

**Chichester Cemetery,
Chichester, West Sussex
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



858 CORPORAL

F. A. BLYTHE

11TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH JULY, 1916 Age 22

Eternal Rest

Give Him Oh Lord

Let Perpetual Light

Shine Upon Him

Francis Albert BLYTHE

Francis Albert Blythe was born at Bunbury, Western Australia on 25th January, 1894 to parents James Drummond Blythe and Eliza Louisa Blythe (nee Houlahan).

James Drummond Blythe, father of Francis Albert Blythe, died on 27th October, 1897 at Fremantle, Western Australia.

Francis Albert Blythe attended Christian Brothers, Perth, Western Australia for his education.

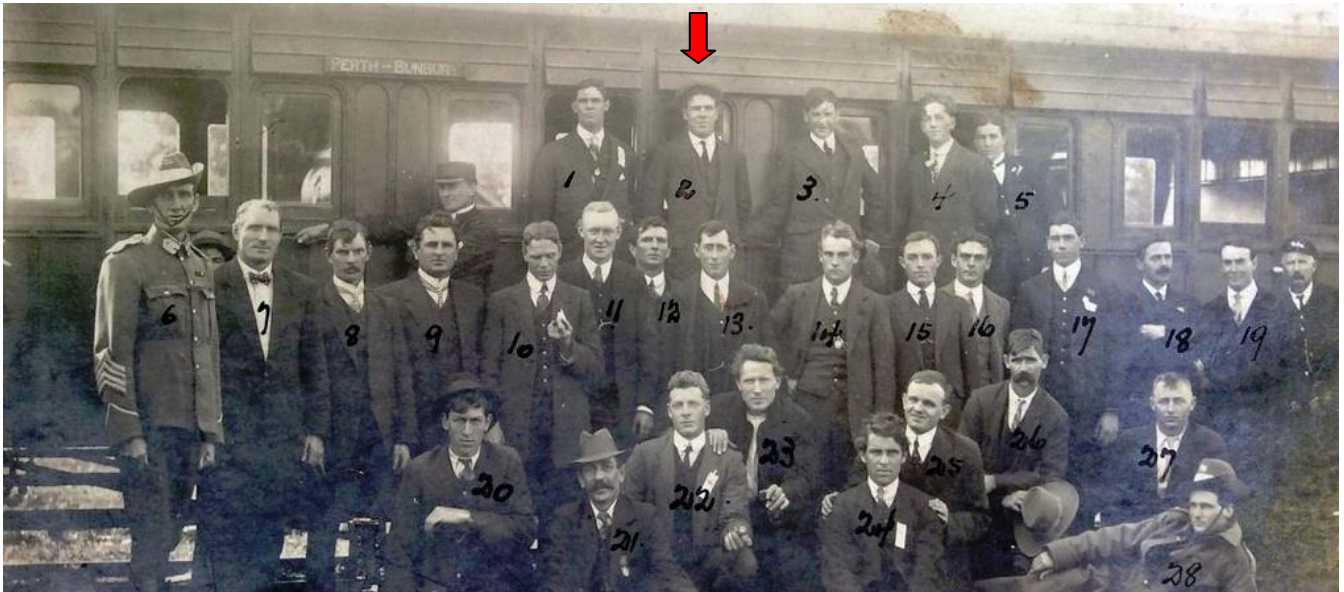
Francis Albert Blythe was a 20 year old, single, Boot Salesman from Spencer Street, Bunbury, Western Australia when he enlisted on 7th September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 858 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Eliza L. Blythe, Bunbury, Western Australia. Francis Blythe stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Trainee Infantry for 3 years.

Private Francis Albert Blythe was posted to 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade on 7th September, 1914 for recruit training.



Newly enlisted men at Bunbury railway station, Western Australia - August 1914

2. Frank Blythe



Private Francis Albert Blythe embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) on 31st October, 1914 with the 11th Infantry Battalion "H" Company. They anchored for two days before sailing on 2nd November, 1914.

Private Francis Albert Blythe embarked on HMT *Suffolk* from Alexandria on 2nd March, 1915 to join M. E. F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force).

Private Francis Albert Blythe was wounded in action at Dardanelles on 25th April, 1915. He was admitted to Hospital at Heliopolis on 28th April, 1915 with a bullet wound in foot. Private Blythe rejoined his Battalion at Dardanelles on 11th May, 1915. (Casualty Form – Active Service has date as 11th May 1916; the typed version of this form has the date as 11th May, 1915).

Private Francis Albert Blythe was promoted to Corporal on 30th June, 1915 while at Dardanelles.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was promoted to Sergeant (Temporary) on 15th August, 1915 while at Dardanelles.

Sergeant (Temporary) Francis Albert Blythe was sent to Hospital at Gallipoli Peninsula on 18th September, 1915. Sergeant (Temporary) Francis Albert Blythe reverted to the rank of Corporal on being admitted to Hospital. He was admitted to No. 3 Field Ambulance on 18th September, 1915 with Pyrexia (fever). Corporal Blythe was transferred to Hospital Ship *Maheno* then admitted to St. Patrick's Hospital at Malta on 23rd September, 1915 with Debility. Corporal Blythe was transferred to England from Malta on 27th September, 1915 on Hospital Ship *Karoola*.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was admitted to 3rd Western General Hospital at Cardiff on 5th October, 1915 with Influenza.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was placed on the Supernumerary List at Lemnos on 20th December, 1915 of N.C.O.'s being absent not less than 3 months.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was transferred to Weymouth (undated).

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was in Draft to rejoin M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) from Weymouth, England (no date).

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was taken on strength of Overseas Base at Ghezireh on 14th February, 1916. He was discharged to rejoin his Unit on 5th March, 1916 & rejoined his Unit at Serapeum on 6th March, 1916.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe embarked from Alexandria on 29th March, 1916 on *Corsican* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 5th April, 1916.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was wounded in action in France in period between 22-25th July, 1916. He was admitted to 1st Australian Field Ambulance on 22nd July, 1916 with GSW (Gunshot wound/s) to Face. Corporal Blythe was transferred & admitted to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd July, 1916. He was transferred & admitted to 11th General Hospital at Camiers on 26th July, 1916 with GSW to thumb & shoulder. Corporal Blythe was transferred to Calais & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Dieppe* on 27th July, 1916.

11th Battalion

The 11th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Western Australia, and with the 9th, 10th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.

The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked for overseas after just two weeks of preliminary training. It arrived in Egypt to continue its training in early December. The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 and so was the first ashore at around 4:30 am. Ten days after the landing, a company from the 11th Battalion mounted the AIF's first raid of the war against Turkish positions at Gaba Tepe. Subsequently, the battalion was heavily involved in defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. In August, it made preparatory attacks at the southern end of the ANZAC position before the battle of Lone Pine. The 11th Battalion continued to serve at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 11th Battalion returned to Egypt. It was split to help form the 51st Battalion, and then bought up to strength with reinforcements.

In March 1916, the battalion sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bloody trench warfare. Its first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July. After Pozieres, the battalion manned trenches near Ypres in Flanders before returning to the Somme valley for winter.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 11th Battalion

Firing Line – 22 July

Capt. A. H. Macfarlane O/C "A" Coy was killed during the early morning.

Copy of Battalion orders for first offensives against POZIERES is attached. Narrative of the operations embracing the whole time Battalion was in the firing line (19th-25th July) is attached.

Casualties during the operation were:

	<i>Killed</i>	<i>Wounded</i>	<i>Missing</i>
<i>Officers</i>	6	11	1
<i>Other Ranks</i>	62	358	91

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was admitted to Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, England on 28th July, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to left shoulder and face.

Extract of the Medical Case Sheet for Corporal Francis Albert Blythe: "*Patient was rapidly becoming worse, with signs of gangrene extending in arm, so operation was undertaken immediately.....The subclavian vein had been completely shot through...*"

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe died on 30th July, 1916 at Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, England from wounds received in action in France – 1. Shell wound to left shoulder & chest; 2. Haemorrhage & Air Embolism. (Note: The "Admissions to Hospital" form & "Morning State of Sick" form both have the date of death recorded as 29th July, 1916.

