

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1662 PRIVATE

T. FARRELL

48TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

10TH JUNE, 1916

Thomas (Tom) FARRELL

Thomas Farrell was born at Port Augusta West, South Australia on 23rd June, 1894 to parents John & Caroline Farrell (nee Morgan).

Thomas Farrell attended Iron Knob State School, South Australia.

Thomas Farrell was a 21 year old, single, Labourer from Iron Knob, South Australia when he enlisted on 4th March, 1916 at Port Pirie, South Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Caroline Farrell, Iron Knob, South Australia.

Private Thomas Farrell was posted to "A" Company on 4th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Mitcham on 16th March, 1916 & was posted to 17th Reinforcements of 10th Battalion. Private Farrell was transferred to 1st April, 1916 to 2nd Reinforcements of 48th Battalion.

Private Thomas Farrell, Service number 1662, embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Aeneas (A60)* (as per Embarkation Roll) on 11th April, 1916 with the 48th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements. (Note: The Statement of Service form & Purport form in the Service Record file for Private Thomas Farrell recorded he "*Embarked SS Aeneas 11/4/16*" – see below regarding his place of death.)

48th Battalion

The 48th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 16 March 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Roughly half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 16th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 16th, the men of the new battalion hailed mainly from regional South Australia and Western Australia. The new battalion formed part of the 12th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division. It became known as the "Joan of Arc" (the Maid of Orleans) battalion because it was "made of all Leanes" - it was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ray Leane, his brother was the adjutant, and several other relatives were scattered throughout the battalion.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Thomas Farrell died at 21.00 on 10th June, 1916 at Sea on board H.M.T. *Franconia* from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. (Lat 37.20 N. Long 9.25E) (Note: Several forms in the Service Record file for Private Farrell recorded that he died on "10/8/16". The "8" has been crossed out & replaced with a "6" or it was recorded that he died "10th August, 1916" & "August" has been crossed out & replaced with "June".)

[Note: The Embarkation Roll on the Australian War Memorial website records that Private Thomas Farrell embarked on HMAT *Aeneas (A60)* – it is not known if this is correct or if he was transferred to H.M.T. *Franconia*.)

A handwritten note in the Service Record file for Private Thomas Farrell was written & signed by Captain H. H. Holland, Senior Medical Officer, on 11th June, 1916 which reads:

" To C. O. 12th Train Batt.

From S.M.O.

H.M.T. Franconia

Re No. 1762 Pte T. Farrell 2/48th 12T.B.

I have to inform you that the above mentioned man died yesterday at 9 pm. Cause of death Cerebro Spinal Meningitis."



Place of Death

Private Thomas Farrell was buried at sea at 06.15 on 11th June, 1916 from H.M.T. *Franconia* (Mediterranean Lat 37.15N; Long 6.35E) He is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England as he has no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



Buried at Sea

A handwritten note in the Service Record file for Private Thomas Farrell was written & signed by Chaplain Captain J. J. Kelly, R.C., from H.M.T. *Franconia* on 11th June, 1916 which reads: *"Re Thomas Farrell 1662 2/48th Battalion Deceased. This is to certify that I was officiating clergyman at the above man's funeral."*

A War Pension was granted to Caroline Farrell, Iron Knob, mother of the late Private Thomas Farrell, in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 9th August, 1916.

C. Farrell, Iron Knob, wrote to Base Records on 16th January, 1916 in reply to a letter they had been sent on 14th December, 1921: *"I beg to advise I am the mother of 1662 Pte T. Farrell 48th Bn AIF and also that his father is alive and living at Iron Knob South Australia, Mr John Farrell, Iron Knob, S.A."*

[Note: Base Records would have contacted Mrs C. Farrell, Iron Knob, as she was listed on Attestation Papers & Embarkation Roll as the registered next-of-kin of Private Thomas Farrell. In letters found in other Soldiers' Service Record files Base Records wrote letters requesting to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than the female listed as the next of kin 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.]

