

**St. George's Churchyard,
Fovant, Wiltshire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3526 PRIVATE

D. W. GLEADHILL

2ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 36

Daniel William GLEADHILL

Daniel William Gleadhill was born on 24th November, 1881 at Brisbane, Queensland to parents William Joseph & Annie Gleadhill (nee Rhynolds/Reynolds).

A death was registered in 1887 for Annie Gleadhill (nee Rhynolds), mother of Daniel William Gleadhill.

Daniel William Gleadhill attended Nundah State School, Queensland.

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Darling Downs, subdivision of Stanthorpe, Queensland listed Daniel William Gleadhill, Labourer, of Stanthorpe.

The 1905 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Darling Downs, subdivision of Stanthorpe, Queensland listed Daniel William Gleadhill, Labourer, of 13-Mile.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Gough, subdivision of Stannum, New South Wales listed Daniel William Gleadhill, Miner, of Stannum.

Daniel William Gleadhill was a 33 year old, Miner when he enlisted at Liverpool, NSW on 18th August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His postal address was listed as The Gulf, via Emmaville. His next of kin was listed as his Brother - William Daniel Gleadhill. He was discharged physically unfit on 19th August, 1915. Daniel Gleadhill was rejected by Captain Norrie, A.M.C., Warwick Farm as he was pigeon chested and his expansion was only 1 ½ inches.

Daniel Gleadhill was a 34 year old, single, Labourer from 154 Pymont Street, Pymont, NSW when he re-enlisted on 28th October, 1915 at Holsworthy, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3526 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his friend – Mrs Elizabeth Fisher of 154 Pymont Street, Pymont, NSW.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was posted to 19th Battalion on 28th October, 1915.

Private Daniel Gledhill (name as per Nominal/ Embarkation Roll) embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 12th December, 1915.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was allotted & proceeded to join 2nd Battalion from Zeitoun on 14th February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 2nd Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 14th February, 1916.

Private Daniel Gleadhill embarked for Overseas from Alexandria on Troop Ship *Ivernia* on 22nd March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 28th March, 1916.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was wounded in action in France on 22nd July, 1916. He was admitted to No. 3 Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to lower extremities then transferred on 24th July, 1916 by No. 29 Ambulance Train. Pte Gleadhill was admitted to No. 5 General Hospital at Rouen, France on 24th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to right leg. He was transferred by Ambulance Train No. 8 to Havre where he was invalided to England on 26th July, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Gloucester Castle*.

War Diary – 2nd Battalion

22nd July, 1916 – Trenches X 10 A. B:

Patrols were sent out to reconnoitre the ground in front. No wire was found. Enemy's artillery active through the day. Digging of communication trenches proceeded with 2 OR Killed 15 Wounded 2 F.A.

(War Diary information from The Australian War Memorial)

Private Daniel Gleadhill was admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England on 27th July, 1916. Mrs E. Fisher, as next-of-kin was notified. He was discharged on 29th September, 1916.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was taken on strength at No. 1 Command Depot on 30th September, 1916. He was granted furlo on 2nd October, 1916 & reported back from furlo on 19th October, 1916.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was medically classified as B1 A on 19th October, 1916.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was marched out to Wareham on 29th October, 1916 & marched in from Hospital on 30th October, 1916.

(Note: The last entry for Private Daniel Gleadhill was 30th October, 1916 then the next entry was dated 9th October, 1917).

Private Daniel Gleadhill proceeded overseas to France from Fovant, via Southampton on 9th October, 1917. He was marched in from England to 1st A.D.B.D. at Havre, France on 10th October, 1917 & proceeded to join his Unit on 13th October, 1917.

Private Daniel Gleadhill rejoined his Unit in the field from wounded on 15th October, 1917.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was sent to 2nd Australian Field Ambulance on 10th January, 1918 with Trench Feet. He was transferred to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Pte Gleadhill was transferred to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 21st January, 1918 then transferred to No. 57 General Hospital on 23rd January, 1918. Pte Gleadhill was transferred to Hospital Ship *Newhaven* for England on 1st February, 1918.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was admitted to D. Ward of 1st Western General Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool, England with Trench feet (slight) on 1st February, 1918. Mrs E. Fisher, as next-of-kin was notified. Pte Gleadhill was transferred to "Bro' Hospital, Bootle" (which was affiliated to 1st Western General Hospital, Liverpool) on 8th February, 1918. He was transferred to 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford on 28th February, 1918.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was discharged from 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford on furlo from 15th April, 1918 to 29th April, 1918 & was then to report to No. 4 Command Depot.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was marched in to No. 4 Command Depot, Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 30th April, 1918. Pte Gleadhill was medically classified on 1st May, 1918 as B1 A2 (fit for overseas training camp in three to four weeks); classified on 23rd May, 1918 as B1 A3 (fit for overseas training camp in two to three weeks); and on 30th May, 1918 as B1 A4 (fit for overseas training camp when passed dentally fit).