A death for Francis Blythe, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Chichester, Sussex, England.



Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was buried on 1st August, 1916 in Chichester Cemetery, Chichester, West Sussex, England – Plot number Square No. 121 Grave No. 55.

Mrs E. L. Blythe, Spencer St, Bunbury, W.A., mother of the late Corporal Francis Albert Blythe, was advised in April, 1920 that the remains of her son had been exhumed for former site & re-interred in Grave No. 81, Square 134, Chichester Cemetery, Chichester. *"This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain."*

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone & the new CWGC Grave reference is 134.81.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Corporal Francis Albert Blythe contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain the fullest details possible into his wounds, death and burial. A letter was sent by M. D. Laurence, Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester which reads: *"Died of Wounds - In reply to your enquiries about No. 858, Cpl. F. Blythe, 11th Battn., he was admitted here on July 28th and died on July 30th. He was severely wounded in one shoulder involving the deeper blood vessels, resulting in an Aneurism. The Surgeons considered an operation the only chance of saving his life, but it was found the injury was so severe that it was impossible to do anything for him and he died very shortly."*

I think considering the severity of the injury, Cpl. Blythe had very little pain, at any rate during the short time he was with us. He is laid to rest in the Cemetery here, where we have a special ground for the Soldiers - each Grave is marked with a small wooden cross at present, and it is intended later to erect a Memorial there to all those who have given their lives for King and Country. Perhaps Cpl. Blythe's relatives would like to send a small donation towards the

Memorial? If so it would be sent to Lt. Colonel Kidd, the officer commanding here. The Graves are cared for by the Staff who often go down to keep them in good order.

I am sorry I cannot tell you more about Cpl. Blythe, but he was here so short a time. He was quite willing to have the operation and everything was done that could be for him “.

Private Frank Blythe requested in his Will that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to Mrs E. L. Blythe, Spencer St, Bunbury.

Base Records contacted Mrs E. L. Blythe, Spencer St, Bunbury, W.A. in June, 1920 stating she was registered as the next of kin of the late Corporal F. A. Blythe but asked if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically if his father was still alive due to the “Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918” which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Corporal Francis Albert Blythe was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Corporal Blythe’s widowed mother – Mrs E. L. Blythe, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Francis Albert Blythe – service number 858, aged 22, of 11th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James Drummond Blythe and Eliza Louisa Blythe, of Spencer St., Bunbury, Western Australia.

Private F. A. Blythe is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 61.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

F. A. Blythe and his brother D. J. Blythe, are remembered on the Bunbury War Memorial located in ANZAC Park, Victoria & Stirling Streets, Bunbury, Western Australia.



Bunbury War Memorial (Photos from Places of Pride – AWM Above by Faithe; below by Henry Moulds)



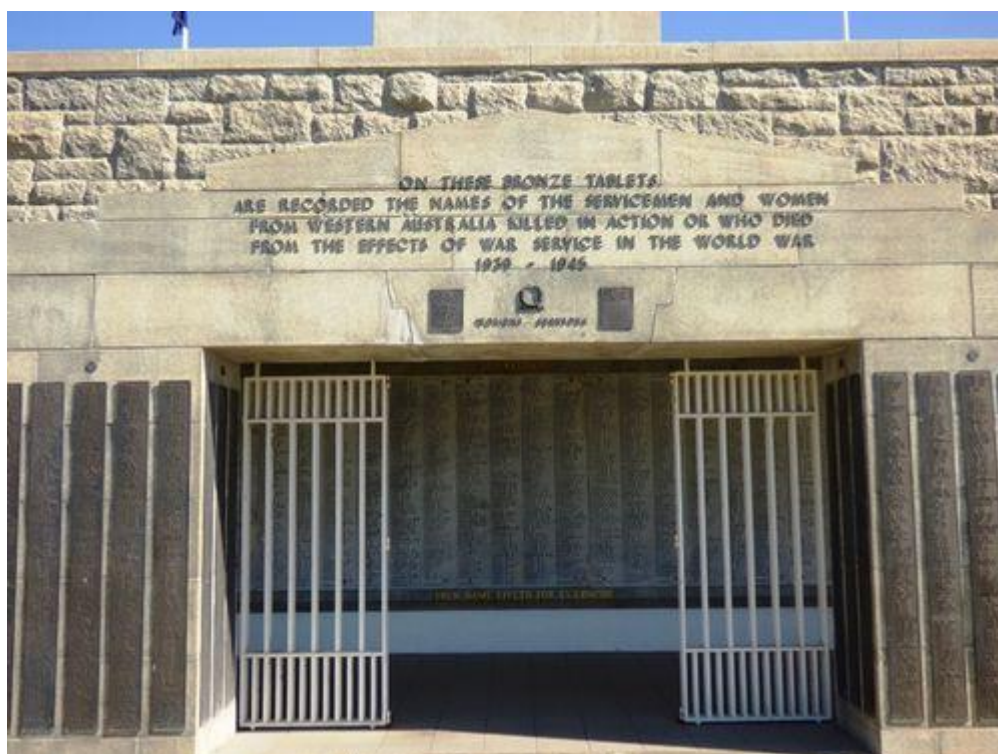
F. A. Blythe and his brother D. J. Blythe are remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



