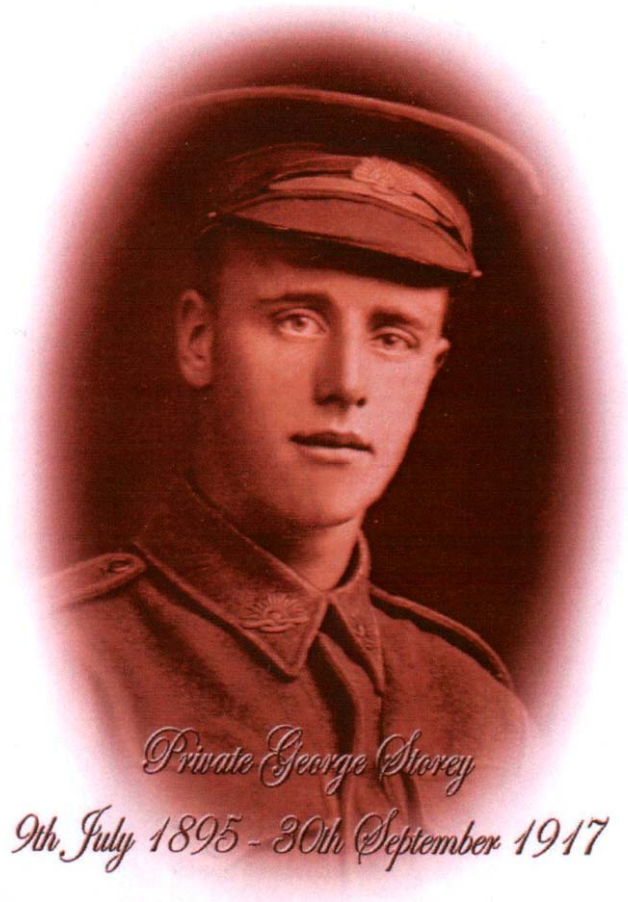


ORDER OF SERVICE



Private George Storey

9th July 1895 - 30th September 1917

Dedication of the Headstone for
2488 PRIVATE GEORGE RICHARD STOREY
30 September 2008
Buttes New British Cemetery, Belgium

George Richard STOREY

Courtesy of the AIF Project Database

Regimental number	2488
Place of birth	London, England
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farm hand
Address	358 Hay Street, Subiaco, Western Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Height	5' 9.5"
Weight	145 lbs
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Hannah Maria Storey, 358 Hay Street, Subiaco, Western Australia
Enlistment date	31 March 1916
Place of enlistment	Perth, Western Australia
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	51st Battalion, 5th Reinforcement
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia, on board HMAT A66 <i>Uganda</i> on 20 September 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	51st Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 30 September 1917
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	154
Family/military connections	Brother: 2489 Pte Jack Latham STOREY, 51st Bn, returned to Australia, 24 January 1918.
Other details	War service: Western Front Embarked Fremantle, 20 September 1916; disembarked Plymouth, England, 15 November 1916. Proceeded overseas to France, 12 December 1916; taken on strength, 51st Bn, 19 December 1916. Wounded in action, 9 June 1917 (gun shot wound, left leg), and admitted to No 1 NZ Field Ambulance; transferred to No 2 Stationary Hospital, Abbeville, 10 June 1917; to No 5 Convalescent Depot, Cayeux, 18 June 1917; marched in to 4th Australian Division Base Depot, Havre, 12 August 1917; rejoined unit, in the field, 27 August 1917. Killed in action, 30 September 1917. Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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WELCOME

(Major General O'Brien)

CALL TO WORSHIP

(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

Our brother has gone to his rest. The Lord has welcomed him to the table of God's children. With faith and hope in eternal life, we give him fitting honour for his courageous service of our nation, Australia, in the cause of freedom.

OPENING PRAYER

(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

Almighty God,
Through the death of your Son
You destroyed our death;
Through his rest in the tomb
You hallowed the graves of all who believe in you;
And through his rising
You restored us to eternal life.

God of the living and the dead, we have come to name the body of PTE George Richard Storey an Australian soldier who died in the cause of freedom and justice. We honour his legacy. We pray for those who mourn them. We pray too for those who still live with uncertainty about the death of soldiers they counted as loved and cherished, be that in this place or in other theatres of war. May they know your sustaining presence and word of consolation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

PSALM 121

(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF), all to respond

I lift my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber;
Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day or the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life;
The Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and for evermore.

ADDRESS

(The Hon. Warren Snowdon MP, Minister for Defence,
Science and Personnel)

INTERCESSIONS

(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

Let us pray to the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for these our brothers. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

You raised the dead to life; renew our faith in the great hope this brings, today and every day. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

May peace and justice, for which George Storey died, become a reality for all? Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

May the sacrifice of George Storey continue to inspire the current members of the Australian Army to be people of courage, determination, mateship and humour? Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

May those who struggle with disquiet from the past and pain in the present, as a result of the horrors of war, know your comfort and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

May your Spirit strengthen the hands of the leaders of our nations as they work for righteousness and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

May the peoples of Belgium and Australia continue to work together, to bring to reality for all the shared ideals of freedom, justice and an end to tyranny. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Let us bring all these prayers and the prayers of our hearts together by calling upon God as our Father:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
For ever and ever. Amen.

COMMEMORATION

(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

In the quietness of this time
We remember the sounds of the battlefield,
The despair of defeat, the deprivations of captivity.

We remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice,
All who lie buried in distant lands.

We remember all who have been engaged in defending freedom,
Their bravery and dedication,
Their patriotism and humour,
Their resourcefulness and hope.

We remember soldiers, sailors and airmen,
Nurses, ancillary workers and civilians who suffered.

We remember ordinary people from Belgium and Australia, from places
such as: Antwerp or Albany, Marche or Marrickville, Oostende or Oakey,
Sons and daughters, husbands and wives,
Fathers and mothers, lovers and relatives
Who served their nation in time of war.

Lord, we remember them;
We honour them;
We are grateful;
We are free.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVE
(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
By your own three days in the tomb,
You hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
And so made the grave a sign of hope
That promises resurrection
Even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that the bodies of our brothers may sleep here in peace
Until you awaken them to glory
For you are the resurrection and the life.
Then they will behold you face to face
And in your light discern light
And know the splendour of God,
For you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

DEDICATION
(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

On 4th October 2007 a soldier known unto God was re interred in this grave. We now know him as Private George Richard Storey. In the faith of Jesus Christ, I dedicate this headstone in memory of his servant George, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(REMEMBRANCE)

Ode (Major General Mike O'Brien)
Last Post
Silence
Rouse

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL
(The Reverend Patrick Irwin CF)

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,
You remember the prayers of your people
And you are attentive to the needs of the humble,
Hear our prayer for Pte Storey who gave his life for the service of his country, Australia.
May he rest in peace with the gratitude of their nation?
May those who mourn him be comforted in the same knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
And let light perpetual shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.
May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen