

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2366 PRIVATE

R. V. P. FEEHAN

10TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

22ND SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 24

Richard Victor Patrick FEEHAN

Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was born at Port Victoria, South Australia on 12th June, 1891 to parents Patrick John & Annie Feehan (nee Walsh).

Richard Victor Patrick Feehan attended public school at Port Victoria, South Australia.

The 1913 & 1914 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Wimmera, subdivision of Birchip recorded Richard Victor Patrick Feehan, Labourer from Morton Plains, Victoria.

Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was a 24 year old, single, Labourer from Marlborough Street, off Grote Street, Adelaide, South Australia when he enlisted on 8th April, 1915 at Keswick, 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 Annie Feehan, Marlborough Street, off Grote Street, Adelaide, South Australia. Richard Feehan stated on his Attestation Papers to the question “*Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?*” – “*Trespassing (fined).*”

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was posted to “C” Company, Base Infantry on 8th April, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 10th Infantry Battalion on 16th April, 1915.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan, Service number 2366, embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Kanowna (A61)* on 23rd June, 1915 with the 10th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on H.T. *Kingstonian* on 11th September, 1915. He was taken on strength of 10th Battalion from Reinforcements at Gallipoli on 17th September, 1915.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was wounded at Gallipoli Peninsula on 23rd September, 1915. He was admitted to 6th Field Ambulance on 23rd September, 1915 with bullet wound/s to right Wrist then transferred the same day to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station. Private Feehan embarked on *Grampion* on 28th September, 1915 & disembarked at Malta on 2nd October, 1915.

10th Battalion

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

The 10th Battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC position, and served there until the evacuation in December....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

[“Note by Australian War Memorial Library – No diaries received from August 1915 to March 1916” for 10th Battalion]

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was admitted to 2nd Southern General Hospital, Southmead, Bristol, England on 11th October, 1915. The Hospital Admissions form recorded “*Paratyphoid. GSW Rt wrist _____*” He was discharged on 28th December, 1915.

Base Records advised Mrs A. Feehan, Marlborough Street, off Grote Street, Adelaide, S.A., on 11th October, 1915 that her son Private R. V. P. Feehan had been wounded on 24th September – not reported seriously. She was advised on 27th October, 1915 that her son Private R. V. P. Feehan had been admitted to Hospital at Bristol, England – sick.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was taken on strength at Abbey Wood, England on 14th January, 1916.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was awarded 24 hours detention on 17th January, 1916 for being absent from Tattoo.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was written up for an Offence on 3rd May, 1916 at Westham – Breaking out of Camp. He was awarded 96 hours detention from 4th May, 1916.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan embarked from Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, Dorset, England on 7th June, 1916 with Draft to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) & to rejoin his Unit.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was admitted sick to 26th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 17th June, 1916. He was discharged to duty on 19th June, 1916 & rejoined 1st Divisional Base Depot at Etaples on the same day. Private Feehan proceeded from 1st A.D.B.D (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 26th July, 1916 & rejoined 10th Battalion in France on 30th July, 1916.

Base Records advised Mrs A. Feehan, 1 Marlborough Street, off Grote Street, Adelaide, S.A., on 28th June, 1916 that No. 2366 Private R. V. P. Feehan, 10th Battalion had rejoined his Regiment in France.

Mrs A. Feehan advised Base Records in July, 1916 that her address had changed from Marlborough Street to No. 5 Edward Street, City.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was wounded in action in France on 20th August, 1916. He was admitted to St. John's Ambulance Brigade on 21st August, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to right Buttock. Private Feehan was invalided to England from Calais on 29th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Brighton*.

10th Battalion

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 10th Battalion returned to Egypt and, in March 1916, sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July. After Pozieres the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders before returning to the Somme for winter.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 10th Battalion

19th to 23rd August, 1916:

Report of Operations 10th Battalion A.I.F. 19th to 23rd Aug 1916 – Pozieres

The 10th Battn relieved the 3rd Battn of 1st Bgde on the evening of the 19th inst taking over the line from R 34 A.9 ½.2 ½ to R 34 A 9.9.

Saps were at once commenced running towards the enemy's line at points R 28 C 0 3 ½ - C 5.1 ¼. C 7 ½ & C 8 ½. These were run forward a distance from 50 to 70' & a Lewis gun stationed at end of sap R 28 C 7 ½.

At this time there were two Companies B & C they occupied the line from R 34 A 9 ½. 2 ½ to R 34A 9.8 the remaining two companies being left in SAUSAGE VALLEY. At 0600 on 20th inst A Coy was brought up & placed in the front line – leaving D Coy in Res in SAUSAGE VALLEY.

On the night of the 20/21 all men in the front line were employed in joining up saps run out on previous night. This work was greatly hampered by heavy enemy's shelling, but was completed with the exception of that portion from sap R 28 C 3 ½ to SUNKEN ROAD.....

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was admitted to Edmonton Military Hospital, London, England on 29th August, 1916 with G.S.W. to right Buttock. He was placed on the Dangerously Ill List on 20th September, 1916. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: "G.S.W. of buttock involving structures round L hip joint wound enlarged & better drainage established. Developed septic pneumonia & died."

Base Records contacted Mrs A. Feehan, 5 Edward Street, Adelaide, S.A., on 13th September, 1916 to advise that No. 2366 Private R. V. P. Feehan had been reported wounded (2nd occasion). Mrs Feehan was advised on 18th

September, 1916 had Private R. V. P. Feehan been admitted to the Edmonton Military Hospital on 29th August, 1916 suffering from Gunshot wound buttock (mild).

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan died on 22nd September, 1916 at Edmonton Military Hospital, London, England from wounds received in action in France – G.S.W. to Buttock.

A death for Richard P. Feehan, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Edmonton, Middlesex, England.

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was buried in Tottenham Cemetery, Greater London, Middlesex, England – Heroes Corner - Grave No. 7338.

Base Records wrote to Mrs A. Feehan, 173 Sturt Street, Adelaide, S.A. on 20th April, 1920 to advise that the remains of her son the late No. 2366 Private R. V. P. Feehan, 10th Battalion *“have been exhumed from grave No. 7338 Tottenham, Cemetery, Tottenham, London, and re-interred in grave No. 7319 in the same Cemetery. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”*

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan is now remembered on CWGC Screen Wall – Gen. 7319 as he has no headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Richard Victor Patrick Feehan contains a request from the Red Cross into his suffering, death & burial. The letter continues with *“His brother is at present in hospital in Birmingham and we are most anxious to help him as far as possible.”* Another letter regarding Private Victor Feehan No. 2366, 10th A.I.F. advises that *“There is at the present time in the Hospital suffering from wounds a brother of the above, No. 4775 in the 54th A.I.F., and he has asked me to enquire where the above was buried, in order that he may visit his grave on being discharged from Hospital. I am advised that Pte Victor Feehan died in the Edmonton Hospital, London, on the 22nd September 1916....”*

Matron A. Dowhie, Edmonton Military Hospital, England replied with the following information: *“He was admitted to hospital with a Gun Shot Wound in the back, he was fairly comfortable for a time but later became very ill and died on September 22nd. During the latter part of his illness he wandered a good deal and was therefore not conscious of his suffering. I am sorry to hear that his brother is at present in hospital, but having had the experience of an English hospital he will understand and be able to explain to his people the hospital surroundings. The late Pte Victor Feehan was buried in the Heroes Corner of the Tottenham Cemetery and had a full Military Funeral and it would be any consolation to his people to know, this is a beautiful spot and we hope to have a Memorial put up for our brave heroes in the years to come.”*

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan requested in his Will date 5th September, 1915 that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother Mrs A. Feehan, No. 1 Marlborough Street, off Grote Street, Adelaide, South Australia.

A War Pension was granted to Annie Feehan, 5 Edward St, off Sturt St, Adelaide, mother of the late Private Richard Victor Feehan, 2366, 10th Battalion in the sum of 20/- per fortnight from 22nd November, 1916.

Base Records contacted Mrs A. Feehan, 173 Sturt Street, Adelaide, S.A., on 21st May, 1920 stating she was noted on the records of the late No. 2366 Private R. V. P. Feehan, 10th Battalion, as the registered next-of-kin but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was still alive.

Base Records contacted Mr W. Feehan, Forest Street, Black Forest, Adelaide, South Australia on 14th September, 1920 asking if the *“...father of the late No. 2366 Private R. V. P. Feehan, 10th Battalion was still living & if so his address. If he is deceased I shall be glad to know whether the late Private Feehan has any brothers older than yourself, if so, kindly favour me with the name and address of the eldest. This information is required in order that the*

instructions under the Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918 may be properly complied with when disposing of War Medals etc. issuable on account of the abovementioned late soldier's service...".

Mr W. Feehan replied to Base Records on 22nd October, 1920 advising that "...our father is dead. Myself being the eldest brother of the late Pte R.V.P. Feehan. My permanent address is now 25 Sydenham Rd, Norwood, Adelaide..."