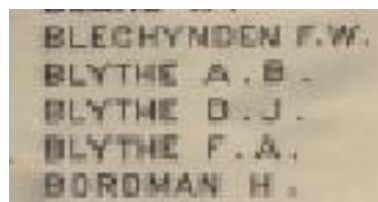
**Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names**

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



11th BATTALION											
ABBOTT C.E.	BAXTER A.W.	BROWN J.W.	CHAPMAN J.	CULLEN P.	DUCAN L.	FORREST C.F.	GRIMES J.	HODGES A.	JOYCE J.J.		
ABBOTT O.O.	BECKER F.W.	BROWN K.R.	CHAPMAN W.M.H.	CULVER J.O.	DUNCAN J.J.	FORSTER A.F.	GROSSLER W.H.	HODGES A.J.	JUGGINS R.F.		
ABBOTT R.	BECKETT R.	BROWN D.	CHART A.T.	CUNNINGHAM P.R.	DUNHAM W.W.	FOSS L.C.	GRUNSTROM V.	HOLCOMBE C.O.	KAY W.P.		
ABRAHAM W.S.	BELL G.	BROWNE T.	CHATFIELD L.C.G.	CURRIE W.J.	DUPEN C.E.	FOSTER C.H.	GUILMARTIN T.E.	HOLDEN C.E.	KEADY M.H.		
ADAM R.W.W.	BELL R.F.	BROWNING T.	CHERICHAN S.	CURTIS J.J.	DUNNIN V.	FOSTER F.S.	HACKETT B.F.	HOLDEN W.J.	KEALEY S.S.		
ADAMS H.C.	BELL R.F.	BRUCE H.H.	CHINHERY T.H.	CUITT T.H.	DWYER F.E.	FOTHERINGHAM P.	HADDEN W.C.	HOLLAND A.E.	KEANE J.		
ADCOCK F.B.	BELL W.	BYRCE F.A.J.	CHIVERS C.F.	CUSWORTH H.C.	DWYER T.W.	FOWLER C.C.C.C.	HALL A.W.J.	HOLM A.	KEATING T.		
ADCOCK F.H.B.	BENHAM C.E.	BUCCI W.M.	CHIPPING C.	DAEBRITZ W.	DYSON F.	FOWLER T.W.	HALL S.C.L.	HOLMES C.W.	KEDDIE H.W.		
AINSWORTH T.W.J.	BENNETT S.V.	BUCHANAN V.D.	CHOULES N.W.	DALY S.J.	EADE F.	FOX C.E.	HALLAHAN W.R.	HOLMES R.H.	KENAN J.		
AITKIN J.M.	BENNETT W.C.	BUCHANAN V.D.	CHRISTIE F.H.	DALZIEL J.	EAKINS W.J.	FOX M.T.	HAMMER H.J.	HOLYWELL W.T.	KELLY D.		
AKHURST F.H.	BETTLER J.F.	BURCHMASTER J.R.	CLARK F.	DANBERG R.	EAST H.H.	FRANCISCO C.H.	HANMING W.H.	HORNER W.E.	KELLY T.B.		
ANDERSON R.	BICK H.	BUDD J.L.	CLARKE A.E.	DANES H.E.	EASTHER E.	FRANKLYN J.W.	HANSON H.	HORROCKS J.L.	KENDRICK A.		
ALEXANDER M.	BIELBY W.	BULLEN M.C.	CLARKE A.W.	DANIEL V.B.	EATON A.E.W.	FREEMANSMITH D.C.	HANDFORD R.	HOSKING L.G.	KENDRICK E.F.		
ALFORD C.W.	BIDIN H.R.	BUNBURY M.F.R.	CLARKE J.	DARNELL A.H.	EATON E.	FRENCH W.L.	HANLON E.C.J.	HOUNSHAM D.J.	KENNEDY A.R.		
ALFORD S.	BIGNELL E.A.	BURDON H.E.	CLARKE R.C.	DAVIDSON E.W.	EBBESEN C.E.	FRENZ H.P.	HANSEN H.	HOWARD F.J.	KENNEDY W.M.S.		
ALLAN E.H.	BISCHOFF W.S.	BURCESS F.	CLARKE W.	DAVIDSON D.F.	EIERHARDT R.	FULFORD P.J.	HANSEN L.H.	HOWIE J.	KENNELLY W.		
ALLEN J.A.	BLACK H.A.	BURCESS I.	CLARKE W.F.A.	DAVIE J.	EDCAR W.	FULLASAR E.	HANSEN W.H.	HOWIESON B.	KENNING W.		
ALLEN W.V.	BLACK M.D.	CLASSEN A.E.	CLARKE W.F.A.	DAVIES H.	EDMONDSON J.W.	FURNIVAL J.R.	HARDING T.	HUGHSON W.	KENT H.C.		
ALLERY H.T.	BLAIR W.B.	BURKETT R.	CLAYDON N.A.	DAVIES J.	EDWARDS T.S.	FYFE H.R.	HARDY D.	HUGHES C.	KENT W.H.		
