

**Southern Cemetery,
Manchester, Lancashire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



21144 PRIVATE

H. FELTON

24TH BN. MANCHESTER REGIMENT

13TH NOVEMBER, 1917 Age 29

Harold FELTON

Harold Felton was born at Rusholme, Lancashire, England in 1888 to parents Thomas & Sarah Felton. He was baptised on 29th April, 1888. The family lived at 23 Ancoats Street, Rusholme & Thomas Felton's occupation was listed as a Blacksmith.

The 1891 England Census recorded Harold Felton as a 3 year old, living with his family at 6 Lloyd Place, Rusholme, Manchester, Lancashire, England. His parents were listed as Thomas Felton (Blacksmith, aged 46, born Much Wenlock, Salop) & Sarah Felton (aged 44, born Dunham, Cheshire). Harold was one of five children listed on this Census (listed as per order on Census form) – George Felton (Grocer's Assistant, aged 12, born Knighton, Rads), then Harold (born Manchester, Lancs), Lilian Felton (aged 6 months, born Manchester, Lancs), Lucy Felton (Scholar, aged 12, born Manchester, Lancs) & Florence Felton (Scholar, aged 10, born Manchester, Lancs).

Thomas Felton, father of Harold Felton, died in the September quarter, 1893 in the district of Chorlton, Lancashire.

Sarah Felton, mother of Harold Felton, married Arthur Moore in the December quarter, 1893 in the district of Chorlton, Lancashire.

The 1901 England Census recorded Harold Felton Moore as a 13 year old, living with his "Parents" at 110 Old Elm Street, Ardwick, South Manchester, Lancashire, England. His "parents" were listed as Arthur Moore (Tram Driver, aged 49) & Sarah Moore (aged 51).

The 1911 England Census recorded Harold Felton as a 23 year old Warehouseman living with his mother & stepfather at 21 Everton Road, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, Lancashire, England in a 7 roomed dwelling. His stepfather was listed as Arthur Moore (Electric Tram Driver, aged 59) & his mother as Sarah Moore (aged 59). According to the Census Arthur & Sarah Moore had been married for 17 years & had no children together. Also listed on the Census was Jennie Moore (Daughter of Arthur Moore, Hotel Barmaid, aged 28), Stanley Sheffield (Grandson of Arthur Moore, aged 9), Victor Steggles (Son-in-law, Horse Shunter, aged 30) married to Lily Steggles (Daughter of Arthur Moore, aged 29) & Harold Steggles (Grandson of Arthur Moore, aged 1).

Harold Felton married Clara Ogden in the September quarter, 1911 in Manchester, Lancashire, England.

Thomas Felton, son of Harold & Clara Felton, was born on 22nd November, 1912. He was baptised on 2nd December, 1912 in the Albert Memorial Church, Collyhurst, Manchester, Lancashire, England. The family lived at 43 Hayden Street, Miles Platting & Harold Felton was listed as a Warehouse Man. A death was registered in the December quarter 1912 for Thomas Felton.

Harold Herbert Felton, son of Harold & Clara Felton, was born on 13th April, 1914. He was baptised on 6th May, 1914 in St. Clement's Church, Longsight, Lancashire, England. The family lived at 62 Victoria Street & Harold Felton (Snr) was listed as a Warehouse Man.

Harold Felton enlisted with the Manchester Regiment at Manchester, Lancashire, England. (No date as his service record file does not appear to have survived).

The UK WW1 Service Medal and Award Rolls records that Pte Harold Felton served with 22nd Battalion, Manchester Regiment, then the 27th Battalion, Manchester Regiment & the 24th Battalion, Manchester Regiment.

According to research completed on the allocation of Service numbers – it is believed that Harold Herbert Felton who was issued a service number of 21144 with the Manchester Regiment may have enlisted between 4th December, 1914 (Service number 21046 joined then) & 6th January, 1915 (service number 21174 joined then).

Private Harold Felton was wounded in action on 6th September, 1916 (Source:- newspaper death notice by his wife).

Private Harold Felton died on 13th November, 1917 at Richmond Hospital, Dublin, Ireland from wounds received in action (Source: UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects).

The Richmond Hospital, Dublin

The Richmond War Hospital, Dublin was a 32-bed establishment on the grounds of the Richmond District Asylum (later St Brendan's Hospital), dedicated to the treatment of soldiers suffering from shell shock and other mental disorders as a result of the First World War (1914-18).