[Annie Johanna Feehan, mother of Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan, died on 30th April, 1919 in South Australia.]

[Note: Patrick John Feehan, father of Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan, died on 25th June, 1919 at Hummock Hill, South Australia.]

Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Feehan's brother – Mr W. Feehan, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan – service number 2366, aged 24, of 10th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of the late Patrick & Annis Feehan.

Private R. V. P. Feehan is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 59.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

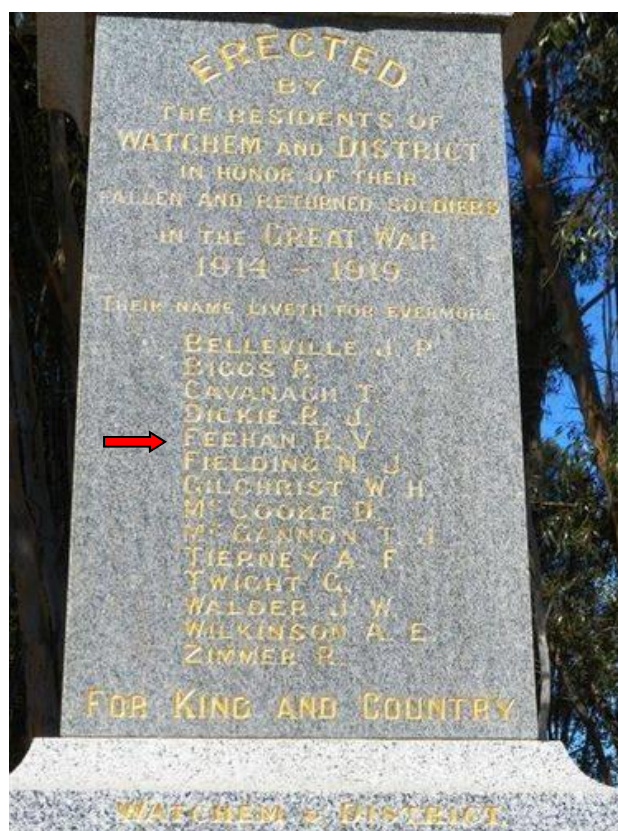


R. V. P Feehan is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore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



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

R. V. Feehan is remembered on the Watchem War Memorial, located on Hoban Street, Watchem, Victoria.



Watchem War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Tim Fitzgerald)

(71 pages of Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

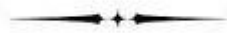
Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives





Private Richard Victor Patrick Feehan

(Photo above from *Chronicle*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 14 Oct, 1916; below from *The Journal*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 10 Oct, 1916)



Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOR

99th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Wounded, Name of Town in Brackets

2366 Private R. V. P. Feehan, 10th Battalion, 7th Reinforcements, Adelaide

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 29 October, 1915)

CASUALTY LISTS

221ST LIST

Wounded

2366 Pte R. V. P. FEEHAN, Adelaide, (second occasion, prev. rep. rtd. to duty)

(Chronicle, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 30 September, 1916)

LATE PTE R. V. P. FEEHAN

Pte. R. V. P. Feehan died of wounds in a military hospital on September 22. He was born at Port Victoria 24 years ago, and was the second son of Mrs. Feehan, of Adelaide. The deceased was highly respected by all who knew him. He was well known in the Nhill and Watchem districts of Victoria, and was a keen footballer and rifleman.



THE LATE PTE. R. V. P. FEEHAN.

He enlisted from Adelaide early in 1915, and was subsequently wounded at Gallipoli. After some months he rejoined his regiment in France. Mrs. Feehan has three other sons on actual service abroad. Two are serving in Egypt, and one is in France.

(*The Journal*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 10 October, 1916) & (*The Register*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 10 October, 1916) & (*Observer*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 14 October, 1916)

THE LATE PRIVATE R. V. P. FEEHAN

Private R. V. P. Feehan died of wounds in Edmonton Military Hospital on September 22. He was born at Port Victoria 24 years ago, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He was well known in the Nhill and Watchem districts (Victoria), where he resided for about eight years.



Private V. Feehan.

He was a member Private V. Feehan. of the Watchem Football Club, in which he won a medal. He was also a keen rifleman. He enlisted from Adelaide early in 1915, was at Gallipoli, where he was wounded, and after some months rejoined his regiment in France. Mrs. Feehan has three other sons at the front, two serving in Egypt and one in France.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 14 October, 1916)

THE AUSTRALIANS

233rd CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte R. V. P. FEEHAN, Adelaide (Sept. 22)

(*Observer*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 14 October, 1916)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FEEHAN – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, who died from wounds received in France, on September 22, 1916. Sadly missed.

