

Compton Chamberlayne War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



2450 PRIVATE

A. LE TISSER

57th BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19th DECEMBER, 1916 Age 23

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT

Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A Le Tisser is located in Front Row

Grave Plot # 5 of Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery

Algin Le Tisser was born in Talbot near Caralulup, Victoria in 1893 to parents John & Agnes Le Tisser. He was a Labourer/ Farmer, single & aged 23 years from Caralulup, Victoria when he enlisted on 6th June, 1916 with the 57th Infantry, 5th Reinforcements of the Australian Army. His service number was 2450 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John T Le Tisser of Caralulup, Victoria. Algin Le Tisser had previously applied to enlist but was rejected due to a hernia.

Pte Algin Le Tisser embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 25th September, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th November, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain area in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Le Tisser was marched into 15th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire, England on 21st November, 1916.

Pte Le Tisser was admitted to Military Hospital on 13th December, 1916 at Fovant with influenza.

Pte Algin Le Tisser died at 8.45 a.m. on 19th December, 1916 at Military Hospital at Fovant from Pleuro pneumonia. A death for an Algin Le *Tissir*, aged 22, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire. (Fovant was a parish in the district of Wilton).

Pte Le Tisser was buried on 22nd December, 1916 at Compton Chamberlayne cemetery.

Private A Le Tisser is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 164.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte A Le Tisser was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll (August, 1921) & Memorial Plaque (July, 1922) were sent to Pte Le Tisser's father – Mr J Le Tisser.



Photo of Pte Algin Le Tisser – C June 1916 (Australian War Memorial- copyright expired)

(37 pages of PteA Le Tisser's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives

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Mrs Agnes Le Tisser, mother of Pte Algin Le Tisser was awarded a War pension of 30/- per fortnight from 24/2/1917 on the death of her son.

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In the details for the Roll of Honour, submitted by Algin Le Tisser's father, the following question was asked – "Was he connected with any other Member of the A. I. F. who died or distinguished himself (Please state relationship)". Mr Le Tisser answered the following – "True Pal – Frank James Solomano Killed in Action Polygon Wood 27. 9. 1917."

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** Pte Algin Le Tisser & his pal Pte Frank James Solomano both enlisted together on 6th June, 1916. They both embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Shropshire (A9)* on 25th September, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 11th November, 1916. Pte Solomano was killed in action on 27th September, 1917 & is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium.

They are both remembered on Panel 164 of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

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AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Died of Illness – Victoria

LETISSER, Pte A., Caralulup, 19/12/16

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Tuesday 2nd January, 1917) & (The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – Saturday 6th January, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM – On Active Service

LE TISSER – SOLOMANO _ In loving memory of our dear friend, Private A. Le Tisser who died in Fovant Military Hospital, England, on 19th December, 1916; also our dear cousin, Private F J Solomano, who was killed in action on 27th October, 1917.

*As heroes they lived, as heroes they fell,
Though only two lads, they played their part well.
Two pals so true, we will never forget,
For men like them are seldom met.*

- *(Inserted by Mrs Butler and family, of Mitcham, late Port Melbourne.)*

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Saturday 22nd December, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM – On Active Service

SOLOMANO – LE TISSER – In loving memory of our dear cousin, Private F J Solomano, who was killed in action on 27th September, 1917; also his true pal, Private A Le Tisser, who died in England; both of the 57th Battalion.

*Two nobler hearts did never beat,
Or two more true and kind:
They were friends with everyone,
And loving memories they have left behind.*

- *(Inserted by Mrs Butler and family, of Surrey Hills, late Port Melbourne.)*

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Friday 27th September, 1918)

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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 Compton Chamberlayne 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 Le Tisser does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte A Le Tisser's Headstone at Compton Chamberlayne War Graves Cemetery



Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey