

# Durrington War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I



**6823 PRIVATE**

**M. T. JAMIESON**

**9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 23**

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte M. T. Jamieson is located in Grave Plot # 181  
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## Magnus Thomas JAMIESON

Magnus Thomas Jamieson was born at Tiaro, near Maryborough, Queensland to parents John James & Catherine Jamieson (nee Tait) on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 1892. He was one of nine children & the fifth son. His parents had arrived in the Maryborough region in 1884 from the Shetland Islands.

Magnus Jamieson was a 24 year old, single, Stockman from Maryborough, Queensland when he enlisted on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1916 with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6823 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his widowed mother – Mrs C. Jamieson, Netherby, via Tiaro, Queensland. Magnus had served with the Rifle Club Reserves.

Pte Magnus Thomas Jamieson embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Marathon* (A74) on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

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.

On 23 January 1917, while on leave in London, Magnus wrote a lengthy letter to his Mother, in which he said “he had a nasty cough.” He said the parade ground has been frozen for the past week and some of his unit have frost bitten feet. He did not recover from his cough and in just 2 weeks after writing this letter he died. (*Information from Gundiah Gazette – December, 2013*)

Pte Magnus Thomas Jamieson was sent sick from 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Battalion, No. 3 Camp, Durrington, Wiltshire to Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire with Bronchitis on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1917 & reported as seriously ill on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

Private Magnus Thomas Jamieson died on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Thomas M. Jamieson, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Magnus Thomas Jamieson was buried on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 181 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private M. T. Jamieson is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 56.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



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

Pte M. T. Jamieson, along with his brother – A. W. Jamieson, are both remembered on the Tiaro War Memorial located at Memorial Park, Bruce Highway, Tiaro, Queensland.



**Tiario War Memorial** (Photos from Qld War Memorials – Fraser Coast Regional Council)

Pte Magnus Thomas Jamieson 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 Pte Jamieson's mother – Mrs C. Jamieson (sent February, 1921 & January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Magnus Thomas Jamieson – service number 6823 as being 23 years old & served with 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Catherine Jamieson, of Netherby, Queensland, and the late John James Jamieson. Born at Tiaro.

(56 pages of Pte Magnus Thomas Jamieson'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*

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**Pte Magnus Thomas Jamieson**

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[Connected to Pte Magnus Thomas Jamieson](#)

Pte Andrew William Jamieson, 383, 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion AIF - older brother – was Killed in Action on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 1917, aged 30. He was buried at Wulverghem-Lindenhoek Road Military Cemetery, Belgium.

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## Newspaper Reports

### PROBATES AND ADMINISTRATIONS

Probates or letters of administrations have been granted in the estates of the following deceased persons:—

Jamieson, John James, late of Netherby, near Tiaro, grazier, died February 19, 1911; realty £2172, personalty £1537. Probate granted to Andrew William Jamieson, of Netherby, grazier's assistant, son of deceased, leave being reserved to make a like grant to Theodore Brown Tait Jamieson and Magnus Thomas Jamieson, the other executors, on becoming 21 years of age.

*(The Queenslander – Saturday 18 November, 1911)*

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### PERSONAL NOTES

TIARO, February 16.

The news of the death of Private Magnus Jamieson (late of Tiaro), who died from illness in a London hospital, was received with expressions of regret. The late Private Jamieson was a well known and highly esteemed by the residents of Tiaro and district. He was a native of Tiaro, and was the son of a respected and well-known family, who at present reside at Netherby, Tiaro. His brother William is at present at the firing line in France.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – Saturday 17 February, 1917)*

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### THE ROLL OF HONOUR – CASUALTY LIST No. 273

QUEENSLAND – DIED OF ILLNESS

M. T. Jamieson, Netherby; 6/2/17

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – Tuesday 20 February, 1917)*

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### PERSONAL NOTES

News of the death of Private William Jamieson, late of Tiaro, who has been reported killed in action somewhere in France, was received at Tiaro with many expressions of regret. Private Jamieson, who enlisted about 18 months ago, was a native of Tiaro, and was most popular. His brother, Private Magnus Jamieson, died in a London hospital only a short time ago. His widowed mother, brothers, and sisters are well-known and respected residents of Netherby, Tiaro.

*(The Queenslander – Saturday 15 September, 1917)*

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### 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 at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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)*

Pte M. T. Jamieson does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte M. T. Jamieson's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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