

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2167 PRIVATE

F. T. WUNDENBERG

38TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

5TH JANUARY, 1918 Age 36

Ever Remembered

By His Sorrowing Wife

And Three Daughters

Ferdinand Theodore WUNDENBERG

Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was born on 4th May, 1881 (some websites show date of birth as 3rd May, 1882) at Hamley Bridge, South Australia (place of birth listed as Alma Plains, South Australia on Attestation Papers) to parents Henry William Charles Wundenberg & Annie Wundenberg (nee Richardson).

Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg married Susan Biggs on 17th December, 1901 at Adelaide Registry Office, Adelaide, South Australia. The following children were born to Ferdinand & Susan Wundenberg:- Edith Grace Pretoria Wundenberg (born 12th July, 1902); Ferdinand Russell Wundenberg (born 1906, died 1907, aged 8 months, buried West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia); Nada Vilmar Wundenberg (born 1908) & Freda Ruth Wundenberg (born 1912).

Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was a 35 year old, married, Bootmaker from Parkside, South Australia when he enlisted on 4th July, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2167 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Susan Ann Wundenberg, of 34 Victoria Street, Parkside, South Australia. Ferdinand Wundenberg stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with 8th Battalion (Voluntary) for 2 ½ years but had then left district.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was posted to "C" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 4th July, 1916 for recruit training. Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was posted to Exhibition Camp from 4th July, 1916 to 10th August, 1916. He was transferred to 3rd Reinforcements of 43rd Battalion at Mitcham on 10th August, 1916.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Anchises (A68)* on 28th August, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Brigade, 43rd Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th October, 1916.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was marched out to his Unit on 13th October, 1916 from 11th Training Battalion in England.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg proceeded to join 43rd Battalion on 11th November, 1916 from 3rd Divisional Amalgamated Training Battalion, 3rd Camp, Codford, England.

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 Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was taken on strength of 38th Battalion on 12th November, 1916 from 3rd Reinforcements of 43rd Battalion in England.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was sent to Hospital sick on 18th November, 1916 from Durrington Camp, Larkhill, Wiltshire. He was admitted to 10th Brigade Field Hospital on 18th November, 1916 with Pterygium then transferred to Fargo Military Hospital the same day & admitted with Conjunctivitis. Mrs S.A. Wundenberg, wife of Private Wundenberg was advised by Base Records on 5th December, 1916 that her husband had been admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 17th November, suffering from Pterygium. Mrs Wundenberg wrote back to Base Records on 10th December, 1916 asking what Pterygium meant. Base Records replied that Pte Wundenberg was suffering from eye trouble. Private Wundenberg was discharged from Fargo Military Hospital on 29th November, 1916.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was transferred to 1st Division Signal Company at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 20th November, 1916 from 38th Battalion.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg proceeded overseas to France on 4th February, 1917 via Folkestone from 10th Training Battalion to reinforce the 38th Battalion per S.S. *Invicta*.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was marched in to 3rd A.D.B. D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 4th February, 1917 & marched out to front on 6th February, 1917.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg rejoined his Unit (38th Battalion) in the field on 12th February, 1917.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was wounded in action (gassed) on 7th June, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 7th June, 1917 & transferred to Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Private Wundenberg was transferred & admitted to 2nd Canadian General Hospital at Outreau, France on 8th June, 1917. He was invalided to England from Boulogne on Hospital Ship *St. David* on 10th June, 1917.

