

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



3382 PRIVATE

H. HAINSWORTH

5TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS

19TH MARCH, 1917 Age 26

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte H. Hainsworth is located in Grave Plot # 223
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Harold HAINSWORTH

Harold Hainsworth was born at Farsley, West Leeds, Yorkshire, England to parents Joseph Fairbank Hainsworth & Frances Hainsworth (nee Dockray) around mid 1891.

From information supplied for the Roll of Honour – completed by Harold's father – Joseph Fairbank Hainsworth, Harold came to Australia when he was 18 years old. (around 1909)

Harold Hainsworth was a 25 year old, single Labourer from East Narrogin, Western Australia when he enlisted on 24th October, 1916 with the 5th Pioneer Battalion, 8th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3382 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Joseph F. Hainsworth of Portsmouth, England. On his Attestation Papers, Harold stated that he had previously been rejected for service due to “under height” - he was 5 feet 1 ½ inches in height.

Pte Harold Hainsworth embarked from Fremantle on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 23rd December, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 16th February, 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.

Pte Harold Hainsworth was marched in to Pioneer Training Battalion at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 18th February, 1917.

Pte Harold Hainsworth was admitted sick to Fargo Military Hospital on 23rd February, 1917 from the Training Battalion at Larkhill, Wiltshire. He was reported seriously ill on 26th February, 1917.

Pte Harold Hainsworth died at 10.35 p.m. on 17th March, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital of Broncho pneumonia.

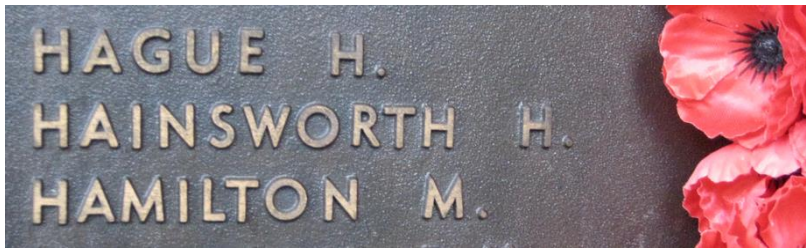
A death for Harold Hainsworth, aged 26, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Pte Harold Hainsworth was buried in Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – plot number 223 on 21st March, 1917. He was interred with full Military Honours.

Pte Harold Hainsworth requested in his Will that John Hainsworth to be appointed Executor & all his monies he bequeathed to “Grandmother – Hannah Hainsworth” of 21 Low Bank St, Farsley Nr Leeds, Yorkshire, England.

A War Pension was applied for by Joseph Fairbank Hainsworth – father of the late Pte Harold Hainsworth but the claim was rejected & withdrawn on 15th May, 1917.

Private H. Hainsworth is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 174.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. Hainsworth is also remembered on the Kondinin Memorial Garden located on Jones Street, Kondinin, Western Australia.



(Photos by [Derek Graham](#))



Pte Harold Hainsworth was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Hainsworth's father – Mr J. F. Hainsworth, England (both sent August, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harold Hainsworth – service number 3382 as being 26 years old & served with 5th Australian Pioneers. He was the son of Joseph Fairbank Hainsworth & Frances Hainsworth of 51 Clovelly Rd, Southsea, England. Born at Farsley, Yorks, England.

(45 pages of Pte Harold Hainsworth'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) & National Archives

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Newspaper Reports

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

ILL

H. Hainsworth, England, Seriously.

(*West Argus*, Kalgoorlie, WA Tuesday 27 March, 1917)

W. A. CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

PRIVATE H. HAINSWORTH, England, previously reported dangerously ill.

(*The Daily News*, Perth, WA Thursday 5 April, 1917)

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 H. Hainsworth does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte H. Hainsworth's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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