How hard it was to part with him,
 We held on earth so dear;
The heart no greater trial knows,
 No sorrow more severe.
Days of sadness still come o'er us.
 Hidden secret tears still flow;
But memory keeps our loved one near us,
 Though he died a year ago.
Friends may think we have forgotten,
 When at times they see us smile;
But they little know the aching hearts,
 Those smiles hide all the while.
Sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his parents, brothers, and sisters.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 22 September, 1917) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 29 September, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

FEEHAN – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private R. V. P. Feehan (Victor), who died of wounds received in France, September 22, 1916.

Just two sad years have now gone past.
 Since that great sorrow fell;
Yet in our hearts we mourn the loss
 Of the boy we loved so well.

Oh, sacred heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

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

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 28 September, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

FEEHAN – In loving memory of our dear brother, Victor, who died of wounds received in France, September 22nd, 1916.

Long days and nights he bore his pain,
To find a cure was all in vain;
But God alone, Who thought it best,
Did ease his pain and give him rest.

-Inserted by his loving brothers and sisters.

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 27 September, 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.

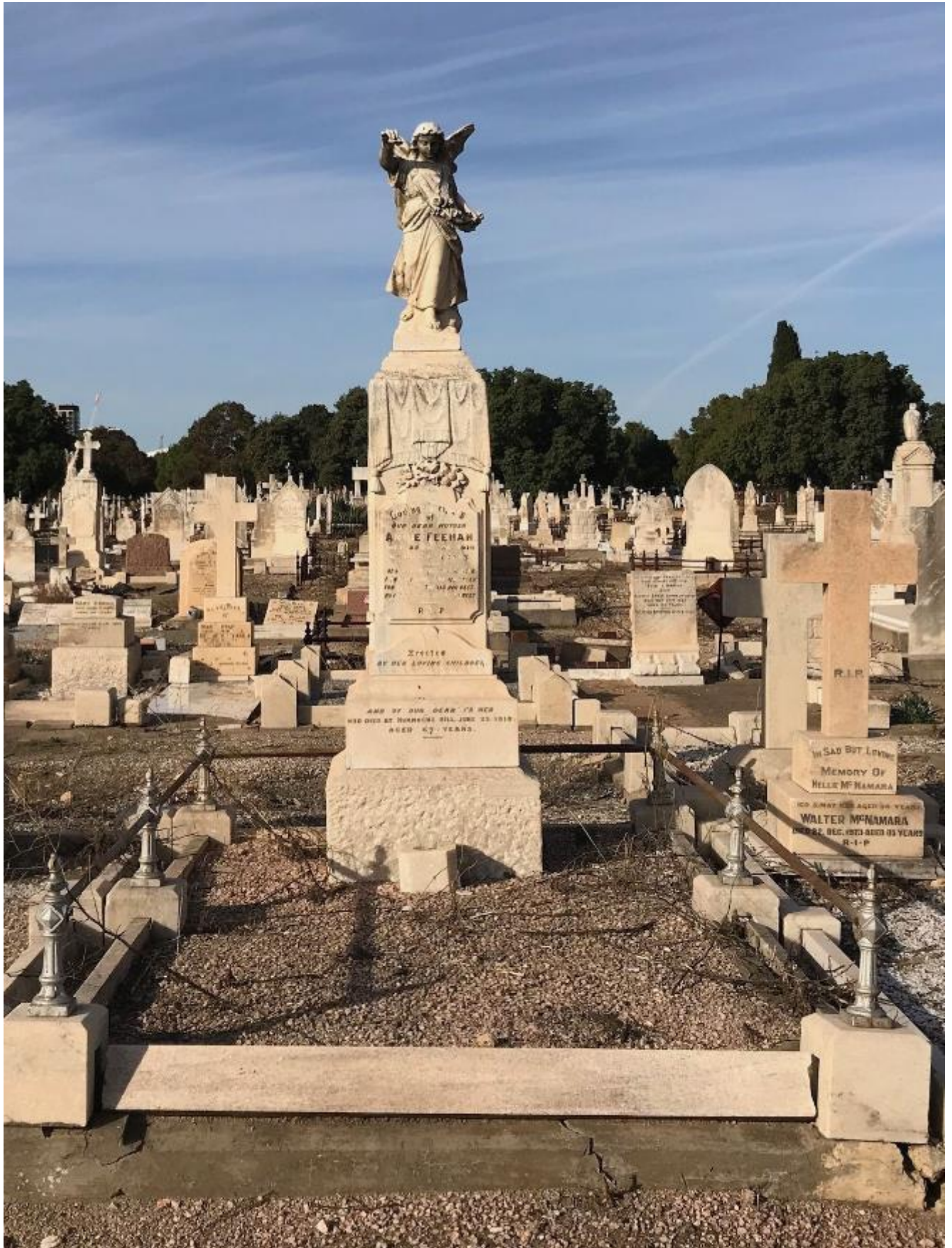
553 Pte. D. Low, 32nd Battn., died August 4, 1916.