War Diary – 38th Battalion

7th June, 1917 – Northern offensive began at 3.10 A.M. Approach march of 38th battn. was much hampered by enemy gas shells. The battn. wearing gas masks left their trenches in three waves made up as follows (1) "D" Coy & ½ "B" Coy (2) "A" Coy & ½ "B" Coy (3) "C" Coy. The first wave reached Ulcer reserve without difficulty. Here, the 2nd wave passed thro' the 1st being later joined by ½ B Coy and ½ D Coy from the 1st wave. From Ungodly trench the 2nd & 3rd waves went on together and reached the Black Line their first objective, with 12 platoons and 12 Lewis guns. There were few casualties during the advance. The battn. established the Black Line and put in a block in Ungodly Avenue just east of the Potteries – Messines road. By the morning of the 9th the Black line had been dug 7ft deep and fire-stepped in places. Two strong points had been established. During the advance the 38th battn. captured 7 Machine guns and two 7.7 cent field guns.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was admitted to Horton County of London War Hospital, Epsom, England on 11th June, 1917. He was discharged to furlo from 25th July, 1917 to 8th August, 1917 & was then to report to Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire. Mrs Wundenberg was advised by Base Records on 26th June, 1917 that her husband was suffering from gas poisoning.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was medically classified as B1 A2 (Unfit for service for 2 to 3 weeks) at No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 9th August, 1917. He was admitted to 1st A.D.H. (Australian Dermatological Hospital) at Bulford, Wiltshire on 13th August, 1917 with V.D. Pte Wundenberg was discharged from Hospital on 20th August, 1917.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was marched in to No. 3 Command Depot, Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 20th August, 1917 from Bulford. He was medically classified on 22nd August, 1917 as B1 A3 (Unfit for service for 1 to 2 weeks). Pte Wundenberg was medically classified on 30th August, 1917 as A3 (Medically & dentally fit).

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Perham Downs on 1st September, 1917 from No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott. He proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 19th September, 1917 from Overseas Training Brigade.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was marched in to 3rd A.D.B. D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 22nd September, 1917. He was marched out to the Front on 28th September, 1917 & rejoined his Unit in the Field on 30th September, 1917.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was detached from his Unit on 15th November, 1917 & proceeded to 3rd A.D.B.D. "Unfit for service in the field" as per Medical Board.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was marched in to 3rd A.D.B.D. at Rouelles, France on 1st December, 1917(?). He was sent sick to Hospital on 3rd December, 1917 & admitted to 2nd General Hospital, Havre, France on 4th December, 1917 with Bronchitis. Pte Wundenberg was invalided to England on 16th December, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Grantully Castle*.

38th Battalion

The 38th Battalion was formed on 1 March 1916 at a camp established on the Epsom Racecourse at Bendigo in Victoria. Early training was disrupted by a severe outbreak of cerebro-spinal meningitis in the camp, as a result of which the healthy members were transferred to a camp at Campbellfield, where the Battalion had to be rebuilt from fresh reinforcements.

The 38th fought in its first major battle at Messines, in Belgium, between 7-9 June 1917. It fought in another two major attacks in this sector - the battle of Broodseinde on 4 October, and the battle of Passchendaele on 12 October. Broodseinde was a success, reflecting careful planning and preparation, but the 38th still suffered 29 per cent casualties. Passchendaele, however, was a disaster, executed in haste amidst horrendous conditions brought on by torrential rain. It was the 38th's most costly operation of the war, resulting in 62 per cent casualties.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was admitted to the University War Hospital, Hampshire, England on 17th December, 1917 with Bronchitis.



University War Hospital, Hampshire

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg died at 1.50 pm on 5th January, 1918 at University War Hospital, Hampshire, England from Bronchitis.

A death for Theodore F. Wunderburg, aged 37, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Southampton, Hampshire, England.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was buried at 3 pm on 8th January, 1918 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number N. 400 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Gun Carriage and Firing Party, being supplied. Chaplain the Rev. J. Laverack, Bitterne Way, Bitterne, Southampton, officiated at the graveside. No relatives were present at the funeral. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented in this instance.*

A War Pension was granted to Susan Ann Wundenberg, widow of the late Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 9th March, 1918. Pensions were also granted to the following children of the late Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg – Edith Grace Wundenberg in the sum of 20/- per fortnight; Nada Vilmar Wundenberg in the sum of 15/- per fortnight & Freda Ruth Wundenberg in the sum of 10/- per fortnight - all commencing from 9th March, 1918.

Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Wundenberg's widow – Mrs S. A. Wundenberg, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg – service number 2167, aged 36, of 38th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Charles and Annie Wundenberg, of Mornington Rd., Unley, South Australia.

Private F. T. Wundenberg is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 130.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

F. T. Wundenberg is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

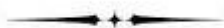
F. T. Wundenberg is remembered on the Unley City Honour Roll, located in the Town Hall, Unley Road & Oxford Terrace, Unley, South Australia.



