



## George Jeffrey James JONES

Regimental number	349
Place of birth	Thebarton, South Australia
School	Petersborough Catholic School, South Australia
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Railway cleaner
Address	c/o Miss A Fitzgerald, Light Terrace, Thebarton, South Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	James J Jones, engine-driver, Murray Bridge, South Australia
Previous military service	Served in the Citizen Military Forces
Enlistment date	22 January 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	22 February 1915

Rank on enlistment	Sergeant
Unit name	27th Battalion, B Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/44/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 <i>Geelong</i> on 31 May 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	27th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 4 August 1916
Place of death or wounding	Pozieres, Somme Sector, France
Age at death	22
Age at death from cemetery records	21
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	Australian National Memorial, Villers- Bretonneux, France
	Villers-Bretonneux is a village about 15 km east of Amiens. The Memorial stands on the high ground (‘Hill 104’) behind the Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, Fouilloy, which is about 2 km north of Villers- Bretonneux on the east side of the road to Fouilloy.

The Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux is approached through the Military Cemetery, at the end of which is an open grass lawn which leads into a three-sided court. The two pavilions on the left and right are linked by the north and south walls to the back (east) wall, from which rises the focal point of the Memorial, a 105 foot tall tower, of fine ashlar. A staircase leads to an observation platform, 64 feet above the ground, from which further staircases lead to an observation room. This room contains a circular stone tablet with bronze pointers indicating the Somme villages whose names have become synonymous with battles of the Great War; other battle fields in France and Belgium in which Australians fought; and far beyond, Gallipoli and Canberra.

On the three walls, which are faced with Portland stone, are the names of 10,885 Australians who were killed in France and who

have no known grave. The 'blocking course' above them bears the names of the Australian Battle Honours.

After the war an appeal in Australia raised £22,700, of which £12,500 came from Victorian school children, with the request that the majority of the funds be used to build a new school in Villers-Bretonneux. The boys' school opened in May 1927, and contains an inscription stating that the school was the gift of Victorian schoolchildren, twelve hundred of whose fathers are buried in the Villers-Bretonneux cemetery, with the names of many more recorded on the Memorial. Villers-Bretonneux is now twinned with Robinvale, Victoria, which has in its main square a memorial to the links between the two towns.

Panel number, Roll of Honour,  
Australian War Memorial

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Miscellaneous information from  
cemetery records

Parents: James Jeffrey and  
Rose Higgins JONES, Oliver  
Street, Murray Bridge, South  
Australia

Family/military connections

Brother to Corporal J.J.  
Jones, M.M. Croix De Guerre  
50th Bn

Other details

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British  
War Medal, Victory Medal