

**Tottenham Cemetery,
Greater London, Middlesex, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4146 PRIVATE

F. A. BEARD

59TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH JULY, 1916

Frederick Arthur BEARD

Frederick Arthur Beard was born at Poowong-Jeetho (as per Victorian Births Deaths & marriages, however Frederick Arthur Beard stated he was born near the town of Fairbank, via Korumburra), Victoria on 29th June, 1891 to parents William George & Margaret Beard (nee Angus).

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Gippsland, subdivision of Leongatha, Victoria recorded Frederick Arthur Beard, Farmer, from Fairbank.

Frederick Arthur Beard was a 24 year old, single, Farmer from Fairbank via Kardella, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 29th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Baptist & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr W. C. Beard, Fairbank via Kardella, Victoria. (W.C. Beard – as listed on Embarkation Roll – should be W. G. Beard)

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was posted to “W” Company on 12th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to “D” Company, 11th Battalion on 20th August, 1915 then transferred on 4th November, 1915 to “C” Company, 10th Battalion. Private Beard was transferred to 13th Reinforcements of 7th Battalion on 25th November, 1915.

Private Frederick Arthur Beard, Service number 4146, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Demosthenes* (A64) on 29th December, 1915 with the 7th Infantry Battalion, 13th Reinforcements.

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was admitted to 4th Auxiliary Hospital, Cairo on 16th March, 1916 with Mumps. He was discharged on 25th March, 1916 for duty. (The Casualty Form – Active Service recorded that he was discharged on 16th March, 1916)

Mr W. G. Beard, Fairbank, Victoria, was advised by Base Records on 22nd March, 1916 that No. 4146 Private F. A. Beard, 7th Battalion, had been admitted to Fourth Auxiliary Hospital, Cairo on 16th March, 1916 with Mumps – mild.

7th Battalion

The 7th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 5th, 6th and 8th Battalions, it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was taken on strength of 59th Battalion at Duntroon Plateau on 20th April, 1916.

Private Frederick Arthur Beard embarked from Alexandria on 18th June, 1916 on *Kinfauns Castle* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 29th June, 1916.

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was wounded in action in France on 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to No. 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 21st July, 1916 with shrapnel wound/s to Abdomen. Private Beard was transferred to Ambulance Train on 22nd July, 1916 & admitted to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 22nd July, 1916 with G.S.W. to Abdomen & Leg. Private Beard embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Cambria* on 26th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Abdomen.

59th Battalion

The 59th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 21 February 1916 as part of the expansion of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits came from the veteran 7th Battalion, and the other half were fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 7th, the 59th was predominantly composed of men from rural Victoria. The battalion became part of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

On 19 July 1916, the 59th became embroiled in its first major battle on the Western Front, less than a month after it arrived in France. The battle of Fromelles was a disaster for the 59th. Attacking in the first wave, the 59th suffered heavy casualties at the hands of German machine-gunners, and its advance faltered far short of its objective.

Despite grievous losses, the units of the 5th Division manned the front line around Fromelles for a further two months.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 59th Battalion

19th July, 1916:

12 noon – Heave bombardment of enemy lines. 60th Battalion relieved half our front from PINNEY AVENUE inclusive.

7 pm – 59th Battalion attacked enemy position in four waves. First wave going over parapet at 6.45 pm other three waves following at five minute intervals. Attack did not penetrate enemy trenches being held up by intense rifle and machine gun fire approximately 110 yds from enemy front line.

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Casualties sustained in action of 19th/20th July 1916

	<i>Officers</i>	<i>Other Ranks</i>
<i>Killed</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>Wounded</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>381</i>
<i>Missing</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>269</i>
<i>Died of Wounds</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Totals</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>674</i>

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was admitted to Military Hospital, Edmonton, England on 26th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left Loin & Abdomen (severe).

Private Frederick Arthur Beard died on 30th July, 1916 at Military Hospital, Edmonton, England from wounds received in action in France - G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left Loin & Abdomen.

A death for Frederick A. Beard, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Edmonton, Middlesex, England.

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was buried in Tottenham Cemetery, Greater London, Middlesex, England – Grave No. 7331.

Base Records wrote to Mr W. G. Beard, Fairbank, Victoria on 20th April, 1920 to advise that the remains of his son “*have been exhumed from grave No. 7331 Tottenham, Cemetery, Tottenham, London, and re-interred in grave No. 7317 in the same Cemetery. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.*”

Private Frederick Arthur Beard is now remembered on CWGC Screen Wall - Gen. 7317 as he has no headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

A. C. Beard wrote to Colonel Hawker on 6th July, 1916 (date as recorded on Commercial Hotel, Leongatha letterhead) stating *"Your telegram re the death of my brother Pte F. A. Beard was handed me yesterday. My Father & Mother are away up in N.S. Wales to where I am forwarding the awful news. I will enclose a stamped and addressed envelope and would ask you if it is in your power to give us the following information:- Where is the Edmonton Hospital and if any particulars can be obtained as to the locality my brother was in at time of being wounded & his condition after such."*

Base Records replied to Mr A. C. Beard, Fairbank, Victoria on 12th August, 1916 with the following *"...the cable message of report received in respect of your brother, No. 4146 Private F. A. Beard, 59th (late 7th) Battalion, intimates merely that he "died 30/7/16, gunshot wound loin, abdomen, Edmonton Military Hospital"; the exact location of this institution is unknown here, but as the message is from London, it would appear that it is situated in the London suburb of Edmonton. It is assumed that the soldier received the wounds to which he succumbed, in the recent operations in France. Detailed circumstances of his loss will not, it is anticipated, be known here, until the receipt at a later date of the final official confirming document from the Front, when all such information as may be contained therein, will be promptly communicated to next-of-kin."*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Frederick Arthur Beard contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Australia to obtain any details about his death & burial.

The Matron, Edmonton Military Hospital replied to the Red Cross with the following details regarding Private Fred. Arthur Beard, No. 4146, 59th Battalion: *"...He was admitted to this hospital suffering from a very severe wound of the loin. Unfortunately gas gangrene set in which I am sad to say took him away suddenly without any suffering. He was buried in the Heroes Corner, Tottenham Cemetery with all Military Honours. I remember the case quite well, he was so brave and patient and I trust that his people will be comforted with the thought that he lies buried in England where they may some day visit his grave."*

Private Frederick Arthur Beard was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Beard's father – Mr W. G. Beard, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Arthur Beard – service number 4146, aged 24, of 59th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of W. G. & Margaret Beard, of Fairbank, Victoria, Australia.

Private F. A. Beard is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 167.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

F. A. Beard is remembered on the Kerang Shire Honour Roll, located at 47 Victoria Street, Kerang, Victoria.



Kerang Shire Honour Roll (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

F. A. Beard is remembered on the Fallen Soldiers Honour Roll, located in Leongatha Memorial Hall, 6 – 8 McCartin Street, Leongatha, Victoria.



Fallen Soldiers Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

A. F. Beard is remembered on the Korumburra War Memorial, located in Coleman Park. Queen Street, Korumburra, Victoria.



Korumburra War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)



(41 pages of Private Frederick Arthur Beard'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



Private Frederick Arthur Beard *(Photo from Leongatha & District Historical Society)*

Newspaper Notices

At the Front

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

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Private F. A. Beard, of Fairbank, who died from gunshot wounds received in France.

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(*Great Southern Advocate*, Korumburra, Victoria – 10 August, 1916)

756 CASUALTIES

IN 192ND LIST

Died of Wounds

Pte F. A. BEARD, Fairbank, 30/7/16

(*The Bendigo Independent*, Victoria – 14 August, 1916)

WAR'S TOLL

After the severe fighting in Turkey the casualty lists became slacker, but with the great advance in France of the Allies in which the Australians bore a good share, the lists are again being extended.....

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Much regret was expressed in Kerang on Thursday when the news was received that Sergeant Fife Angus had met a brave soldiers fate....Particulars have not as yet come to hand, the only news being a brief cable message to his father, Mr H. Angus, M.L.A., to whom and to Mrs Angus the sympathy of their many friends is extended. Quite recently they lost a nephew, Private F. A. Beard, who was also killed in action.....