The Richmond War Hospital, Dublin

2 Newspaper notices – Manchester Evening News, Manchester, Lancashire, England – 17 November, 1917:

FALLEN FIGHTERS

Pte HAROLD FELTON, Manchester Regiment, died of wounds November 13, lived at 14 Grey Street, Stockport Road, Manchester.

ROLL OF HONOUR

FELTON – Private HAROLD FELTON, Manchester Regt., wounded September 6, 1916, died of wounds in Dublin Hospital, November 13, 1917.

Duty nobly done

WIFE and Little SON

Private Harold Felton was buried on 19th November, 1917 in Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England – Plot number Q. 386. Many of the War Graves are scattered throughout the Cemetery & there are two separate War Grave plots, one for each war, whose graves are not headstoned but have screen wall memorials on which those buried are listed. Pte Felton does not have a headstone but his name is included on a Screen Wall. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Private Harold Felton was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harold Felton – service number 21144, aged 29, of 24th Battalion, Manchester Regiment. He was the husband of Clara Fenton, (this may or may not be a typing error?) of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

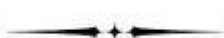
[Mrs Clara Felton, aged 30, & Harold Herbert Felton, Scholar, aged 6, were passengers on *Commonwealth* which had departed from the port of London on 21st May, 1920 bound for Australia. The ship arrived at the port of Melbourne, Australia on 22nd July, 1920.]

[Mrs Clara Felton & Master H. Felton were passengers (Interstate Passengers Melbourne – Sydney) on *Commonwealth* which arrived in Sydney on 14th January, 1921.]

Private Harold Felton is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)



Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England

During the First World War, Manchester contained between thirty and forty war hospitals, including the 2nd Western General Hospital and the Nell Lane Military Hospital for prisoners of war. Many of those buried in the cemeteries and churchyards of the city died in these hospitals. During the Second World War, there was a Royal Air Force Station at Heaton Park, Manchester.

Manchester Southern Cemetery contains burials of both wars, the majority of them scattered. There are also separate plots for First and Second World War burials, but in neither case are the graves marked individually; instead, each plot has a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried there. Each plot has a Cross of Sacrifice. In all, 803 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War, including 1 unidentified, and 475 from the Second World War, including 3 unidentified, are now commemorated in the cemetery; there is also 1 non-war service grave.

The Screen Wall in the Second World War plot also bears the names of 177 servicemen and women whose remains

were cremated. Further memorials in this plot commemorate 17 Polish servicemen buried there, and a number of casualties of both wars buried in other cemeteries and churchyards in the Manchester area whose graves could no longer be maintained.

Casualties buried in the following cemeteries and churchyards are now alternatively commemorated on Screen Wall Memorials in Manchester Southern Cemetery:

Ashton-under-Lyne (St Michael) Churchyard Extension
Birch-in-Rusholme (St James) Churchyard
Bury (Brunswick) United Methodist Cemetery
Cheetham Hill (St Luke) Churchyard
Eccles (St Mary) Churchyard
Eccleston (St Thomas) Churchyard Extension
Edgeworth Congregational Chapelyard
Hey (or Lees) (St. John the Baptist) Churchyard Extension
Manchester General Cemetery
Newton Heath (All Saints) Church Cemetery
Openshaw (St Barnabas) Churchyard
Swinton Unitarian Chapelyard.

(Information & photos from CWGC)

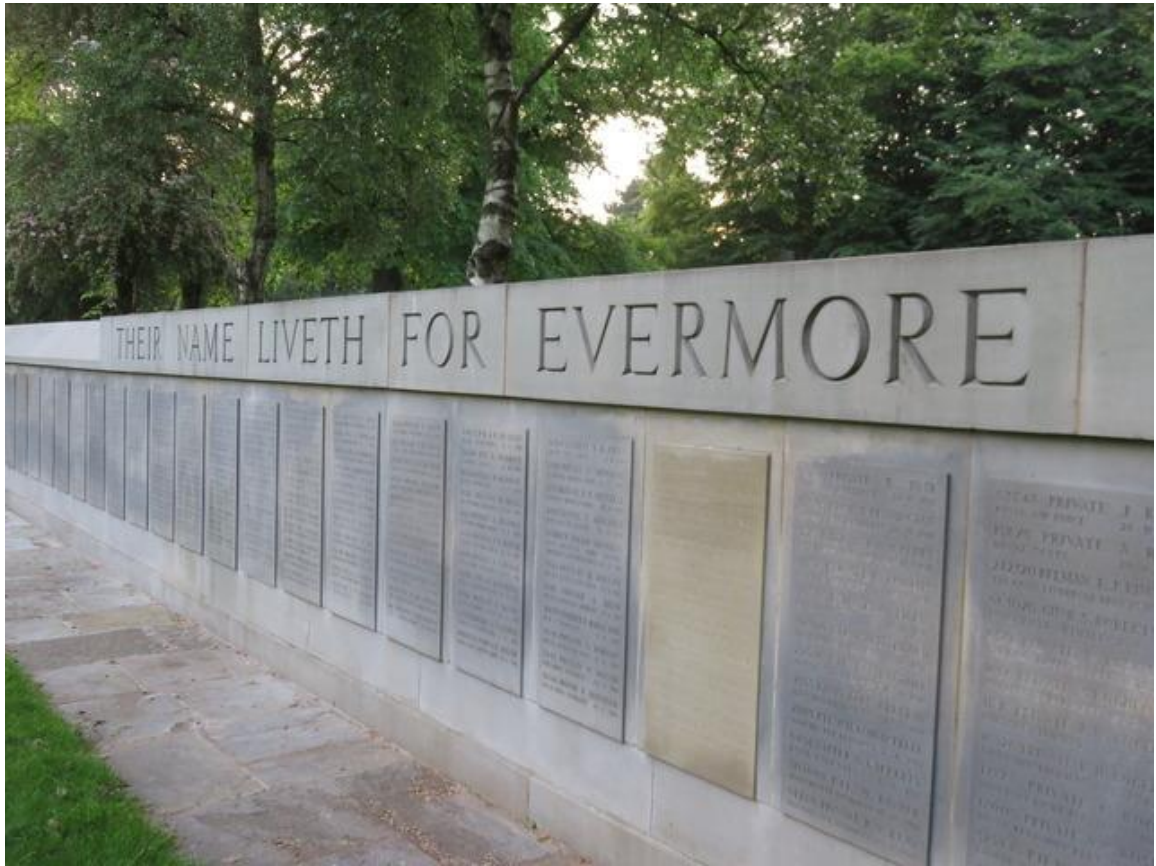


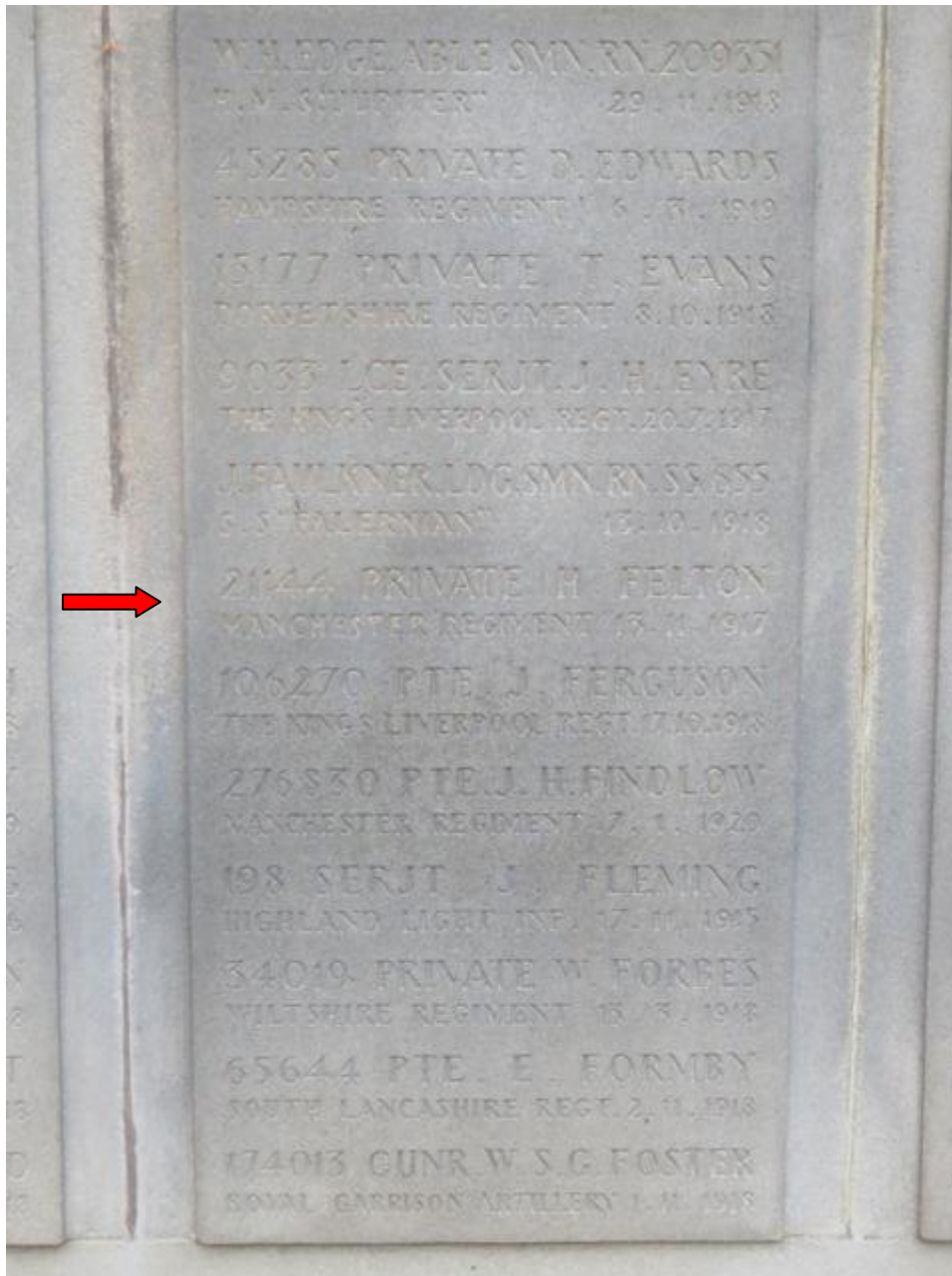
Photo of Private H. Felton's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England.