Private Daniel Gleadhill was sent sick to No. 2 Group Hospital at Hurdcott on 5th October, 1918 then transferred & admitted to Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire on 6th October, 1918, seriously ill with Pneumonia.

Private Daniel Gleadhill died at 8.35 am on 8th October, 1918 at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Pneumonia. Albert Gleadhill (brother), 1093a, 9th Battalion, A.I.F 1st Company, 2nd Command Depot, Littlemore Camp, Weymouth & Miss E. Sansbury 132 Belle Vue Rd, Eastville, Bristol were notified.

A death for Daniel Gleadhill, aged 36, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

Private Daniel Gleadhill was buried on 11th October, 1918 in St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England – Plot number I. B. 1. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Gleadhill - *Coffin was good, polished Elm with brass mounts. The deceased was buried with full Military Honours. The coffin was draped with the Australian flag was conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage. The cortege was preceded by a Firing Party and Band of No. 4 Australian Command Depot. Six Australians from deceased's Company acted as Pallbearers. Miss E. Sansbury, 132 Bellevue Road, Eastville, Bristol, attended as chief mourner. Four officers and about sixty N.C.O.'s and men, members of deceased's Company attended as mourners. Floral wreaths from Miss Sansbury and family, Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of No. 4 Command Depot were placed on the grave. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented.*

Elizabeth Fisher, Mort Street, Lithgow, wrote to Base Records on 23rd October, 1919 stating that Daniel Gleadhill was her “....next of kin. His allotment has been stopped for two pays. He was going to be married but altered his mind & would like you to let me know full particulars concerning his death and if I am to draw any more of his allotments has his ___ was made out as me his next of kin. I would also like whatever belonged to him.”

The personal effects of the late Pte Daniel Gleadhill were shipped per H.M.T. *Barambah* to the nominated next-of-kin – that being Mrs E. Fisher of Mort Street, Lithgow, NSW (formerly 154 Pymont Street, Pymont). A request was sent from Brigadier General, Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, London on 23rd January, 1919 to The Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne stating that “*It has since been ascertained from 1039a Private A. Gleadhill, 9th Battalion, Australian Imperial Force, brother of deceased, that his father, Mr W. J. Gleadhill, is residing at Nellie Street, Nundah, Brisbane and Private A. Gleadhill requests that his late brother’s effects be forwarded to his mother at that address.*”

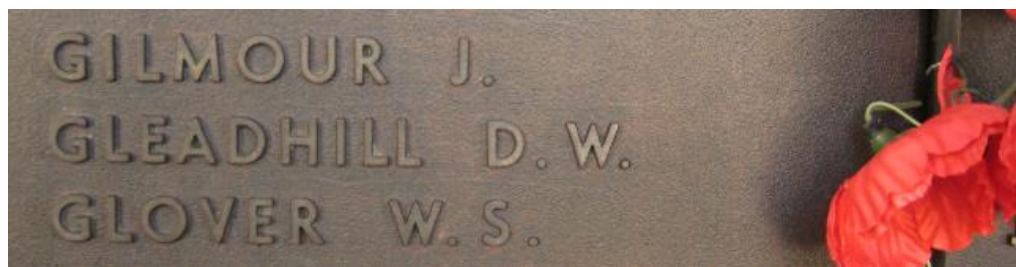
Mr W. J. Gleadhill, father of the late Private Daniel Gleadhill, signed as receipt a package containing the personal effects of his son ex *Barambah* on 5th June, 1919 & another package ex *Bulla* on 11th August, 1919.