(*Kerang Observer*, Victoria – 19 August, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BEARD – In loving memory of Frederick Arthur Beard, who died in Edmonton Hospital, England, through wounds received in France, July 30, 1916, in his 25th year; beloved son of William George and Margaret Beard.

He gave his life for his country

For honour, faith and right;

With us his memory ever lives

He fought a noble fight.

'Midst the roaring of the battle,

And the rain of shot and shell,

Fighting for home and country,

He like a hero fell.

No loved ones stood around him,
To bid a fond farewell;
No word of comfort could we give
To him we loved so well.

—(Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 July, 1917)

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On Active Service

BEARD – In loving memory of Frederick Arthur Beard, who died in Edmonton Hospital, England, through wounds received in France, 30th July, 1916, in his 25th year; beloved son of William George and Margaret Beard.

Oh, could we have raised his dying head,
Or heard his last farewell,
The blow would not have been so hard
To those he loved so well.

He has borne his cross, he has gained his crown,
Though he lies in a far-off grave;
And we think of his life and duty done --
Manly, unselfish, and brave.

—(Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 July, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BEARD – In loving memory of Frederick Arthur Beard, who died in Edmonton Hospital, England, through wounds received in France, 30th July, 1916, in his 25th year; beloved son of William George and Margaret Beard.

Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent the voice we loved to hear,
A painful shock, a blow severe,
To part with one we loved so dear.

People may think we have forgotten dear Fred

When they see us smile;

But they little know the aching heart

That smile hides all the while.

No one knows how much we miss him,

Friends may think the wound is healed;

But they little know the sorrow

Deep within our hearts concealed.

-(Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 July, 1919)

AUSTRALIAN GRAVES

FLOWERS IN TOTTENHAM CEMETERY

Eight Australian soldiers are lying in Tottenham Cemetery, England. News of the tending of their graves has been received by Miss G. Limmer, of 299 Avoca street, Randwick, in a letter from a friend, Miss Lillian Short whose address is 130A Gladstone Avenue, Wood Green, London N. The letter says:

In Tottenham Cemetery there are eight Australian soldiers buried, and a few friends and myself have under taken to place flowers on the graves once every month, so that they are not forgotten. The graves are beautifully turfed and looked after by the cemetery authorities, but we supply the flowers. We have been wondering whether the relatives of the men would like to know that we are doing this. It seems so dreadful to think that the poor boys are lying here and their friends cannot get to them. I went to the cemetery yesterday and put daffodils, narcissus and marguerites (yellow) there. They looked so nice when they were finished. The men's names and numbers are as follow:

3959 Pte. W. Whitehead, 23rd Battn., died October 2, 1916.

4654 Pte. W. G. Staveley, 58th. Battn.. died November 12, 1916.

651 Pte. E. J. Willis, 29th Battn., died August 2, 1916.

3558 Pte. E. Smith, 6th Battn., died September 9, 1916.

2778 Pte. H. L. Beaumont, 10th Battn., died September 25, 1916.

4146 Pte. F. A. Beard, 59th Battn., died July 30, 1916.

553 Pte. D. Low, 32nd Battn., died August 4, 1916.

2466 Pte. R. V. Feehan, 10th Battn., died September 22, 1916.

(*Advocate*, Burnie, Tasmania – 17 June, 1921)

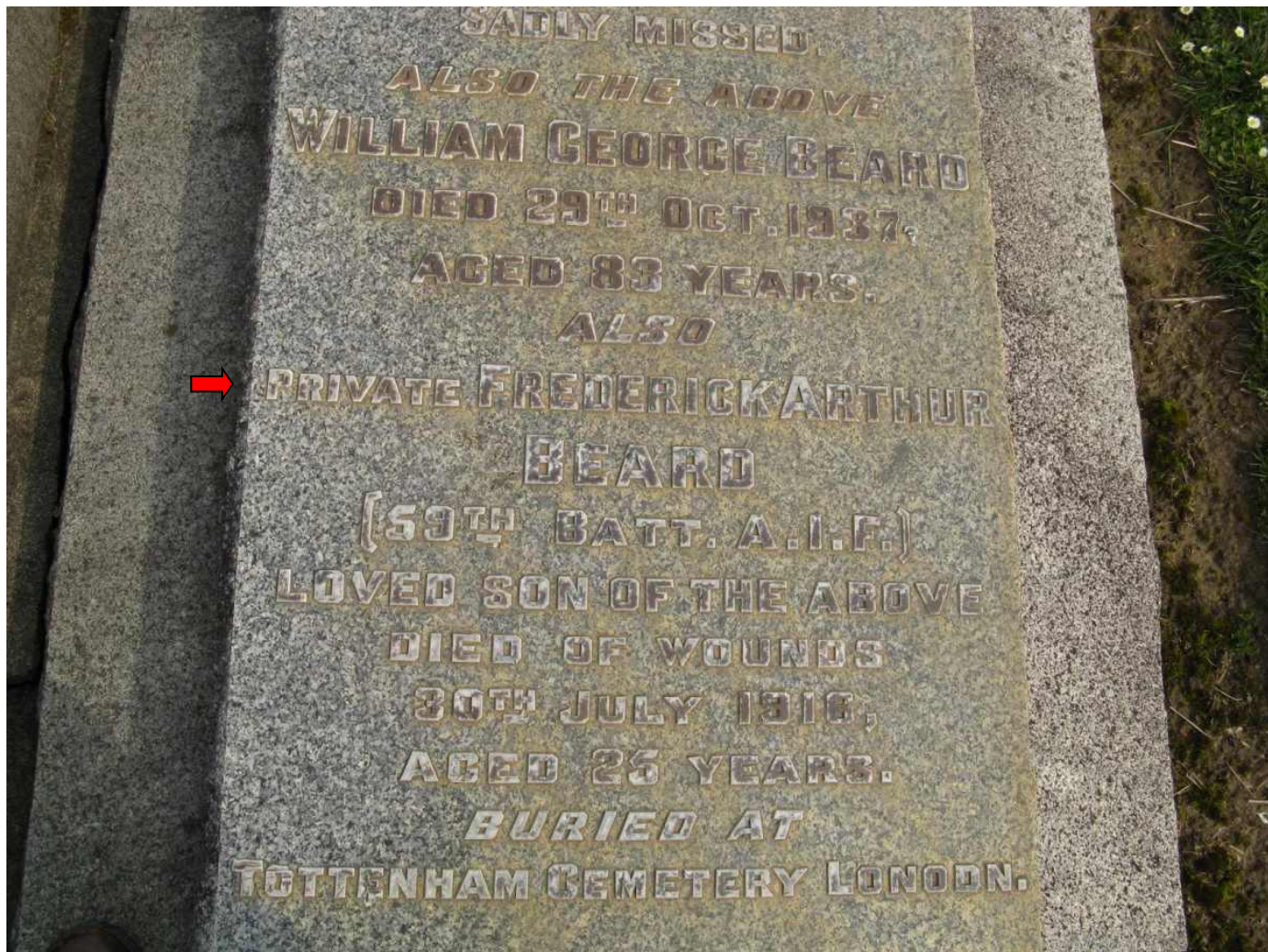
** Family Memorial Notices were also place in 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926,1927, 1928, 1929

Private Frederick Arthur Beard is remembered on the family headstone in Korumburra Cemetery, Victoria.



(Photo above from Find a Grave – rubens; below Billion Graves)





(Photo from Ozgenonline)

Also

PRIVATE FREDERICK ARTHUR

BEARS

(59th Batt. A.I.F.)

Loved Son Of The Above

Died Of Wounds

30th July 1916

Aged 25 Years

Buried At

Tottenham Cemetery Lonodn.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Tottenham Cemetery, Greater London, Middlesex, England

Tottenham Cemetery contains burials of both wars. Most of the 293 First World War graves are in a plot on the western side of the cemetery, backed by a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried both there and elsewhere in the cemetery, whose graves could not be individually marked.

There are 212 burials of the Second World War, mostly scattered, but 30 graves form a small plot facing the First World War plot. Again, some graves could not be individually marked and these casualties are commemorated on supplementary panels to the Screen Wall.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)



Tottenham Cemetery (Photo above from Find a Grave – Mike Ganly; below from CWGC)



Photo of Private F. A. Beard's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Tottenham Cemetery, Greater London, Middlesex, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)





Tottenham Cemetery Map (Photo from Find a Grave – Justin)