

**Arnos Vale Cemetery,  
Bristol, England  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1123 PRIVATE**

**H. J. FULLICK**

**AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN CORPS.**

**5TH MAY, 1918 Age 27**

## Henry John FULLICK

Henry John Fullick was born at Minmi, near Wallsend, NSW in 1891 to parents James and Margaret Fullick (nee Smith).

Henry John Fullick attended Minmi Public School, NSW.

Henry John Fullick was a 24 year old, single, Miner from Seaham, No.2, West Wallsend, NSW when he enlisted at Newcastle, NSW on 10th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1123 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Margaret Fullick, Seaham, No.2, West Wallsend, NSW. Henry Fullick stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been convicted of Gambling.

Private Henry John Fullick was posted to "D" Company, 35th Battalion on 10th January, 1916 for recruit training.

Private Henry John Fullick embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 1st May, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Brigade, 35th Infantry Battalion "D" Company. He was written up for an Offence while at Sea – AWL (absent without leave) from 14.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs on 21st May, 1916. Private Fullick was awarded 14 days fatigue duty from 23rd May, 1916 & forfeited 1 days' pay. Private Fullick disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9th July, 1916.

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 Henry John Fullick was written up for an Offence on 12th September, 1916 while posted at Larkhill, Wiltshire – "*Crossing a prohibited field*". He was awarded 1 week confined to Barracks.

Private Henry John Fullick proceeded overseas to France via Southampton on 21st November, 1916.

### 35th Battalion

The 35th Battalion was formed in December 1915 in Newcastle, New South Wales. The bulk of the battalion's recruits were drawn from the Newcastle region and thus it was dubbed "Newcastle's Own". Reflecting the demographics of the area, there were a high proportion of miners among the battalion's original members.

The 35th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom in May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months training. It crossed to France in late November, and moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 26 November, just in time for the onset of the terrible winter of 1916-17.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Henry John Fullick was transferred to 9th Machine Gun Company on 14th February, 1917 & was taken on strength of 9th Machine Gun Company from 35th Battalion the same day.

Private Henry John Fullick was written up for an Offence on 29th August, 1917 – "*Conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, being improperly in the possession of an article the property of a comrade.*" He was awarded 28 days Field Punishment No. 2 on 30th August, 1917

Private Henry John Fullick was sent to Hospital sick on 3rd December, 1917. He was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 3rd December, 1917 with Myalgia. He was transferred to 10th Australian Field Ambulance on 12th December, 1917 then transferred to 3rd D.R.S. (Divisional Rest Station). Private Fullick was transferred to 6th Australian Field Ambulance on 15th December, 1917 & rejoined 9th Machine Gun Company on 28th December, 1917.

Private Henry John Fullick was on leave to England from 24th January, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 9th February, 1918.

Private Henry John Fullick was wounded in action – gassed on 17th April, 1918. He was admitted to 55th Field Ambulance on 17th April, 1918 then transferred to 41st Casualty Clearing Station "Gassed Wound Shell". Private

Fullick was transferred & admitted to 6th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 19th April, 1918. He was marked for transfer to UK on 25th April, 1918 & was invalided to England on 26th April, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Aberdonian*.

Private Henry John Fullick was admitted to The Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England on 27th April, 1918 – Gassed shell & was reported as seriously ill.

Private Henry John Fullick died at 6 am on 5th May, 1918 at The Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England from wounds – “*suffocating Shells, Gas poison, & Capillary Bronchitis*”.

A death for Henry J. Fullick, aged 27, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

Private Henry John Fullick was buried at 1.45 pm on 11th May, 1918 in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England. His name is remembered on the CWGC Screen Wall & he has a flat Memorial Stone. Cemetery/Memorial reference Screen Wall 7. 710. From the burial report of Private Henry John Fullick - *Coffin was plain Oak. The deceased soldier was accorded a military funeral. After a short service in Temple Church, the cortege started at 1.15 pm. The coffin was draped with Australian flag and mounted on a gun carriage. A guard of honour (consisting of 12 fellow patients of the deceased) 9 of whom were Australians, followed the gun carriage. The “Last Post” was sounded at the graveside. Gun carriage, Pall bearers, and Bugler were in attendance. The following wreaths were sent:- Bristol Branch British Red Cross Society; Matron and Staff of Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol; Comrades of Ward 16 Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol & from his sorrowing sweetheart Minnie, and Miss M. Wright on behalf of the family of deceased soldier in Australia. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of relatives & Friends present at Funeral – Friends Miss M. and E. Wright, Cheshire.

Private Henry John Fullick requested in his Will dated 9th July, 1917 that all his personal and real estate be bequeathed to his mother – Mrs Margaret Fullick of West Wallsend, NSW.

Base Records forwarded on to Mr J. Fullick, Seaham No.2 via West Wallsend, NSW, father of the late Private Henry John Fullick, on 17th June, 1931, a copy of the “*Western Daily Press*” containing an article referring to the Anzac Day Pilgrimage and Memorial Service held at Arnos Vale Cemetery, where the remains of his son was interred. The Newspaper items had been sent from Mr Robert Bush, Bishop’s Knoll, Stoke Bishop, Bristol, England.

Private Henry John Fullick was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Fullick’s father – Mr J. Fullick, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

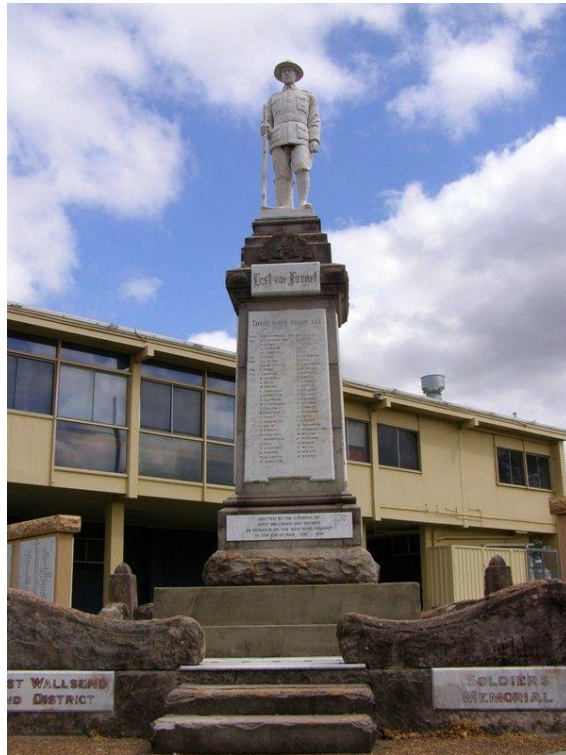
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Henry John Fullick – service number 1123, aged 27, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Machine Gun Corps. He was the son of James and Margaret Fullick, of Seaham, No. 2, West Wallsend, New South Wales.

Private H. J. Fullick is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 176.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. Fullicks is remembered on the West Wallsend Soldiers Memorial located in Soldiers Memorial Park, Carrington & Hyndes Streets, West Wallsend, NSW.

