15, 1917.

One worthy of remembrance.

-(Inserted by his loving auntie and cousin, E. Redman and Glynda)

TATTERSON – I loving memory of my darling brother, James Lister Norcliffe Tatterson, who died of wounds at Cobham, England, on May 15, 1918.

“Our brave laddie, Jim.”

“To my memory ever so dear.”

-(His loving sister, Ethel Coupar, Bendigo).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 May, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TATTERSON – In sad and loving memory of our dearly loved nephew and cousin, Jim, who died of wounds 15th May, 1917.

He laid his richest gift on the altar of duty – his life.

-(Inserted by his loving aunt and cousin, E. Redman and G. Dolphin.)

TATTERSON – In loving memory of James Lester, died of wounds, May 15, in England.

At the heavenly gates he'll meet us,
With the same sweet, loving smile;
We only parted, dear Jim,
Just for a little while.

What would we give your hands to clasp,
Our dear Jim's face to see;
To hear again his loving voice,
That meant so much to us.

-(Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Will and Lily.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 May, 1922)

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 J. L. Tatterson does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

To Live In Hearts We Leave Behind Is Not To Die

Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire, England

Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown contains 167 Commonwealth War Graves - 133 from World War 1, including 2 from Belgian Army & 34 relating to World War 2. There are 6 Australian World War 1 War Graves.



Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown (Photo above from CWGC & below from Peter Bennett)



Photo of Private J. L. Tatterson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Christ Church Military Cemetery, Portsdown, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by FrankGrant – Find a Grave)