Private Thomas Farrell 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 Farrell's father – Mr J. Farrell, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

C. Farrell, Iron Knob, wrote to Medal Department, Base Commandant, Keswick Barracks on 4th October, 1923 with the following letter: *"Will you kindly forward War Medals for Pte Thomas Farrell No. 1662 2/48th Battn. His father is dead and therefore I am next of kin his mother."*

The Base Commandant, 4th District Base, wrote to Base Records on 11th October, 1923 with the following letter:

"1. The attached communication from Mrs C. Farrell, Mother of the late No. 1662 Pte Thomas Farrell, 48th Bn is forwarded for your information and necessary action in connection with the issue of the late soldier's Memorial Plaque and Victory Medal. 2. British War Medal (Serial No. 36882) was forwarded from these Headquarters to the late soldier's Father on 27th March, 1922."

Base Records wrote to Mrs C. Farrell, Iron Knob, South Australia, on 18th October, 1923 with the following letter: *"With reference to your communication of 4th October, which has been passed to this Office from Headquarters, 4th District Base, Keswick Barracks, Adelaide, I have to advise that the British War Medal and Memorial Plaque and Scroll issuable on account of the service of your son, the late No. 1662 Private T. Farrell, 48th Battalion, have been transmitted to his father. I am advised by the abovementioned Headquarters that the Medal was despatched to the late Mr J. Farrell on the 27th March 1922, whose receipts for the Plaque and Scroll are held in this Office dated 28.8.22. The late soldier was not eligible for the issue of the 1914/15 Star or the Victory, owing to the fact that he did not, at any time, serve on the strength of a unit in a theatre of war."*

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Thomas Farrell – service number 1662, of 48th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private T. Farrell 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

T. Farrell is remembered on the Iron Knob Roll of Honour, located in Iron Knob Institute, Seventh Street, Iron Knob, South Australia.



Iron Knob Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Bryan Lock)

T. Farrell is remembered on the Iron Knob War Memorial, located in Knobby's Park, Farrell Terrace, Iron Knob, South Australia.



Iron Knob War Memorial (Photo from Monument Australia)

T. Farrell is remembered on the Iron Knob Honour Roll, located near Iron Knob War Memorial in Knobby's Park, Farrell Terrace, Iron Knob, South Australia.



Iron Knob Honour Roll

(Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Mark Shirley Community Development Officer – Office for the Outback Communities Authority)

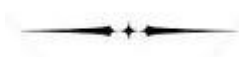
T. Farrell is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

(34 pages of Private Thomas Farrell'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 Private Thomas Farrell:

Brother – Martin Farrell – Enlisted 1st May, 1916 as a 21 year old Horse Driver from Iron Knob, South Australia. Embarked from Adelaide on HMAT *Ballarat* (A70) on 12th August, 1916 with 8th Infantry Brigade, 32nd Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements as Private 3548.

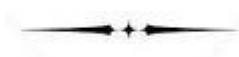
Returned to Australia per *Port Sydney* on 22nd September, 1919 & disembarked at Adelaide, South Australia on 10th November, 1919.

Entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.

Martin Farrell died on 20th December, 1968.



Private Martin Farrell





Private Thomas Farrell



Newspaper Notices

182nd CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Died of Illness

1662 Pte T. FARRELL, Iron Knob; died June 10, 1916

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 8 July, 1916)

THE LATE PRIVATE FARRELL

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HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FARRELL – In loving memory of our dear Tom, who died while on active service, June 10, 1916. “To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.” – Inserted by his loving mother and father and sisters.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 28 June, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FARRELL – In loving memory of our dear, dear son and brother, Private Tom Farrell, who died while on active service, June 10, 1916, aged 21 years.

No loved ones stood around him,
 To catch his last faint sighs;
Or whisper just one loving word,
 Before he closed his eyes.
Not gone from memory, not gone from love,
But gone to his Father's home above;
Rest in the Saviour, sweetly rest,
They miss you most who loved you best,
Immaculate heart of Mary,
 Your prayers for him extol;
Sacred heart of Jesus,
 Have mercy on his soul.

Never the lotus closes, never the wild fowl wake,
But a soul goes out on the east wind, that died for Britain's sake.

Rest in peace,

-Inserted by his loving parents, brothers, and sister, also brother, Martin, on active service.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 July, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FARRELL – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Tom Farrell, died while on active service at sea, on the 10th June, 1916, aged 21 years.

A painful shock, a blow severe,
To part with one loved so dear;
Our loss is great, we'll not complain,
But trust in God to meet again.
Not gone from memory, not gone from love
But gone to our Father's home above.
Rest in the Saviour, sweetly rest;
They miss you most who loved you best.

-Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, and brother; also brother Martin, on active service, France.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 June, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FARRELL – Private Tom Farrell, died at sea, 10th June, 1916, aged 21. R.I.P.

Three years to-day he passed away
 From those who loved him dear;

His memory lats the same to-day
As though he still were here.
He went with the hope of returning,
Along with his comrades brave;
But with many a hero he's sleeping
In a soldier's honoured grave.

-Inserted by his loving mother, sisters and brother, also brother, Martin (on Active service).

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 June, 1919)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FARRELL – In loving remembrance of our dear son and brother, Private Thomas Farrell, died at sea of meningitis, 10th June, 1916.

Sweet is the word remembrance,
And these few lines will show
You will always be remembered,
As the years may come and go,

R.I.P. – Inserted by his mother, brother, and sisters.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 June, 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)





Cross of Sacrifice



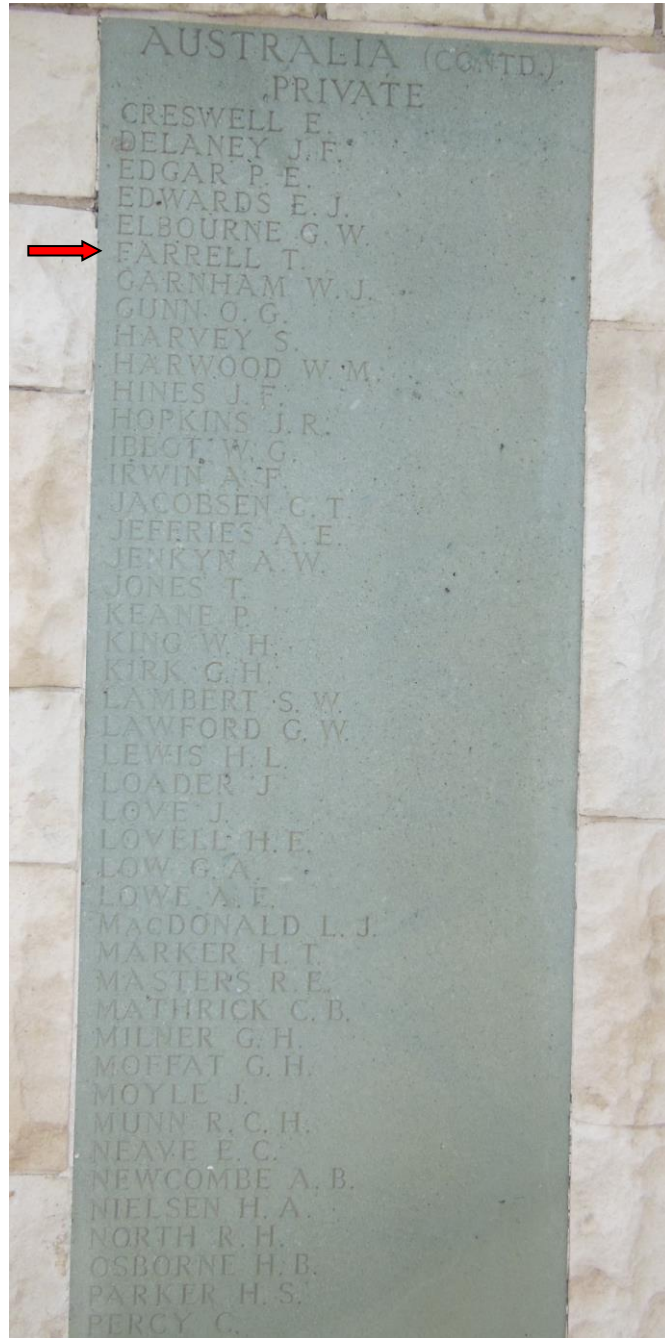
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



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

(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private T. Farrell's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