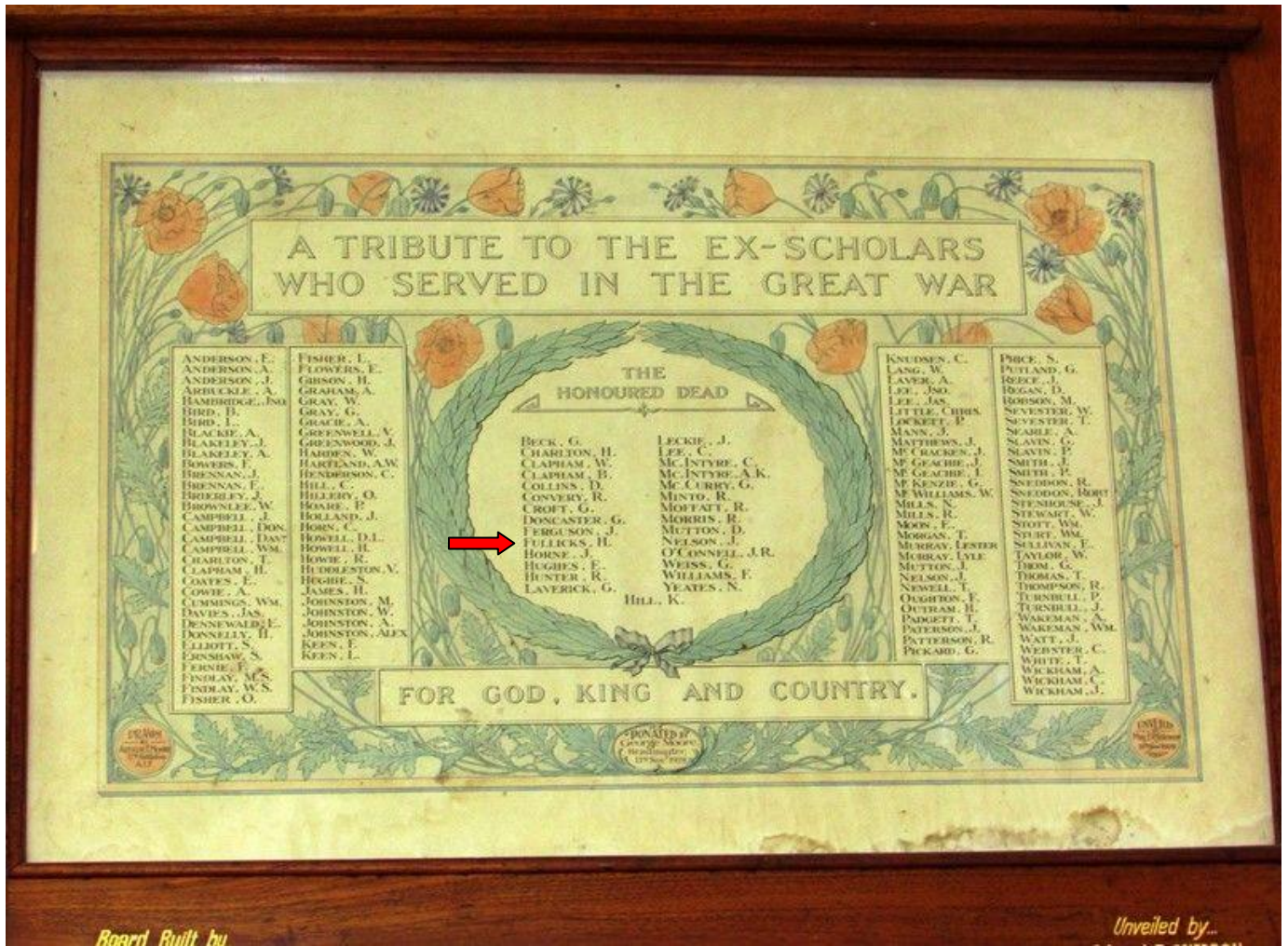


West Wallsend Soldiers Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)





H. Fullicks is remembered on the West Wallsend Public School Honour Roll, located in West Wallsend Public School, Withers & Brown Streets, West Wallsend, NSW.