ALLISON D.A.	BLAKE A.	BURNETT T.A.	CLEMENTS W.J.	DAVIS E.F.	EDWARDS O.	CALLAHER D.W.	HARDY E.W.	HUNTER J.C.	KENYON T.W.H.		
ALLISON W.S.	BLECHYNDEN F.W.	BURTON J.R.	CLEVELLY T.	DAVIS G.H.	EDWARDS J.T.	CANE C.W.	HARKEN T.M.	HUNGERFORD W.	KEDDIE B.		
AMOS H.D.	BLYTE A.B.	BURTON J.R.	CLUCAS J.	DAVIS J.E.	EDWARDS J.T.	CANNANWAY B.J.	HARPER F.C.	HUNTER H.	KERR D.		
ANDERSON J.	BLYTE D.J.	BUSBY H.S.	CLUCAS C.E.J.	DAVIS S.A.	EKINS T.F.	CARBUTT R.	HARRISON B.C.	HUNTER H.	KERR J.		
ANDERSON J.	BLYTE F.A.	BUSWELL H.G.	COCKING D.	DAVIS W.H.	ELBOURN E.	CARDEN J.	HARRISON C.L.	HURLESTON G.H.	KERR J.		
ANDERSON J.H.	BORDMAN H.	BUTCHER J.	COCKELL A.C.	DAWBARW W.H.	ELKINGTON A.E.	CARLAND W.J.	HART A.O.	HURRELL W.H.	KETT W.P.		
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ANNEAR W.R.	BOLT W.S.	CADWALLADER O.H.	COLES R.H.	DELBRIE L.M.	ELLIS R.J.	CEE E.	HAYTHORNTHWAITER.	HOLE W.	KIDD A.P.F.		
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ARCHFIELD C.W.	BOOTHBY L.R.	CAIN H.M.	COLLINS J.B.	DENNEY J.A.	ERWOOD C.D.	CENERY W.J.	KENNESY C.S.	IVES A.R.	KING F.W.V.		
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BAKER S.F.	CARRINGTON J.E.	CAVINE J.	COXHEAD H.W.	DOE W.J.	FERGUSON J.J.	COULD J.	HILL W.H.	JOHNSON A.C.D.	LARE J.E.		
BALDACK J.	CARROLL C.	CHAMBERS L.J.	COXON W.C.	DOE W.J.	FETTES J.C.	CRANT A.	HILLERICK N.	JOHNSON H.E.	LAMERTON D.A.		
BARNES C.A.	CARROLL T.C.	CRACKNELL F.W.	CRACKNELL F.W.	DRABBE R.	FEUTRILL T.W.	CRANT C.E.	HILLIER E.A.	JOHNSTON C.B.	LANAUZE C.A.		
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BARNETT L.	CASTLES E.H.	CRANE S.E.	CRANE S.E.	DRING A.	FITZGERALD F.W.C.	CRANT J.W.	HIND W.	JOHNSTONE A.	LANE F.A.		
BARNETT N.D.	CATLIN R.H.	CRELLIN W.M.	CRERAR D.K.	DRIVER T.C.	FITZGERALD R.F.	CRANT L.W.	HIND W.	JOHNSTONE R.J.	LANGFORD J.J.		
BARNETT P.D.	CAVINE J.	CRISP D.H.	CRISP D.H.	DRUMMOND C.L.H.	FITZGERALD R.F.	CRANT L.W.	HIND W.	JONES C.E.W.	LARTER C.		
BARTLETT C.W.	CHAMBERS L.J.	CHAMBERS L.J.	CROCKENBERG B.	DRUMMOND J.	FLANAGAN F.	CRAYSON A.	HIND W.	JONES H.	LATHBY M.S.		
BARTON H.C.D.	CHAMBERS C.T.C.	CHAMBERS C.T.C.	CROPPER J.W.	DRYDEN R.T.	FLAVIN T.	GREEN B.D.	HIND W.	JONES J.C.	LATT W.J.A.		
BATEMAN W.	CHANDLER C.F.	CHAPMAN A.L.W.	CROSS W.J.	DUFFY W.	FLETCHER W.E.	GREEN L.J.	HIND W.	JONES L.W.	LATTWOOD C.		
BATT T.	CHAPMAN A.L.W.	CHAPMAN A.L.W.	CROSSLEY N.	DUFFETT R.T.	FLETCHER W.E.	GREEN W.H.	HIND W.	JONES W.F.	LAVKACH T.T.		
BATTY C.K.	CHAPMAN H.T.A.	CHAPMAN H.T.A.	CRITCHETT W.J.	DUFFY W.	FORBES S.T.	GREEN F.A.	HIND W.	JONES W.R.	LAW B.V.		