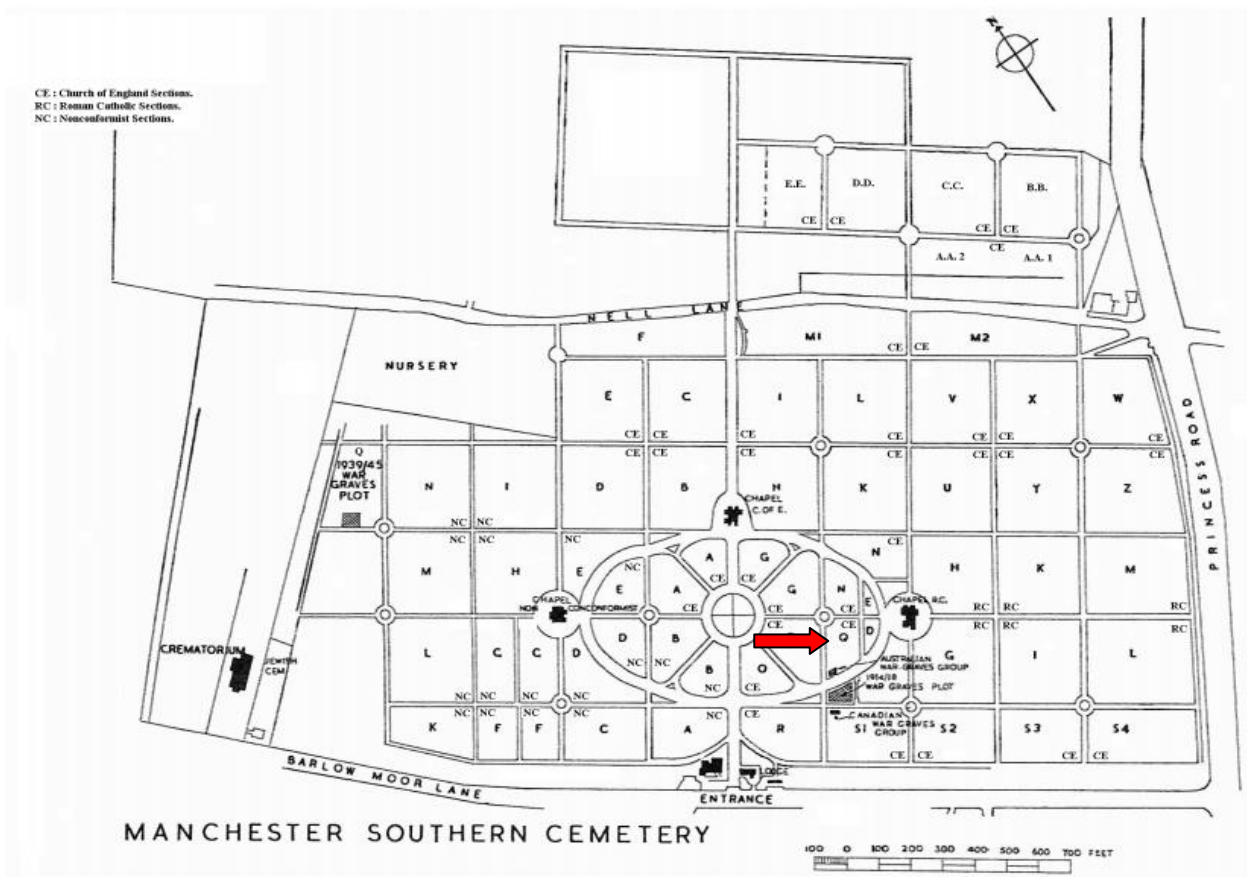


(Photos by Berenice Baynham)

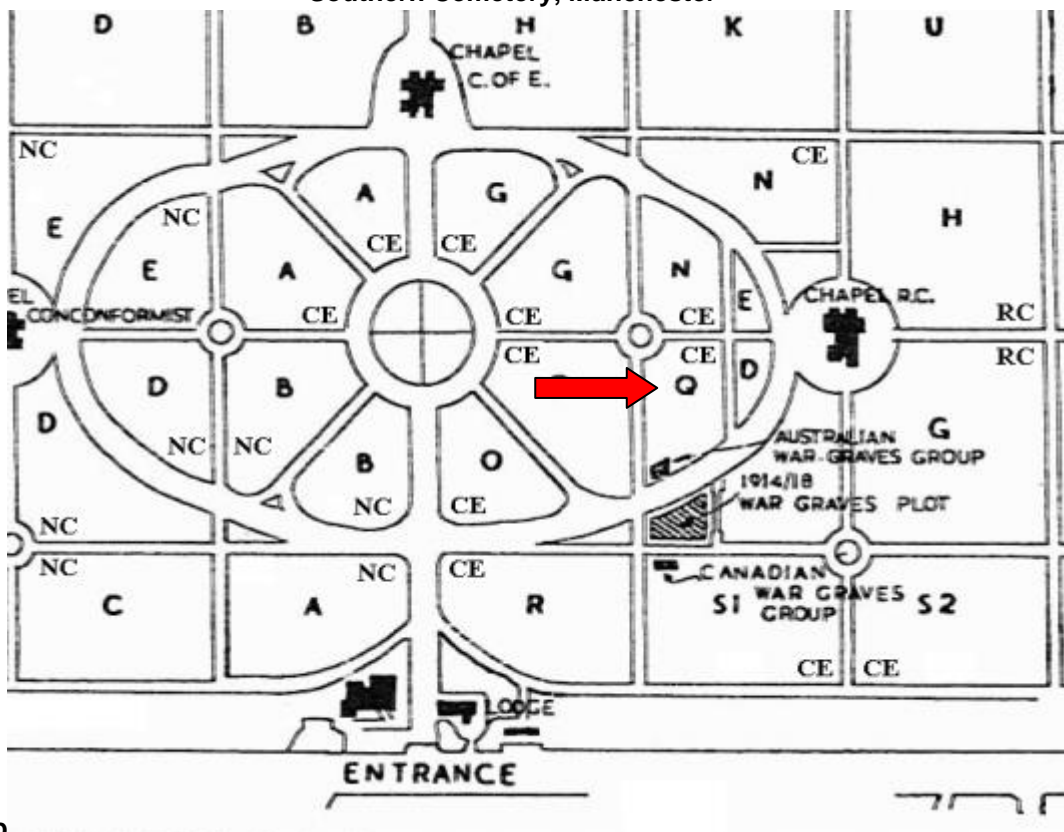








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