

# Durrington War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I



**6765 PRIVATE**

**J. E. HAWES**

**10TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 1917 Age 20**

*Rest In Peace*

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte John Edward Hawes is located in  
Grave Plot # 237 of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

## John Edward HAWES

John Edward Hawes was born around 1897 at Arden Vale, near Quorn, South Australia to parents John Patrick & Catherine Hawes (nee Greer). He was a 19 year old, Farm Labourer from Wyacca, South Australia when he enlisted on 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 with the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6765 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. P. Hawes of Wyacca, via Quorn, South Australia.

Pte John Edward Hawes embarked from Adelaide on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1917.

Pte John Edward Hawes was admitted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Auxiliary Hospital at Southall with influenza on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 1917 and discharged on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 John Edward Hawes was marched in to 3rd Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1917.

Pte John Edward Hawes was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital with Otitis Media on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 & again admitted to Fargo Military Hospital with Hynemia – seriously ill on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1917

Pte John Edward Hawes died at 2.15 a.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Acute Otitis Media & Pyaemia (some reports state Hynemia).

A death for John E. Hawes, aged 19, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

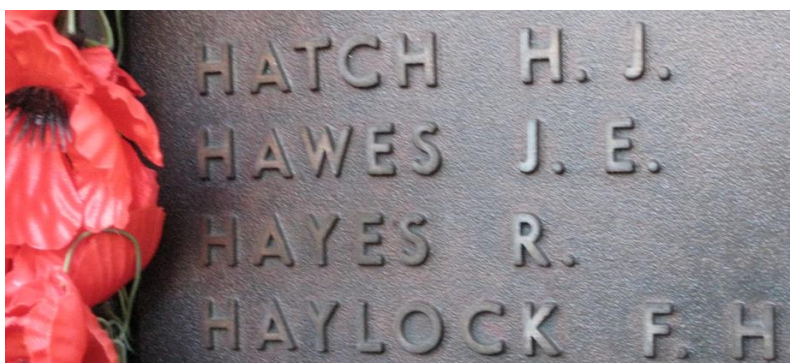
Private John Edward Hawes was buried on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 237 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte John Edward Hawes - *Coffin was polished wood with brass furniture.*

Private John Edward Hawes is buried next to Private Robert Swan (Plot number 238) who died at Military Hospital, Fargo at 6.45 a.m. on same day of pneumonia.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private John Edward Hawes – service number 6765 as being 20 years old & served with 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John Patrick and Catherine Hawes of Quorn, South Australia.

A War Pension was granted to John Patrick Hawes, father of late Pte J. E. Hawes, in the sum of 16/- fortnightly from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 1917.

Private J. E. Hawes is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 59.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



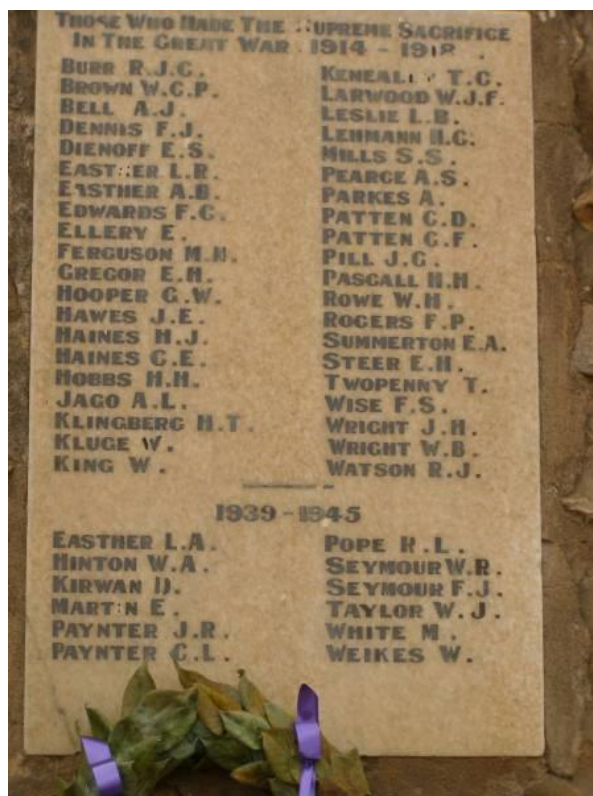
*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

Pte J. E. Hawes is also remembered on the South Australian National War Memorial, located on corner North Terrace and Kintore Avenue, Adelaide. (Panel 1, column 3)



**Adelaide War Memorial** (Photo by Bilby)

Pte J. E. Hawes is also remembered on the Quorn War Memorial located at Railway Terrace, Quorn, South Australia.



**Quorn War Memorial**

Pte John Edward Hawes 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 Hawes' father – Mr J. P. Hawes (December, 1921 & February, 1922)

(55 pages of Pte John Edward Hawes' 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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*

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**Pte John Edward Hawes**

## Newspaper Reports

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

293<sup>rd</sup> CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Private J.E. Hawes, Wyacca, April 27.

*(Barrier Miner, Broken Hill, NSW - Tuesday 8 May, 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)*



A letter from Base Records, dated 156<sup>th</sup> July, 1921, to Mr J. P. Hawes advises that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of the late Pte J. E. Hawes had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Pte J. E. Hawes does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Rest In Peace*

Photo of Pte J. E. Hawes's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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