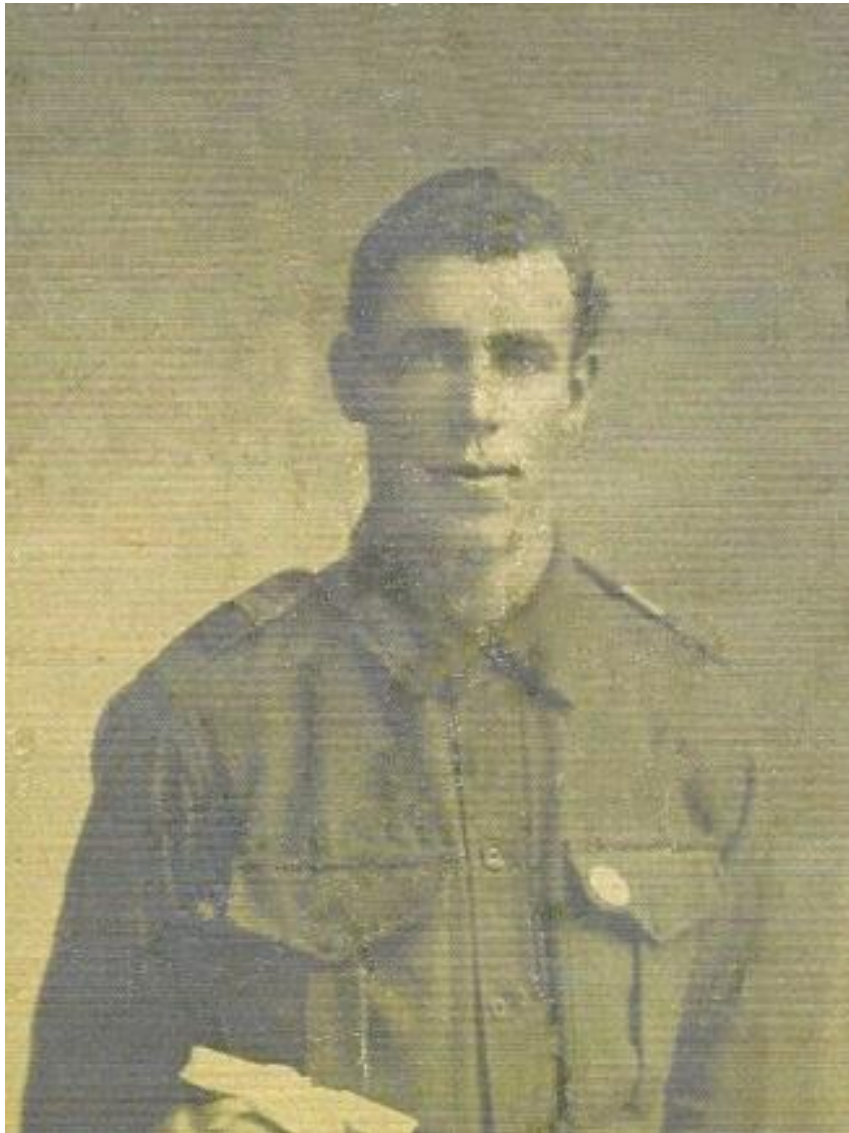


**West Wallsend Public School Honour Roll** (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

(53 pages of Private Henry John Fullick'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





**Private Henry John Fullick**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DISTRICT CASUALTIES**

#### **DIED OF WOUNDS**

PRIVATE FULLICK – Mrs James Fullick, of South Seaham, has been notified that her son, Private H. J. Fullick, died of wounds on the 5th May. He was previously reported gassed. He left with “Newcastle’s Own” Battalion in May, 1916.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners’ Advocate, NSW – 17 May, 1918)*

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## WAR CASUALTIES

### LIST NO. 405

#### Northern District Names

##### DIED, OTHER CAUSES

Pte HENRY JOHN FULLICK, May 5 (Previously reported wounded, gas)

*(The Newcastle Sun, NSW – 30 May, 1918)*

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#### Roll of Honour

FULLICK.— In loving memory of our dear and only son, Private H. J. Fullick, who died through gas, May 5, 1918; aged 27 years.

Time may heal the broken hearts,  
Time may make the wound less sore;  
But time can never heal the longing  
For the loved one gone before.  
Some day, some time, our eyes shall see  
The dear face we hold in memory,  
And Christ shall link the golden chain  
Still closer till we meet again.  
God called him from our midst  
But never from our hearts.  
A hero resting with God.

Inserted by his sorrowing parents, J. and M. Fullick, also little sister, Joyce. West Wallsend.

FULLICK.— In loving memory of our only dear brother, Private H. J. Fullick, who died through gas, May 5, 1918; aged 27 years.

A young life nobly ended.  
We pictured our dear brother returning,  
And longed to clasp his hand;  
But death has postponed our meeting  
Till we meet in a better land.  
Resting in peace.

Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother-in-law. Ruby and Harold Steel, also little nephews, Russell and Desmond, Speers' Point.

FULLICK. — In loving memory of our dear friend, Private Harry who died from the effects of gas on May 5, 1918.

Little we thought when we said good-bye,  
It was our last farewell;  
From memory's page we will never blot  
Three little words, Forget him not.

Inserted by his sincere friends, Mr and Mrs R. Reynolds.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 1 June, 1918)*

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## **Roll of Honour**

FULLICKS – In loving memory our of dear grandson, Private Henry John Fullicks, died of gas May 5, 1918.

I often sit and think of you,  
Of the days when we were together,  
But, oh, how changed it all is now  
Since you have gone for ever.  
Years may flow, but still we know  
We cannot bring you back.  
You are not forgotten, Henry dear,  
For true love never dies.  
The dearest spot on earth to us  
Is where our dear Henry lies.