11th Battalion Panel



(93 pages of Corporal Francis Albert Blythe'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

Connected to Corporal Francis Albert Blythe:

Older brother – Jack Howard Drummond Blythe - Private, 309. Enlisted 1st February, 1915, aged 25. Embarked from Brisbane on 29th June, 1915 on HMAT *Aeneas* (A60). Lance Corporal, 309 - Awarded Military Medal in 1916. Sergeant - Returned to Australia 24th August, 1918.

Older brother - Drummond James Blythe – Driver 863 11th Battalion. Enlisted 7th September, 1914, aged 22. Embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) on 31st October, 1914. Died of wounds Gallipoli 6th June, 1915. Remembered on the Lone Pine Memorial.

Newspaper Memorial Notice – The West Australian, Perth – 6 June, 1917:

BLYTHE – In loving memory of Drummond James Blythe, died on board hospital ship Sicilia, from wounds received in action at Gallipoli, June 6, 1915, aged 22 years 9 months, third son of Mrs E. L. Blythe, Vasse-rd., Bunbury, brother of Queenie (Bunbury), Jack (on active service), Frank (died of wounds, July 30, 1916). R.I.P.

Newspaper Notices

PERSONAL

We regret that we are unable to report any improvement in the condition of Mr. Frank Blythe who lies at his home in Spencer-street critically ill, and suffering from sceptic pneumonia. The serious illness of this popular young man has been common talk in the town during the past few days, while his relatives have been constantly assailed with anxious enquiries by numerous friends. On account of the seriousness of his illness it has been decided to postpone the scratch match which was to have been played between Railways and South Bunbury, of which, latter team Mr. Blythe is one of the most prominent members, this afternoon.

