

**Hampstead Cemetery,
London, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1200 PRIVATE

F. WESTAWAY

8TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH SEPTEMBER, 1915

Frederick WESTAWAY

Frederick Westaway was born in Port Melbourne, Victoria on 2nd August, 1887 to parents John & Louisa Westaway (nee Harris).

Frederick Westaway was a 28 year old, Labourer when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 16th September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1200 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister - Louisa Crush, South Melbourne, Victoria. (Note: the Embarkation Roll has Frederick Westaway's Service number listed as 1207, his aged as 22 & his next of kin as Louisa Westaway, South Melbourne).

Private Frederick Westaway embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) on 22nd December, 1914 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 1st Reinforcements.

Private Frederick Westaway was taken on strength of 8th Battalion on 25th February, 1915.

Private Frederick Westaway was wounded at Gallipoli on 25th April, 1915 – severity not stated. He was admitted to Cottonera Hospital, Malta on 19th May, 1915 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right foot. Private Westaway was transferred to Forrest Hospital at Malta on 15th July, 1915 then discharged back to Cottonera Hospital at Malta on 17th July, 1915. He embarked from Malta on Hospital Ship *Asturias* on 28th August, 1915 for England.

7 & 8th Battalions

The 8th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.

The battalion was raised from rural Victoria by Lieutenant Colonel William Bolton within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. It later took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, as part of the second wave. Ten days after the landing, the 2nd Brigade was transferred from ANZAC to Cape Helles to help in the attack on the village of Krithia. The attack captured little ground but cost the brigade almost a third of its strength. The Victorian battalions returned to ANZAC to help defend the beachhead, and in August the 2nd Brigade fought at the battle of Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Louisa Westaway, South Melbourne, was advised by Base Records on 8th June, 1915 that Private Westaway had been wounded "*not reported seriously no other particulars available.*"

Louisa Crush, sister of Private Frederick Westaway & listed as next of kin, advised Base Records on 16th June, 1915 of her change of address to 22 Percy Street, Nth Fitzroy.

Private Frederick Westaway was admitted to New End Military Hospital, Hampstead, London, England on 26th August, 1915 with Pleurisy (Note: date as per Casualty Form – Active Service).

Mrs L. Crush, 22 Percy Street, North Fitzroy was advised by Base Records on 2nd September, 1915 that Private F. Westaway was seriously ill with Pleurisy at the Military Hospital, Hampstead, England.

Private Frederick Westaway died on 9th September, 1915 at Military Hospital, Hampstead, London, England from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

A death for Frederick Westaway, aged 30, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of Hampstead, London, England.

Private Frederick Westaway was buried on 13th September, 1915 in Hampstead Cemetery, London, England – 213B Sec W. E.

Mrs L. Crush, sister of the late Private Frederick Westaway, was contacted by Base Records on 24th June, 1919 & advised that they had transmitted photographs of the grave of her late brother but also advised that they were "in receipt of advice from A.I.F. Headquarters, London, that his remains have been re-interred in Single Grave No. 32 Section Q 4 of the same cemetery – Hampstead Cemetery, Hampstead, London. This work is carried out with the utmost care and reverence..."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission now records the location of the grave of the late Private Frederick Westaway in Hampstead Cemetery, London, England as Plot number Q. 4. 32 and he has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A copy of the Will of the late Private F. Westaway stated that "in the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my sister and brothers." The initial of Westaway was undecipherable & Mrs L. Crush was also listed. "Signed F. Westaway 1207 Private F. Westaway, 1st Reinforcements 7th Battalion, now "D" Coy, 8th Battalion."

[Note: there was some discrepancy with the Service number of Private Frederick Westaway – The final summary page in his Service Record file – page 57/58 has both 1207 & 1200 listed as well as War Gratuity Schedule Card. The Field Service – Report of Death of a Soldier has the service number as 1200 as well the following forms or letters : Casualty Form – Active Service; Statement of Service form; Telegram advising of his death; advice of remains being re-interred ; The Imperial War Graves Commission Proof Slip & 2 copies of his Attestation Papers. The Statement of War Pension Claims form has the service No. as 1207 as well as one of the Attestation forms that only has the details of the next of kin listed (all other details are blank)]

Cards Say -

1200 Westaway F. 8th Batt. Dead
1207 " " 7th " Alive

Rolls Say.

1200 8th Batt. Westwood Henry ^{NOR 351 Collins + Nell}
1207 " " " no trace on Roll

1200 7th Batt. Watson Henry
1207 " " Westaway Frederick
NOR. Louise Westaway
South Nell.