As per a request from Base Records, William Joseph Gleadhill, father of the late Pte Gleadhill, 3526, completed a Statutory Declaration, dated 18th February, 1919, stating that his son Daniel William Gleadhill, No. 3526, 2nd Battalion had enlisted at Holsworthy on 8th November, 1915 & had since died in the Military Hospital, Fovant, England on 8th October, 1918. Base Records amended the next-of-kin details of the late Pte Daniel Gleadhill in March, 1919 to show that his father – Mr W. J. Gleadhill was in fact the closest next-of-kin (previously Mrs E. Fisher) of the soldier previously shown as Daniel Gleadhill & was now amended to read Daniel William Gleadhill.

Private Daniel William Gleadhill was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Gleadhill’s father – Mr W. J. Gleadhill, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Daniel William Gleadhill – service number 3526, aged 36, of 2nd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Joseph Gleadhill. Born at Brisbane, Queensland.

Private D. W. Gleadhill is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 32.



(Photos Cathy Sedgwick)

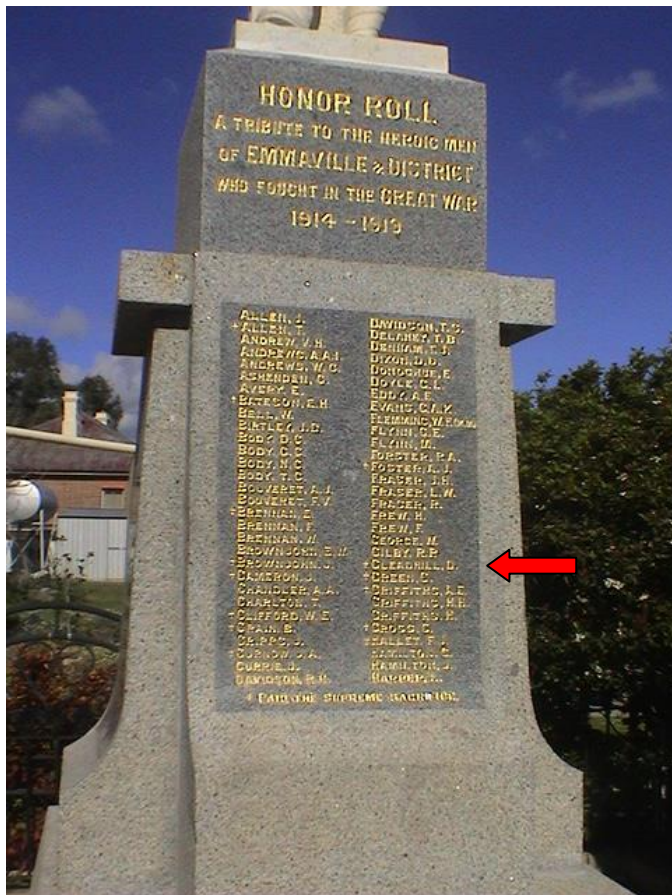


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

D. Gleadhill is remembered on the Emmaville War Memorial Cenotaph, located on Post Office Street, Emmaville, NSW.

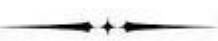


Emmaville War Memorial Cenotaph (Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW – Lachlan Johnstone)



(109 pages of Pte Daniel William Gleadhill'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

1602 CASUALTIES

NEW SOUTH WALES

WOUNDED

Pte D. Gleadhill, Pyrmont

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 17 August, 1916)

260 DEATHS

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

NEW SOUTH WALES

RETURNED TO DUTY

Pte D. Gleadhill, Pyrmont

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 24 December, 1916)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter from Base Records, dated 13th July, 1921, to Mr W. Gleadhill, Nellie Street, Nundah, Brisbane, Queensland advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late Pte D. W. Gleadhill at Fovant Cemetery had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken. Mr W. J. Gleadhill stated in a letter dated 25th July, 1921 that he had "no means to carry on such stated in your letter regarding the stone".

Private D. W. Gleadhill does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England

There was a 600 bed hutted military hospital at Fovant during the First World War, and the concentration of Australian depots and training camps in the area is reflected in the 63 First World War burials in this churchyard. The war graves form two groups, one west of the church and the other at the east end. There is also one burial of the Second World War. There are 44 War Graves belonging to those who served with the Australian Imperial Force in World War 1.
(Information from CWGC)



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(Photo c 1919)





St George's Churchyard, Fovant – War Graves at front & rear (*Churchyard photos courtesy of Andrew Stacey*)



Photo of Private D. W. Gleadhill's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St George's Churchyard, Fovant, Wiltshire, England.





Cross of Sacrifice (Photo courtesy of Andrew Stacey)