(Bunbury Herald, Western Australia – 29 April, 1911)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

NINETY-EIGHTH CASUALTY LIST

ILL OR WOUNDED

Sergeant F. A. Blythe, Bunbury

(The West Australia, Perth, Western Australia – 27 October, 1915)

KILLED IN ACTION

BLYTHE – On July 30, 1916, died of wounds received in action in France, Sergeant F. A. Blythe, 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade, youngest son of Mrs E. L. Blythe, Vasse-road, Bunbury. Aged 22 years and six months. R.I.P.

-Inserted by his mother and sisters, E. L. and Queenie Blythe.

(Sunday Times, Perth, Western Australia – 6 August, 1916)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Killed in action, or died of wounds, illness, or injuries:- Sgts F. A. Blythe,

(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 August, 1916)

KILLED IN ACTION

BLYTHE – On July 30, 1916, died of wounds received in action in France, Sergeant F. A. Blythe, youngest son and brother of Mrs E. L. and Queenie Blythe, Vasse-road, Bunbury, aged 22 years 6 months. R.I.P.

(The West Australia, Perth, Western Australia – 12 August, 1916) & (Western Mail, Perth, Western Australia – 18 August, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

192nd CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Sergeant F. A. Blythe (Bunbury)

(Western Mail, Perth, Western Australia – 18 August, 1916)



SERGT. F. A. BLYTHE

At the Landing and Anzac. Died of wounds received in France

(*Sunday Times*, Perth, Western Australia – 3 September, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

BLYTHE – In loving memory of Frank, D. Company, 11th Battalion, died on July 30, 1916 in Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, England, of wounds received in action in France; aged 22 years 6 months, youngest son of Mrs E. T. Blythe, and brother of Queenie, Vasse-road, Bunbury, brother of Jack, 25th Battalion (on active service), and Drummond, D. Company, 11th Battalion, died of wounds, June, 1915. R.I.P.

BLYTHE – A tribute to the memory of Sergeant Frank Blythe, 11th Battalion, A.I.F., who died of wounds in England, July 30, 1916; aged 22 years and 6 months.

-Inserted by his friends Gladys Sinclair and Private William Freeman (on active service).

(*The West Australia*, Perth, Western Australia – 30 July, 1917)

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)

Corporal F. A. Blythe does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Eternal Rest Give Him Oh Lord

Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

Chichester Cemetery, Chichester, West Sussex, England

Chichester Cemetery has 174 Commonwealth War Graves. Also known as Portfield Cemetery.

Of the 89 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war, the majority are in a War Graves Plot in Squares 121 and 126 bordering a path on the far right hand side of the cemetery. This was constructed by the City Corporation, who also erected the War Cross at the eastern end of the enclosed plot especially designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield and closely resembling the Commission's own Cross of Sacrifice. The names of the 1914-1918 war dead in the cemetery are engraved on the base of the Cross. There are also 75 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-1945 war here, mainly in two adjoining Church of England dedicated Squares, Nos. 115 and 159, in the south-western portion of the cemetery enclosed by a hedgerow on three sides, on the fourth side a wall bearing the inscription 1939-1945 THE MEN AND WOMEN BURIED IN THIS PLOT DIED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE. In the northern section a further Square, No. 42, is dedicated to Roman Catholic burials, there is a metal plaque bearing a similar inscription. There are also 7 non-Commonwealth war burials and 4 non World War burials in the care of C.W.G.C. within the cemetery. *(Information from CWGC)*



Chichester Cemetery *(Photo by Adrienne – Find a Grave)*



Some War Graves in Chichester Cemetery (Photo above by Basher Eyre; below from CWGC)



Photo of Corporal F. A. Blythe's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Chichester Cemetery, Chichester, West Sussex, England.



(Photo courtesy of Allan Noble)



Corporal Blythe's headstone in the background (Photo courtesy of Allan Noble)



Chichester Cemetery (Photo by Adrienne – Find a Grave)