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A War Pension was granted to Louisa Crush, 22 Percy Street, North Fitzroy, sister of the late Private Frederick Westaway in the sum of £32/10/- per annum from 10th November, 1915. The Pension was cancelled as from 20th December, 1917 (reason not stated).

Base Records contacted Mrs L. Crush, 4 Reeves Street, Clifton Hill, Victoria in July, 1920 stating she was noted as the registered next-of-kin of the late Private F. Westaway but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father and mother were living or has he any brothers (stating the eldest) or any sisters older than her due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Louisa Crush replied to Base Records on 29th July, 1920 stating she was the eldest sister & also the next of kin of the late No. 1200 Private F. Westaway. She stated that *"both mother & father being dead."* Base Records replied on 3rd August, 1920 but requested *"definite information as to whether the deceased soldier has any brothers living, and if so, kindly furnish me with the name and address of the eldest. I regret that this procedure is necessary, but the regulation under the "Deceased Soldiers' Estates Act of 1918" demand that this action must be taken."*

Louisa Crush replied to Base Records on 10th August, 1920 stating that the address of her eldest brother was Thomas Westaway of 119 Moore Street, Fitzroy.

Private Frederick Westaway was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Westaway's eldest brother – Mr T. Westaway, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private F. Westaway – service number 1200, of 8th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private F. Westaway is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 54.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(58 pages of Private Frederick Westaway'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. Fred Westaway
8th Bn., Died Wounds

(Weekly Times, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 November, 1915)



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIANS IN WAR

THIRTY-SEVENTH CASUALTY LIST

WOUNDED

VICTORIA

Pte F. WESTAWAY, South Melbourne

(Hamilton Spectator, Victoria – 14 June, 1915)

AUSTRALIANS IN WAR

EIGHTY-SECOND CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte F. WESTAWAY, North Fitzroy

(Hamilton Spectator, Victoria – 27 September, 1915)

DEATHS

On Active Service

WESTAWAY – On the 9th September, died of illness, at Hampstead Hospital, England, Private Frederick Westaway, loving brother of Mrs L. Crush, Jim, Thomas, William, Simeon, Percy.

-Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters.

WESTAWAY – In loving memory of our dear mate, Private Fred. Westaway, late of Collingwood, who was wounded in the Dardanelles, and died in England on the 9th September.

Australia was his birth place,
Britain was his nation.
England his burial place
And Christ his salvation.

-Inserted by his loving mate, Margaret, Jack, Happy, Bert McOmish, 7 Liverpool-street, North Fitzroy.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 September, 1915)

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)

A letter from Base Records, dated 27th June, 1921, to Mr T. Westaway, 119 Moore Street, Fitzroy, Victoria, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of the late Private F. Westaway had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

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

Hampstead Cemetery, London, England

Hampstead Cemetery is located at Fortune Green with the entrance at the northern end of Fortune Green Road, 400 metres from West Hampstead Railway Station.

There are 217 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war and a further 45 of the 1939-45 war here. In addition there is 1 Polish soldier and 1 Czech soldier burials and 1 non war military burial.

Those whose graves cannot be marked by headstone are recorded by name on a Screen Wall memorial in the War Graves Plot where the majority of the burials are to be found, near the Northern boundary, to the right of the main entrance.

(Information from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice in Hampstead Cemetery *(Photo by Marathon)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Four Australian graves at Hampstead Cemetery on Anzac Day. On the far left is the grave of 337 Private (Pte) Leslie William Hamilton, 3rd Battalion, of Wagga Wagga, NSW who died of his wounds on 15 September 1915 aged 21 years. From the collection of Mr Alfred Thomas Sharp. Mr Sharp was the Commonwealth Immigration Officer of Victoria and was based in the London Office during the First World War. He and his wife hosted and visited many soldiers, particularly those from Victoria, who were recuperating in London. He also photographed many Australian graves in English cemeteries. His photograph collection relating to this period in London was bequeathed to the Memorial in 1922 after his death. During his time in London he was a member of the British Volunteer Regiment, serving with the Willesden Battalion, Middlesex Volunteer Regiment.



4 Australian WW1 War Graves

Left to Right: Hamilton, Westaway, Cameron & Kerr (Photo by D – Find a Grave)

Photo of Private F. Westaway's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Hampstead Cemetery, London, England.



(Photo by julia&keld - Find a Grave)