



WWI Casualty

Private, Thomas Cass

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Cass	Thomas	Private	3712	10th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements		1915	10-Aug	23	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1894		Leichardt, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	Cass	Thomas		Harriett Maria			
Census Information									

Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head
Military Service Record							
Enlistment Details							
Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion
			Years	Months	Days		
1915	10-Aug	Adelaide, South Australia	20	9		Storeman	Church of England
Address at time of Enlistment			111 Carr Street, West Perth, Western Australia				
Physical Description							
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks		
Feet	Inches						
Private Cass embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on RMS Malwa on 2nd December 1915 and disembarked on 14th February 1916 at Aerodrome in Cairo suffering from influenza							
On 29th March 1916 Thomas embarked from Alexandria and disembarked at Marseilles on 6th April 1916							
He was admitted to hospital several times between June 1916 and December 1916							
On 22nd September 1917, Private Cass was wounded in action in Belgium with a gunshot wound to his right shoulder and was transferred back to England a few days later. He was transferred to the Southern General Hospital, Birmingham and later to No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield Park, Middlesex and then to No. 4 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire.							
Thomas was again returned to overseas duty in January 1918 in France after returning from 7 days Absent Without Leave							
On 1st June 1918 Private Cass was again wounded in action with a gunshot wound to the back and was transferred back to England							
Information from the Matron of the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire shows that Thomas was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant on 6th August 1918. He was operated upon suffering from a gunshot wound to his spine. No improvement followed and he gradually became worse until his death. His brother, Lieutenant Cass was with him sometime before he died							
Private Thomas Cass died at 11 p.m. on 17th August, 1918, from wounds received in action and cerebro-spinal meningitis at the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire							
Next of Kin							
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode			
Cass	Thomas	Married	Father	111 Carr Street, West Perth, Western Australia			

Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid					Recipient
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	
1918	17-Aug	Died of wounds received in action and cerebro-spinal meningitis								
<p>He was buried on 19th August 1918. The coffin was good, polished elm with brass mountings. He was buried with full Military Honours, the body being conveyed to the graveside on a gun carriage, preceded by a firing party and band. Six men of the deceased's company acted as pallbearers and a number of officers, N.C.O.'s and men attended as mourners. His brother, Captain F. Cass, of Administrative Headquarters attended as chief mourner. A beautiful wreath from deceased's brother was placed on the grave. Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in the U.K. were represented at the funeral.</p> <p>Thomas was awarded 1914/15 Star, Victory Medal & Memorial plaque which were sent to his sister - Mrs. E. Sell, 75 Carr Street, Perth, Western Australia. His British War Medal & clasp and Memorial Scroll were sent to his brother, Mr. . Cass of 7 Wright Street, Adelaide, South Australia, as per agreement between the brother and sister.</p>										
Grave Location										
Cemetery					Plot Number					
Compton Chamberlain Cemetery										
War Memorials and Commemorations										
Memorial Name and Location					Panel Number					
Hall of Memory, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia					Panel 9					
There is no personal inscription on Private Thomas Cass CWGC Headstone										
Other Significant Information										
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Newspaper Reports

Western Australia Casualties - At the Fighting Fronts - Wounded Thomas Cass, Perth - joined in South Australia - **Daily News Pert Western Australia, Saturday, 27 October 1917**

Heroes of the Great War - A tribute to the memory of Thomas Cass, who died of wounds received in action on 17 August 1918, after nearly three years active service.

Never the lotus closes,
Never the wild fowl wakes,
But a soul goes out on the east wind
That died for Australia's sake.

Inserted by his friends at "Lyndholme," Clarence Park