Ever remembered by his loving grandparents, John and Caroline Smith, and uncles Henry and Edgar, and niece Florence. Home paper please copy.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 6 May, 1919)*

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## **Roll of Honour**

FULLICK – In loving memory of our only dear son and brother, Pte H. J. Fullick, 35th Batt., died from the effects of gas May 5, 1918; aged 27 years.

The loss that stings a feeling heart,  
For hard indeed it was to part.  
The thought that cause many a silent tear,  
For he that has gone was truly dear.

Inserted by his loving parents, J. and M. Fullick, and sister Joyce.

FULLICK – In loving memory of our dear and only brother, Pte H. J. Fullick, 35th Battalion, who died from gas May 5, 1918, aged 27 years.

At the gates of heaven he will meet us  
With his sweet smile,  
We have only parted, Harry dear,  
Just for a little while.

Sadly missed.

Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother-in-law, and little nephews Ruby and Harold Steel, Speers' Point.

FULLICKS – In loving memory of our dear grandson and nephew, Private Henry John Fullicks, died of gas May 5, 1918.

A better grandson and nephew never lived;  
Nor one more true and kind,  
His equal in this weary world  
We very rarely find.  
His heart was always in his home,  
He toiled and did his best,



Until he met his death,  
And God took him home to rest.  
A loving grandson so true and kind,  
What a beautiful memory you left behind.  
It is just two years ago to-day  
Since our grandson passed away,  
Gone is our grandson we loved so dear,  
In a hero's grave he lies,  
Too far away your grave to see,  
But not too far to remember thee.

Ever remembered by his loving grandparents, John and Caroline Smith, and uncles Henry and Edgar, and niece Florence. Young Wallsend. Home paper please copy.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 5 May, 1920)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FULLICK – In loving memory of our dear and only son, Pte H. J. Fullick, 35th Batt., died from effects of gas, May 5, 1918; aged 27 years.

Memories tenderly will cling,  
While future years their changes bring.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, also sisters, Joyce and Ruby.

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 5 May, 1923)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FULLICK – In loving memory of our dear and only son and brother, Pte H. J. Fullick, 35th Battalion, who died from effects of gas, May 5, 1918; aged 27 years.

Also our dear father, and grandfather of the above, John Smith, died April 4, 1920; aged 74 years.

Time may pass and bring its changes,  
Fresh with every coming year;  
But your memories we will cherish,  
In the hearts that loved you dear.

Inserted by his loving father and mother, and sisters and daughter, and son-in-law. Seaham No. 2

*(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 6 May, 1924)*

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*\*\*\*Notices were also placed in 1921, 1925, 1927 and 1928*

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Henry J. Fullick is remembered on a Headstone in Sandgate Cemetery, Newcastle, NSW.



*(Photo courtesy of Gary Mitchell)*

*In Loving Memory of*

*Our Dear Son*

*PRIVATE HENRY J. FULLICK*

*Died At Bristol 5TH May, 1918*

*Aged 27 Years*

*Also Our Daughter*

*JOYCE A. FULLICK*

*Died 30TH Aug. 1929.*

*Aged 20 Years*

*Remembrance*



## 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.

### **Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England**

The cemetery was established in 1837. During both wars, there were a number of military hospitals at Bristol and the city was the depot of the Gloucestershire Regiment. During the Second World War there were also a number of Royal Air Force stations and prisoner of war camps in the area. ARNOS VALE CEMETERY contains burials of both wars. Most of the 356 First World War burials were of men who died at the local hospitals, particularly the 2nd Southern General and the Beaufort, many of whom were landed at Avonmouth from hospital ships from the Mediterranean. Their graves can be found in the 'Soldiers Corner', a plot established by the British Red Cross, near the main entrance. The 238 casualties buried here are commemorated on a memorial at the rear of the plot. The rest of the graves are scattered throughout the cemetery. There are also special memorials to one casualty buried in the cemetery whose grave could not be located and another commemorating a casualty buried in Bedminster Church Cemetery whose grave could not be maintained. There are 149 burials from the Second World War, some forming a small plot in an area in the upper part of the cemetery set aside for burials from the Naval Hospital at Barrow Gurney; the rest are scattered. Those whose graves are not marked by headstones are named on a Screen Wall Memorial. BRISTOL (ARNOS VALE) CREMATORIUM stands within the cemetery. A memorial in front of the crematorium commemorates 68 servicemen and women of the Second World War whose remains were cremated there.