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

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

Victor Feehan is remembered on the family headstone located in West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia.

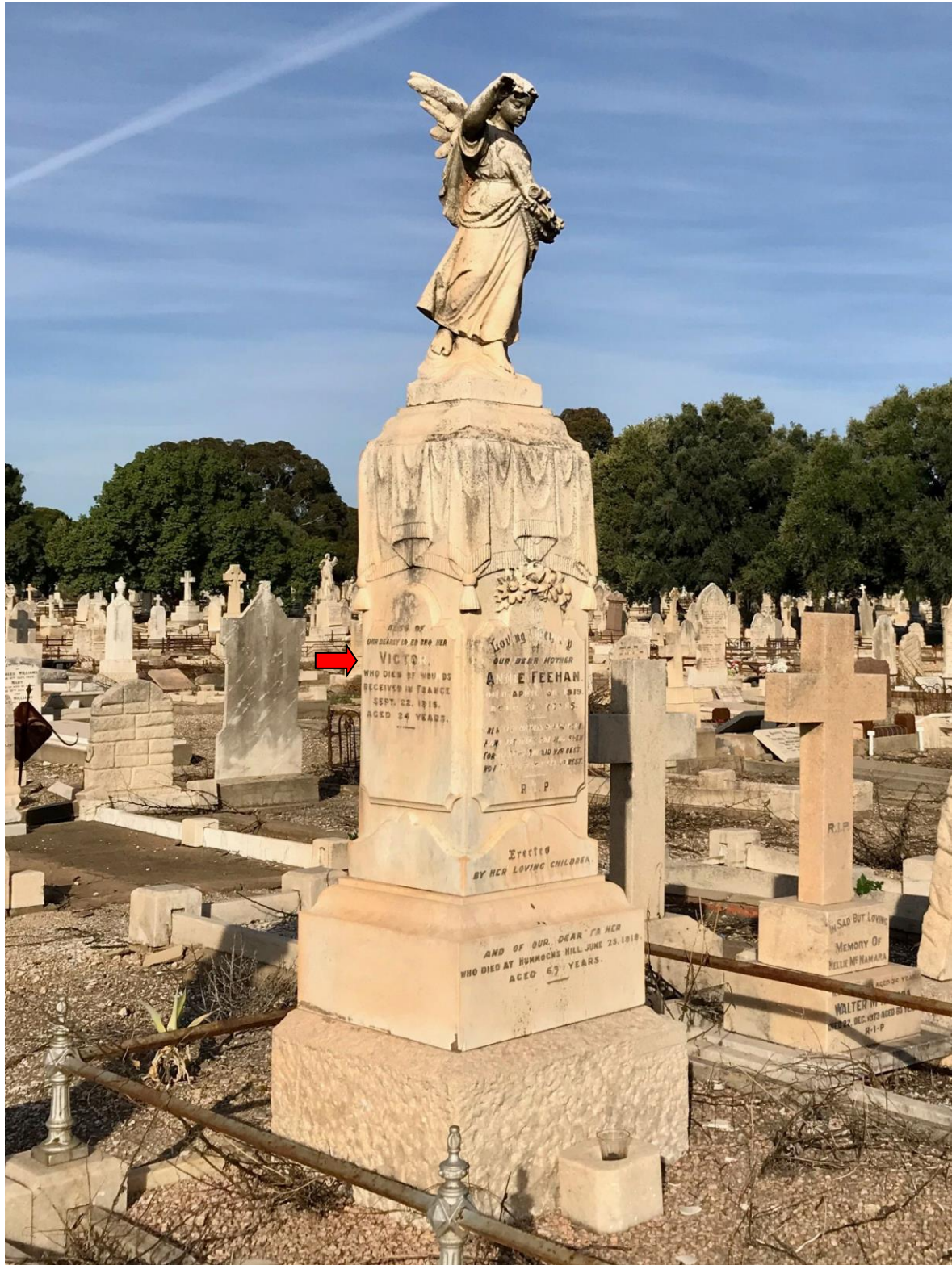




Feehan Family Headstone (Photos from Find a Grave – “A Family Member”)



Also Of
Our Dearly Loved Brother
VICTOR
Who Died Of Wounds
Received In France
Sept. 22, 1916.
Aged 24 years





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.

