

**Hollybrook Memorial,
Southampton, Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6714 PRIVATE

P. BYRNE

9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH SEPTEMBER, 1917

Patrick (Jock) BYRNE

Patrick Byrne was born on 6th October, 1885 in Sydney, NSW to parents Patrick & Margaret Byrne (nee Corcoran).

Patrick Byrne married Johanna Byron on 21st December, 1905 in Queensland.

Births were registered in Queensland for the following children of Patrick & Johanna Byrne (nee Byron) – Hector James Byrne (born 31st July, 1907); Mona Byrne (born 23rd September, 1909); Irene Mary Byrne (born 28th September, 1911); Francis Joseph Byrne (born 14th January, 1913) & Evelyn May Byrne (born 28th December, 1914)

Patrick Byrne was a 31 year old, married (with 5 children), Labourer from Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted on 18th August, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6714 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs J. Byrne, 107 Arthur Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland. Patrick Byrne stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to Varicocele.

Private Patrick Byrne was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 23rd August, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 22nd Reinforcements of 9th Battalion on 20th September, 1916.

Private Patrick Byrne embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Marathon (A74)* on 27th October, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 22nd Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th January, 1917.

9th Battalion

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

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

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 Patrick Byrne was marched in to 3rd Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire on 11th January, 1917 from Australia & posted to "A" Company.

Private Patrick Byrne was sent sick to Fargo Hospital, Wiltshire on 7th February, 1917 P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin) from Camp No. 3, 3rd Training Battalion, Durrington.

On 13th February, 1917 a Medical Board at Larkhill, Wiltshire reported Private Patrick Byrne had an old injury to ribs & he was medically classified as C1 – permanently unfit for General Service. Fit for Home Service.

Private Patrick Byrne was marched out from 3rd Training Battalion, Durrington/Larkhill on 6th March, 1917 & marched in to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth, Dorset on the same day.

The Hospital Admissions form recorded that Private Patrick Byrne was admitted to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth on 7th March, 1917 with an old injury to chest. "*Complains through R. Chest which is deformed. No reason why he should not do a full days work.*"

A Medical Report was completed on Private Patrick Byrne on 10th May, 1917 at No. 2 Australian Command Depot, Weymouth, Dorset, England. His occupation was listed as Jockey & his disability was recorded as "*age 45. Old injury of chest. The disability was prior to enlistment & had occurred in Australia when he "fell off horse, fractured chest right side with some deformity.*" Private Byrne's present condition was listed as "*unfit for general service. Pain in right side of chest from old injury.*" The Medical Board found Private Byrne was permanently unfit for General Service but fit for Home Service.

Private Patrick Byrne was returned to Australia for Home Service on Hospital Ship *Nestor A71* due to an old injury to the chest. He embarked from England on 22nd July, 1917.



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Nestor A71

Private Patrick Byrne was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 28th August, 1917.

Private Patrick Byrne died on 6th September, 1917 at Sea on board HMAT *Nestor*. (Note: no cause of death recorded). HMAT *Nestor* arrived in Australia on 13th September, 1917 from England.

A Wireless was received on 10th September, 1917 from Captain -_eydl "to the effect that No 6714 Byrne, P, 9th Btn, returning on "*Nestor Died at Sea on the 6.9.1917.*"

Private Patrick Byrne is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England. It is assumed that he was buried at Sea & has no grave as there is no mention of his burial in his Service Record file. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

A War Pension was granted to Johanna Byrne, widow of the late Private Patrick Byrne, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 10th November, 1917. War Pensions were also granted to the following children of Johanna & the late Private Patrick Byrne: Hector James Byrne - £1 per fortnight; Mona Byrne – 15/- per fortnight; Francis Joseph Byrne – 10/- per fortnight & Evelyn Byrne – 10/- per fortnight. All pensions granted from 10th November, 1917.

Private Patrick Byrne was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Byrne's widow – Mrs J. Byrne, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1922 & Plaque sent March, 1924).

Base Records wrote to the Department of Repatriation, Brisbane, Queensland on 30th July, 1923 requesting the present address of the widow of the late Private Patrick Byrne as the Memorial Scroll had been returned unclaimed from 115 Arthur Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland.

Department of Repatriation, Brisbane, Queensland replied that the address for Mrs Byrne was Hetherington Street, Herston, Brisbane.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private P. Byrne – service number 6714, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private P. Byrne is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 55.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(46 pages of Private Patrick Byrne'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



Newspaper Notices

THE WORLD OF SPORT

THE TURF

NOTES

Word has been received from France that P. ("Jock") Byrne, an erst while leading jockey in Brisbane, has been wounded, and is confined to hospital. Only meagre particulars are to hand, but it is reported that Byrne had one of his heels blown off.

