

Private THOMAS YATES
35805, 1st/4th Bn., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry
(Formerly 225888 A.S.C. Motorised Transport)
who died, age 35, on 10 November 1918
Son of Thomas Yates, of Faringdon, Berks;
Husband of A. L. Stroud (formerly Yates),
of 59 Pinehurst Rd., Swindon, Wilts.
Remembered with honour
Faringdon and Faringdon United Church War Memorials
and RAMLEH WAR CEMETERY, ISRAEL



Commemorated in perpetuity by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The cemetery dates from the First World War, when Ramleh (now Ramala) was occupied by the 1st Australian Light Horse Brigade on 1 November 1917. Field Ambulances, and later Casualty Clearing Stations, were posted at Ramleh and Lydda from December 1917 onwards.

The cemetery was begun by the medical units, but some graves were brought in later from the battlefields and from Latron, Sarona and Wilhema Military and Indian Cemeteries. Ramleh War Cemetery contains 3,300 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 964 of them unidentified. Second World War burials number 1,168. There are also 891 war graves of other nationalities from both wars, and 525 non-war burials, many from the RAF and garrison stations that were at Ramleh in the inter war years and until the end of the British Mandate in Palestine in 1948. Within Ramleh War Cemetery will be found:

The Ramleh 1914-18 Memorial, erected in 1961 to commemorate more than 300 Commonwealth, German and Turkish servicemen of the First World War who lie buried in cemeteries elsewhere in Israel where their graves could no longer be maintained. Only 74 of the casualties are named.

Thomas was born 1883 in Faringdon. In 1911 he lived in London Street (possibly next to the Wheatsheaf) where he worked as a "Cycle and Motor Agent". He married Annie Peachey from Witney in 1910 and died at Alexandria, 10th November 18 aged 35. (Dave Headey)