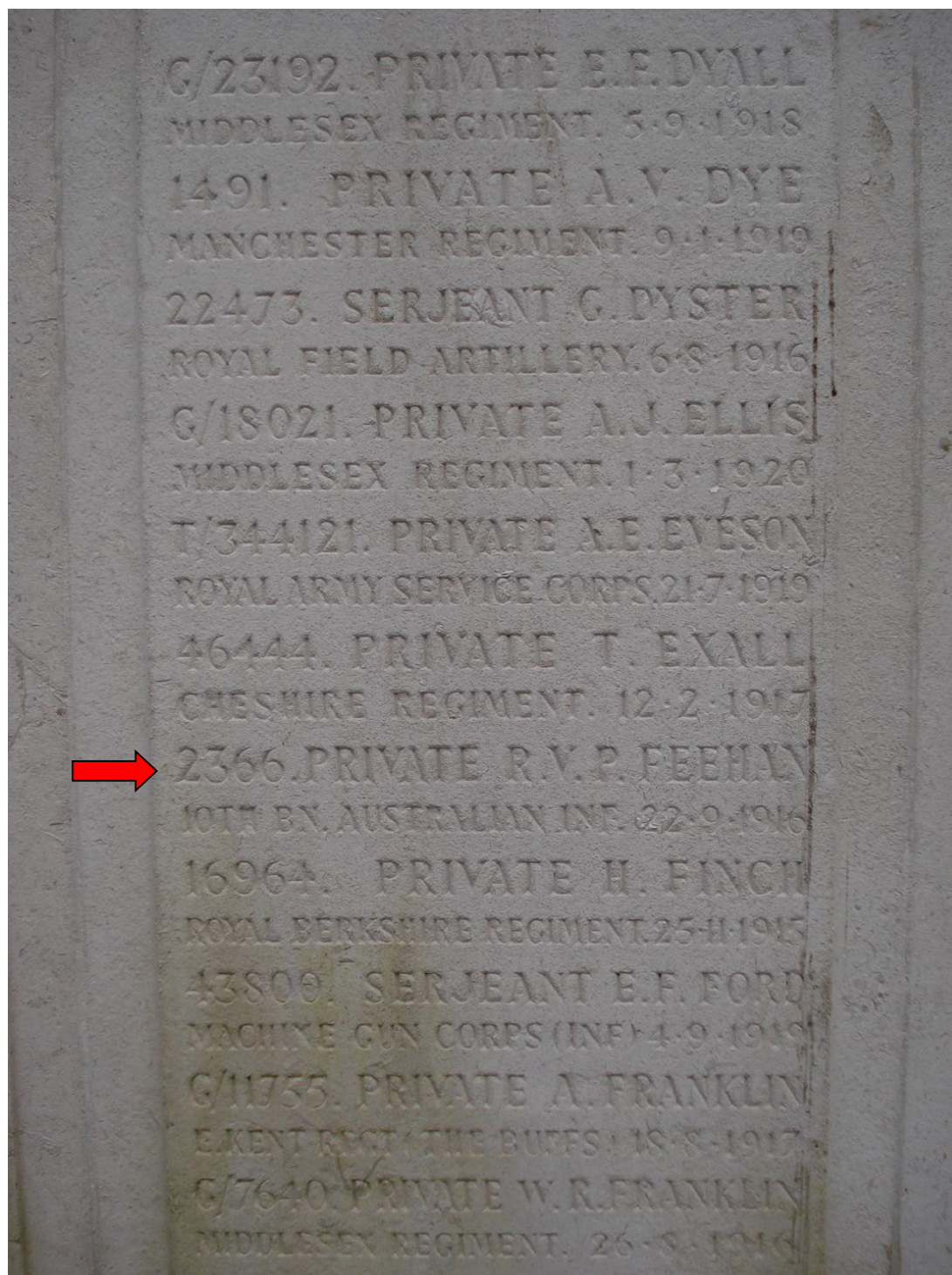
(Information from CWGC)



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



Photo of Private R. V. P. Feehan'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)