(Daily Standard, Brisbane, Queensland – 6 July, 1917)

SPORTING

THE TURF

Sportsmen will hear with feelings of regret of the death of the once well-known jockey, P. ("Jock") Byrne, which occurred on the 6th instant on board the transport which reached Melbourne on Tuesday last. The news was only received yesterday, however. The deceased was the eldest son of the once prominent trainer, Paddy Byrne, and was a brother to the respected Hendra trainer, Willie Byrne. About 10 or a dozen years ago "Jock" was right in the front rank of his profession, and it is very doubtful if Queensland ever produced a more accomplished rider. In addition to an exceptionally fine pair of hands, he was a rare judge of pace and a very daring rider. No risk was too great for him to take, while few riders could get more out of a horse in a finish. As a rule, jockeys are not good judges, but in this respect "Jock" stood alone, as very little ever escaped him in a race. Among the prominent races he won were the Q.T.C. Guineas and Derby on Alexis, the Stradbroke Handicap on Alexis, and the Summer Cup on Gozard. About 12 months ago Byrne enlisted, and he wrote to me frequently. In every letter he always referred to Queensland as the best country in the world, and was looking forward to his return. A few months back he was wounded in the firing line in France, and was in hospital in London. Evidently he was considered convalescent, but as before stated he succumbed on the 6th instant. What a pity he was not spared to reach home. Poor old Jock. Vale! '

(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 13 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

BYRNE – In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Private Patrick (Jock) Byrne, who died at sea, 6th September, 1917.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 14 September, 1917)

DEATH OF PRIVATE "JOCK" BYRNE

On Wednesday last (says the Gayndah 'Gazette') our respected townsman. Mr. Pat Byrne, of the Burnett Hotel, received the sad news of the death of his son, Private Patrick Byrne (known as 'Jock') at sea, whilst returning invalided to Australia, after doing his 'bit' in France. Death occurred on the 5th instant, and deceased was buried at sea. It is stated a malady broke out on the troopship, resulting in the death of five soldiers, including 'Jock.'

Deceased was aged 32 years, and was the eldest son of the family.' He leaves a wife and ___ children, the eldest ten years and the youngest eighteen months. In his day "Jock" was one of Queensland's expert horsemen, and on one occasion was taken to Adelaide to pilot Australia's then champion; Trafalgar, to victory. We feel sure the wife and children and relatives of the deceased soldier have the heartfelt sympathy of a large circle of friends in the misfortune that has overtaken them.

(Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 17 September, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BYRNE – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Patrick (Jock) Byrne, who died at sea, September 6th, 1917.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, sisters, and brothers.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 18 September, 1917) & (The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 22 September, 1917)

SPORTING

THE TURF

It is stated that word was received in Brisbane last week of the death of Private P. (Jock) Byrne, who a few years ago was one of Brisbane's leading jockeys, and won among other races the Q.T.C. Guineas, Stradbroke Handicap, and Summer Cup. Byrne enlisted about a year ago, and was wounded in action, and was among a batch of returning soldiers when he died on the transport, when within a few days steam of Melbourne. He was the son of the well-known erstwhile trainer, P. Byrne, and brother of W. C. Byrne, a respected present-day Brisbane trainer, and Percy Byrne, a well-known jockey.

(Toowoomba Chronicle, Queensland – 21 September, 1917)

Roll of Honour

339th Casualty List

105 Queenslanders

DIED

Patrick Byrne, New Farm, 6/9.17 (Cause not stated)

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 22 September, 1917)

Returning Soldiers

TWO LARGE CONTINGENTS

Pte Patrick Byrne, 9th Btn.

(Queensland Times, Ipswich, Queensland – 27 September, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BYRNE – In loving memory of Pte Patrick (Jock) Byrne, who died at sea, 6th September, 1917.

Rest in peace.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

BYRNE – In loving memory of our dear brother, Private Patrick (Jock) Byrne, who was buried at sea, September 6th, 1917, aged 33 years.

His country called; he answered.

Somewhere in the deep he lies,

Rolled in the Union Jack.

Tears may flow, but still we know,

We can never bring him back.

His fame will last in history,

Whenever the flag is unfurled,

For he who dies for his country

And the freedom of the world.

Deeply mourned.

Inserted by his loving sister, brother-in-law, and little niece, Alice, Phill, and Mona Knightley.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 18 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

BYRNE – In loving memory of my dear son and our dear brother, Private Patrick (Jock) Byrne, died at sea returning to Australia, September 6, 1917.

R.I.P.

(Inserted by his loving father, mother, sisters and brothers)

(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 6 September, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

BYRNE – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Patrick (Jock) Byrne, died coming home from the front, 6/9/17.

R.I.P.

(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 6 September, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BYRNE – In loving memory of our dear son, Private Patrick (“Jock”) Byrne, who died on the transport on his way home from France, on September 6, 1917.

(Inserted by his loving father and mother)

(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 6 September, 1921)

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.

Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England

The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

The Hollybrook Memorial commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces* whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters (*Officers and men of the Commonwealth's navies who have no grave but the sea are commemorated on memorials elsewhere). The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial. Almost one third of the names on the memorial are those of officers and men of the South African Native Labour Corps, who died when the troop transport Mendi sank in the Channel following a collision on 21 February 1917. Other vessels sunk with significant loss of life were: HS Anglia, a hospital ship sunk by mine off Dover on 17 November 1915. SS Citta Di Palermo, an Italian transport carrying Commonwealth troops, sunk by mine off Brindisi on 8 January 1916. In rescuing survivors, two Royal Naval Otranto drifters were themselves mined and blown up. HMTs Donegal and Warilda, ambulance transports torpedoed and sunk between Le Havre and Southampton on 17 April 1917 and 3 August 1918. HS Glenart Castle, a hospital ship torpedoed and sunk off Lundy on 26 February 1918. SS Galway Castle, torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on 12 September 1918. RMS Leinster, the Irish mail boat, torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Sea on 10 October 1918. Among those commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial is Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, who died when the battle cruiser HMS Hampshire was mined and sunk off Scapa Flow on 5 June 1916.

The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial

(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private P. Byrne's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