*(Information from CWGC)*



**Arnos Vale Cemetery - Main Entrance on Bath Road** *(Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave)*





*(Photo from CWGC)*



*(Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave)*





**Soldiers' Corner – Arnos Vale Cemetery** (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2017)



**New Memorial Stones** (Photo by JohnM – Find a Grave November, 2018)



Photo of Private Henry Fullick's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England & his Memorial Stone in Soldiers' Corner.



(Photos by JohnM – Find a Grave April, 2019)

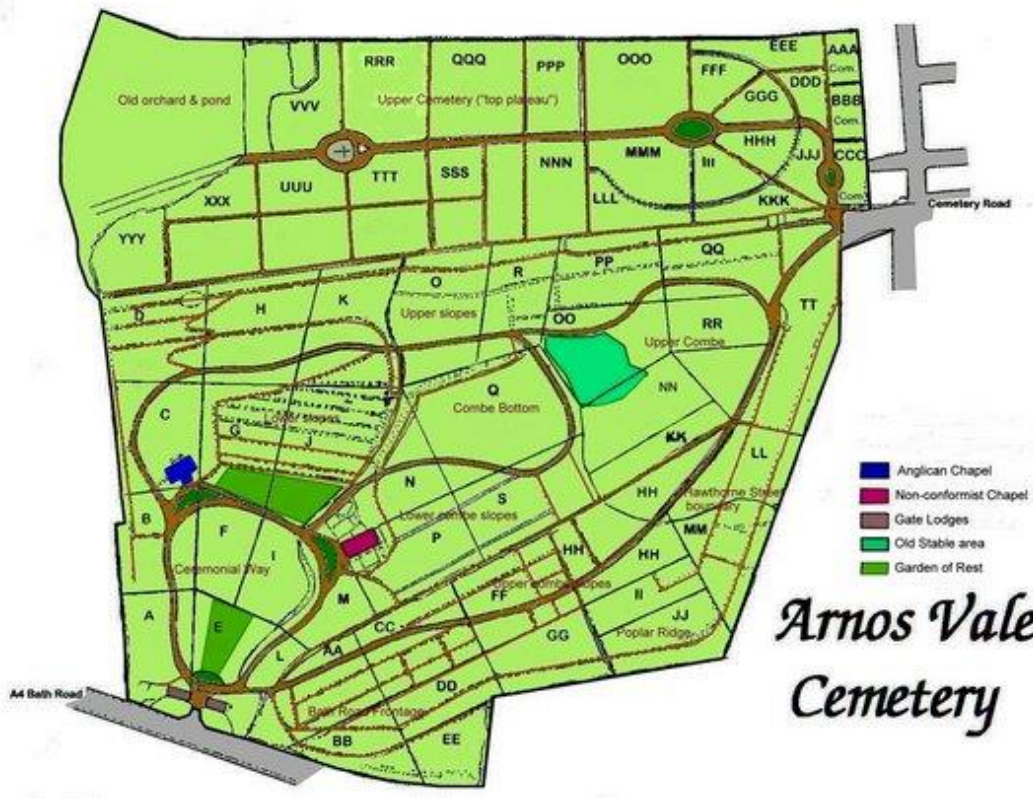


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CNR. JOHN ALEXANDER DWAN  
SPR. CARL ELIASSON  
PTE. HENRY FULLICK  
PTE. RICHARD GOSSAGE  
PTE. WILLIAM GREATHEAD  
PTE. WILLIAM FRANCIS HAM  
PTE. STANLEY L. JENKINS

10<sup>TH</sup> P.F.A.B.  
4<sup>TH</sup> DIV. SIG. CO.  
3<sup>RD</sup> M.G.BN.  
40<sup>TH</sup> BATTN.  
33<sup>RD</sup> BATTN.  
22<sup>ND</sup> BATTN.  
11<sup>TH</sup> BATTN.







(Photo by Debra Polly – Find a Grave)