Unley City Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia- Roger Johnson)

(65 pages of Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg'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



3rd Reinforcements of 43rd Battalion



Private Ferdinand Theodore Wundenberg



Newspaper Notices

CALL OF DUTY

Into Camp on Wednesday

Following are the names of the men who enlisted in Adelaide and went into the Exhibition Camp on Wednesday morning:-

Following men went into camp on Tuesday:- F. T. Wundenberg

(The Journal, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 July, 1916)

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Mrs F. T. Wundenberg, of Victoria-street, Parkside, has been notified that her husband is ill.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 December, 1916)

THE WAR

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Mrs A. Wundenberg, 208 Gilles-street, city, has been notified that her son, Private F. T. Wundenberg, is suffering from neuralgia of the lungs.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 December, 1916)

THE AUSTRALIANS

250th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ILL

Pte F. T. WUNDENBERG, Parkside

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 December, 1916)

Australian Heroes

318th CASUALTY LIST

Wounded

Pte F. T. WUNDENBERG, Parkside

(Port Pirie Recorder and North Western Mail, South Australia – 7 July, 1917)

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Mrs F. T. Wundenberg, of Victoria-street, Parkside, has been notified that her husband, Private F. Wundenberg, is suffering from gas poisoning.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 2 July, 1917)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

Five sons have been provided for the war by Mrs A. Wundenberg, of Gilles street: Trooper T. Wundenberg (who fought in the Boer War), Private F. T. Wundenberg, Sergeant B. Wundenberg, and Privates R. and H. Wundenberg. Two have since returned home, and the other three remain in active service.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 24 August, 1917)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WUNDENBERG – F. T. Wundenberg, died on active service, 4th January, second beloved son of Mrs A. and late Charles Wundenberg, 208 Gilles-street, city, aged 38 years and 8 months. Sadly missed.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 January, 1918) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, Sth Australia – 19 January, 1918)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WUNDENBERG – F. T. Wundenberg, died on active service, 4th January, second beloved son of Mrs A. Wundenberg, and late Charles Wundenberg, 208 Gilles-street, city, aged 36 years and 8 months. Sadly missed.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 12 January, 1918)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

WUNDENBERG – Died on active service on the 4th January, Sapper F. T. Wundenberg, 38th Battalion, dearly-beloved husband of S. Wundenberg, 34 Victoria-street, Parkside, aged 36 years.

“Dearly loved and highly respected.” – Inserted by his sorrowing wife.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 January, 1918) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, Sth Australia – 19 January, 1918)

OUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

The following further deaths of South Australian soldiers are officially reported:-

..... F. T. Wundenberg, Parkside (Jan. 5)

(Southern Cross, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 January, 1918)

380th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Died of Illness

2167 Pte F. T. WINDENBERG, Parkside, 5/1/18 (pr. wounded, gas)

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 January, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS

DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY

Sapper F. T. WUNDENBERG, second son of Mrs A. Wundenberg, and the late Mr Charles Wundenberg, for many years with Harris Scarfe, and Co., died on active service on January 4. Two brothers are still serving with the colours, and two have returned from the front.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 January, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR: THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR KING AND COUNTRY



Sapper F. T. WUNDENBERG.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 26 January, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

WUNDENBERG – In loving memory of my dear husband, Private F. T. Wundenberg, who died on active service, January 5, 1918.

What it all meant to lose him
Only our sad hearts know.

- Inserted by his sorrowing wife and three daughters, Grace, Nada & Freda.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 January, 1919)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

WUNDENBERG – In loving memory of my dear son, Private F. L. Wundenberg, died on active service, January 5, 1918.

It is a year ago to-day, dear Ferney,
Since you were taken home;
You've gone to meet dear Ethel,
In that beautiful heavenly home.

-Inserted by his loving mother, sister, and brothers, and grandmother.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 7 January, 1919)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

WUNDENBERG – In loving memory of my dear husband, Sapper F. T. Wundenberg, who died on active service, January 5, 1918. Ever remembered by his sorrowing wife and three daughters.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 January, 1920)

WUNDENBERG – Pte F. T. Wundenberg, 38th Battalion, who died on 5th January, 1918.

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 January, 1926)

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

WUNDENBERG – Pte F. T. Wundenberg, 38th Battalion, who died on 5th January, 1918.

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 January, 1927)

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

WUNDENBERG – Pte F. T. Wundenberg, 38th Battalion, who died on 5th January, 1918.

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 12 January, 1929)

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. T. Wundenberg does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Ever Remembered By His Sorrowing Wife And Three Daughters

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire





Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private F. T. Wundenberg's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth)



Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery