

**Grangegorman Military Cemetery,
County Dublin, Republic of Ireland**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3446 PRIVATE

G. BARDON

48TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

13TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 26

Son Of

George And Catherine Bardon

Of Cairns, Queensland

Australia

George BARDON

George Bardon was born on 24th January, 1892 in Cairns, Queensland to parents George & Catherine Bardon (nee Stewart).

George Bardon & his family were listed in the Far North Queensland, Australia – Pioneers & Settlers Registers 1825 – 1920. His parents were listed as George Bardon (Born 1860, Dublin, Ireland) who married Catherine Stewart (born 1887, Cairns, Queensland). Their children were listed as James Henry (2 October, 1888, Cairns), May Evelyn (26 March, 1890, Cairns), George (24 January, 1892, Cairns), Kate (20 July, 1894, Cairns), Gwendoline (19 September, 1896, Cairns), John Stewart (4 November, 1902, Cairns), Alice Maud (31 July, 1905, Mareeba), Lionel Clive (26 December, 1908, Mareeba), Marjory Iris (17 January, 1911, Atherton).

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Herbert, subdivision of Atherton, Queensland listed George Bardon Junior of Peeramon.

The 1915 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Herbert, subdivision of Atherton, Queensland listed George Bardon Junior, Farmer of Peeramon.

George Bardon was a 24 year old, single, Farmer from Peeramon, Queensland when he enlisted on 28th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3446 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr George Bardon, Mooliba, via Cairns, North Queensland. George Bardon stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to "weakness of heart after Typhoid".

Private George Bardon was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 3rd November, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 19th Reinforcements of 26th Battalion on 9th January, 1917 then transferred on 17th January, 1917 to 9th Reinforcements of 47th Battalion.

Private George Bardon embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33) on 24th January, 1917 with the 47th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 12th April, 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.

Private George Bardon was marched in to 12th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire from Australia on 12th April, 1917.

Private George Bardon proceeded overseas to France via Southampton from 12th Training Battalion on 16th July, 1917.

Private George Bardon joined 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) as Rouelles, France on 17th July, 1917. He was marched out from 4th A.D.B.D. on 2nd August, 1917 to join his Unit & joined 47th Battalion in Belgium on 4th August, 1917.

Private George Bardon was transferred to 48th Battalion from 47th Battalion on 28th May, 1918.

Private George Bardon was attached to 12th Brigade Headquarters on 10th June, 1918 & ceased to be attached on 8th October, 1918.

Private George Bardon was admitted to Central Military Hospital (King George V Hospital), Dublin, Ireland on 11th October, 1918, whilst on leave in the United Kingdom. (Date of 11th October as per Service & Casualty Form). However, a report from Major G. Harlmepe, R.A.M.C. for Lieut. Col. O.C. King George V. Hospital reads: "*With reference to the death of the late 3446 Private George Bardon A.I.F. kindly note that the deceased was admitted to this hospital on 8.10.1918 suffering from pneumonia. On 11.10.1918 he had a temperature of 104, his pulse was 124 and resp. 32. He had a cough with rusty sputum; he became very delirious. His pulse became weak and he appeared very ill. On 12.10.1918 he had a restless and sleepless night – was very weak. His pulse was 150, small and compressible. His temperature was 104.6; he had physical signs of pneumonia. He was very delirious on 13.10.1918. He had a sleepless night with delirium his condition becoming worse. His pulse hardly perceptible at*

wrist he refused all nourishment, T. 104.8 R. 80 P. 156. He died at 9 P.M. 13.10.1918. The disease from which he died was due to infection contracted on military service. The next-of-kin residing in Ireland – Grandmother – lives at 11 Grosvenor Square, Rathmines. She was notified and was present to-day at the interment in the Military Cemetery, Dublin. Particulars re burial will be forwarded to you later.”

Private George Bardon died at 9 pm on 13th October, 1918 at King George V Hospital, Dublin, Ireland from Pneumonia.

A death for George Bardon, aged 26, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Dublin North, Ireland.

Private George Bardon was buried on 18th October, 1918 in Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin, Ireland – Plot number RC. 2. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte George Bardon - *Coffin was good, polished Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage, surmounted by many beautiful wreaths. The “Last Post” was sounded at the graveside, and the burial service conducted by the Rev. Father C. Flood R.C. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives and friends present at the Funeral – Aunts – Miss Bardon, Mrs Mansfield, 11 Grosvenor Sq. Rathmines, Dublin. Friends - Mr Frank Long, 11 Leinster Rd, Rathmines, Dublin.

Private George Bardon was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Bardon's father - Mr George Bardon (senior), as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private George Bardon – service number 3446, aged 26, of 48th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of George and Catherine Bardon, of Pearamon, Queensland, Australia.

Private G. Bardon is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 145.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

G. Bardon is remembered on the Kuranda Honour Roll, located at Railway Station Coondoo Street, Kuranda, Queensland. The Honour Roll commemorates past pupils from Kuranda School and District comrades who served in World War One. The names of the 9 fallen appear at the top of the list of names. (see newspaper extract below)



Kuranda Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Diane Watson)

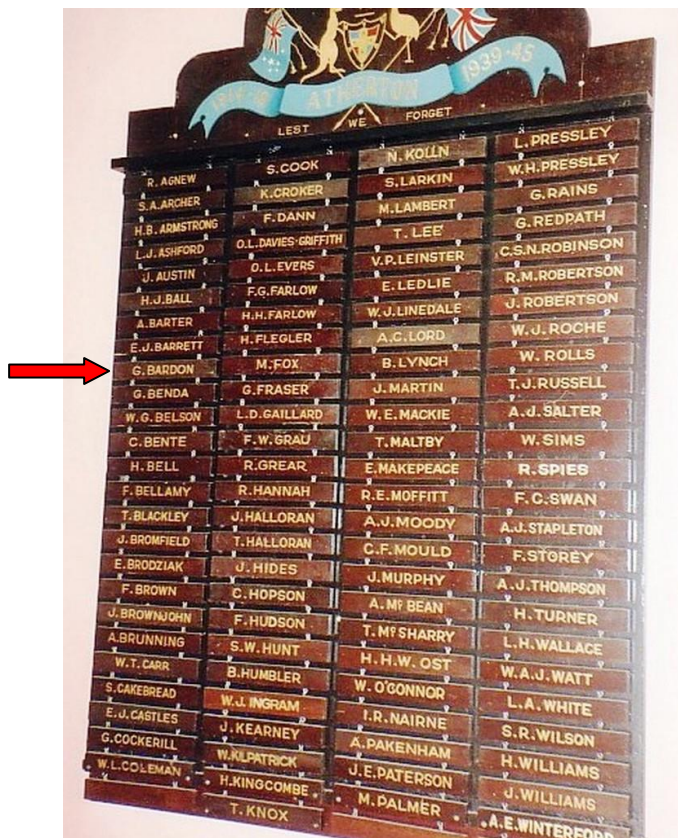


G. Bardon is remembered on the Atherton War Memorial, located in E. P. Hole Gardens, Kennedy Highway & Cook Street, Atherton, Queensland.



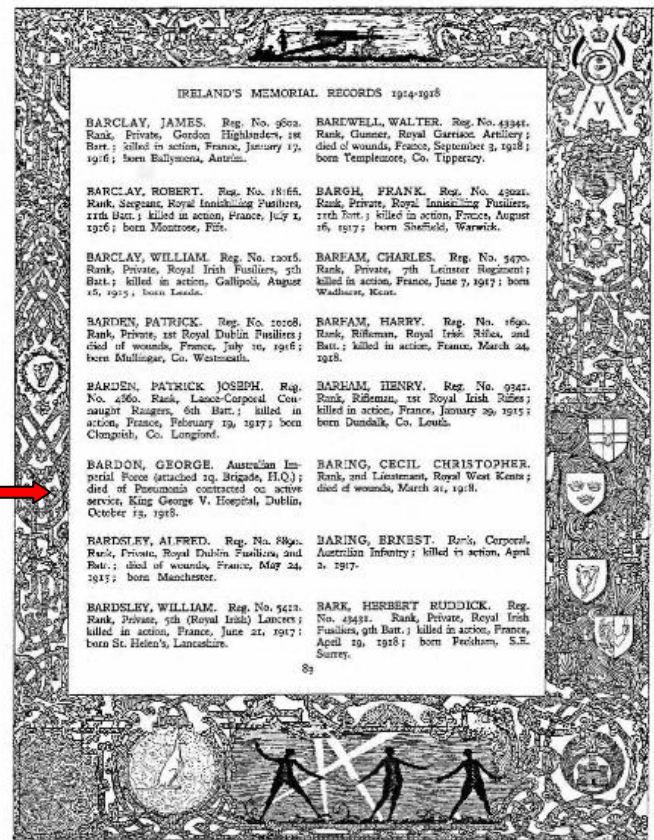
Atherton War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Diane Watson)

G. Bardon is remembered on the Atherton RSL Honour Roll which listed 101 names.



Atherton RSL Honour Roll (Photo from Queensland War Memorial Register – Dennis Stocks)

George Bardon is remembered in Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918, which is an 8 volume of more than 3200 pages, compiled by The Committee of the Irish National War Memorial, originally published in 1923 & contains information on over 49,000 Irish men and women who died in the Great War. George Bardon is remembered on page 83 of Volume 1 (A to Car).



BARDON, GEORGE. Australian Imperial Force (attached 1st Brigade, H.Q.); died of Pneumonia contracted on active service, King George V. Hospital, Dublin, October 13, 1918.

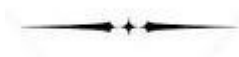
Extract from Ireland's Memorial Records 1914-1918

(51 pages of Pte George Bardon's 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) & National Archives



George Bardon – Studio pre-war enlistment portrait





Private George Bardon (Photo from *The Queenslander Pictorial* – 18 August, 1917)



Some Tableland Boys at the Front. Taken on Salisbury Plain.

Standing – Jack Egan, Atherton; Locky McMahon, Peeramon, Dug Howe, Tolga

*Sitting – Tom Halloran, Tolga; **George Bardon, Peeramon***

In front – Jack Blakeney, Ravenshore.

(Photo from *The Northern Herald*, Cairns, Queensland, 28 September, 1917)

Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

BARDON – In loving memory of Private Geo. Bardon, son of Mr and Mrs Geo. Bardon, Peeramon, who died somewhere in France, 13th October, 1918.

R.I.P.

Inserted by his loving sister, May and Kate.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 26 October, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LIST NO. 445-446

DIED, OTHER CAUSES

George Bardon, Mooliba, 13/10/18

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 26 November, 1918)

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Word has been received of the recent death in Dublin, from pneumonia, of Private George Bardon, second son of Mr and Mrs George Bardon, of Peeramon. The young soldier, with his elder brother, Jim, has been on active service for about three years. He was a popular, well conducted young fellow and a burley, fine stamp of lad physically. General regret was expressed everywhere at the sad news and deep sympathy is extended to the Bardon family by all. "And victory stayed not the hand of death."

(Cairns Post, Queensland – 26 November, 1918) & (The Northern Herald, Cairns, Queensland – 28 November, 1918)

RETURNED SOLDIER'S RECEPTION ON TABLELAND

Distribution of Honor Certificates

Gunner J. H. Bardon, of the A.I.F. Field Artillery, was accorded a reception and presentation on Saturday night last by the Peeramon Welcome Home Club. This popular young soldier has come home fit and well, although he was in many of the strenuous stunts of the war on the western front. It was a fine moonlit night, a record crowd of young people rolled up to assist in the reception and everything was most enjoyable.

Mr J. Weatherburn made the presentation, while the Chairman of the Eacham Shire, with Messrs E. H. Heale and Cr. J. Winfield, made the speeches. Gunner Bardon was presented with the Welcome Home Club's cheque for £10 and a gold-mounted inscribed fountain pen. Three cheers, "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and the National Anthem were given by those present with right good will.

Gunner Bardon made a fine soldier-like response, but said he did not like too much of the "hero" stunt, as he worked his head as hard as anyone while at the front. The man who didn't generally had it knocked off. As for getting married, he should say, let them do as they do right in the army, commence from the right (laughter). (Jim was well along the left of the platform, and his remark came like high explosive among the "diggers" who were on the platform on his right.)

Mr E. S. Williams then presented eleven Honor Certificates to those who were present of the local men or their relatives. Those certificates are rather appropriate, nicely designed, and framed in local timbers, and are distributed

at the expense of the local Shire Council. The following were presented:- Gunner J. H. Bardon (Field Artillery), Pte G. Bardon, 47th Battalion (died on service), Sergt. F. Maltby, M.M., 25th Battalion, Pte T. Maltby (killed in action).....

(*Cairns Post*, Queensland – 16 April, 1919)

KURUNDA HEROES

Honor Board Officially Unveiled

To Forty-Eight District Soldiers

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The Honored Dead

At the head of the Honor Board, occupying pride of place, are the names of the nine dead heroes. They were:-

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Private G. Bardon, son of George Bardon, of Tarzali, who formerly kept the Railway Hotel, at Cairns.

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(*Cairns Post*, Queensland – 14 October, 1919)

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. 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 1st July, 1921, to Mr G. Bardon, Mooliba via Cairns, North Queensland advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone his son, the late Pte G. Bardon 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. Mr G. Bardon replied to Base Records stating that his for over three years was Peeramon, Queensland & he had only received the letter. Mr Bardon stated he had completed the form & had posted it off.

Private G. Barden does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Son Of George And Catherine Bardon Of Cairns, Queensland, Australia

Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin, Ireland

Grangegorman Military Cemetery was opened in 1876 and was used for the burial of British service personnel and their near relatives. It contains war graves from both world wars. Some of the graves were re-located to this site at a later date (nine from King George V Hospital grounds, two from Trinity College grounds, three from Portobello (Barracks) Cemetery, two from Drogheda (Little Calvary) Cemetery and one from Oranmore Old Graveyard).

The "Leinster" graves are in several trenches in the different denominational plots.

A Screen Wall Memorial of a simple design standing nearly two metres high and fifteen metres long has been built of Irish limestone to commemorate the names of those war casualties whose graves lie elsewhere in Ireland and can no longer be maintained. Arranged before this memorial are the headstones of the war dead buried in Cork Military Cemetery but now commemorated here.

There are now 613 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war, 2 of which are unidentified, and 12 of the 1939-1945 war, 1 of which is unidentified, commemorated here.

There are 7 Australian War Graves from World War 1 & 1 New Zealand War Grave (born in Australia).

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Grangegorman Military Cemetery

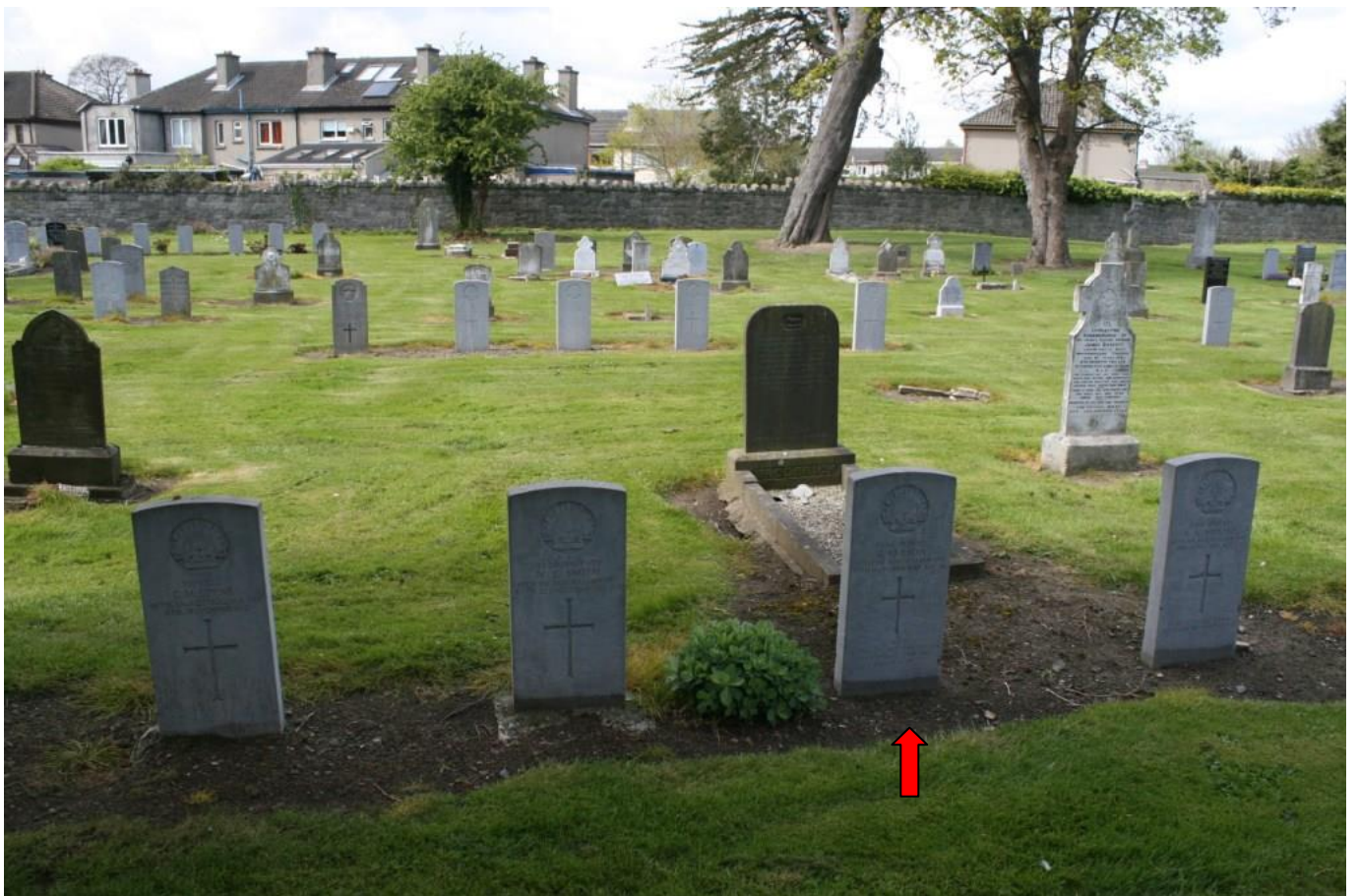
Photo of Private G. Bardon's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Grangegorman Military Cemetery, Dublin, Ireland.



(Photo courtesy of Richard J. Edgar)



Grangegorman Military Cemetery (Photo from CWGC)



4 Australian Graves in Grangegorman Cemetery –(left to right) Byrne/Smith/Bardon/Murphy
(Photo from Magicfingers)