

**Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery,  
Gosforth, Tyne & Wear  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**2777 PRIVATE**

**P. GRANDON**

**12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**11TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 42**

## Patrick GRANDON

Patrick Grandon was born at Cardiff, South Wales around 1876, according to the 1881 & 1891 Wales Census & information provided by his brother for the Roll of Honour, however Patrick listed his place of birth on his Attestation Papers as Middleton, Cork, Ireland. His parents were John and Mary Grandon (nee Hill).

The 1881 Wales Census recorded Patrick Grandon as a 5 year old, living with his family at 24 Pendoylan Street, Cardiff, South Wales. His parents were listed as John Grandon (General Labourer, aged 48, born Ireland) & Mary Grandon (aged 46, born Ireland). Patrick was the youngest of seven children listed on this Census (all born Cardiff) – Michael Grandon (Labourer, aged 22), Catherine Grandon (aged 19), John Grandon (Labourer, aged 17), William Grandon (Scholar, aged 14), Ellen Grandon (Scholar, aged 10), Daniel Grandon (Scholar, aged 7) then Patrick.

John Grandon, father of Patrick Grandon, died in 1891 at Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales.

The 1891 Wales Census recorded Patrick Grandon as a 16 year old living with his widowed mother & family at 24 Pendoylan Street, Cardiff, South Wales. His mother was listed as Mary Grandon (aged 53). Patrick was one of six of Mary's children listed on this Census – Mary Carasevich (?) (Widow, Housekeeper, aged 34), John Grandon (Labourer, aged 26), William Grandon (Labourer, aged 23), David Grandon (Labourer, aged 17) then Patrick, Ellen Grandon (Bottler, aged 20) & Catherine Carasevich (?) (aged 1).

Patrick Grandon, aged 29, from Cardiff, was listed as a Fireman on S.S. *Breconshire* which had departed from the port of Glasgow & arrived at the port of Sydney, NSW on 3rd November, 1903.

Patrick Grandon, aged 36, from Cardiff, was listed as a Fireman on S.S. *Anglo-Saxon* which had departed from the port of Rangoon & arrived at the port of Port Kembla, NSW on 30th July, 1910.

P. Grandon, aged 35, from Cardiff, was listed as a Fireman & Trimmer on *Wakanui* which had departed from the port of Plymouth, England & arrived at the port of Sydney, NSW on 22nd March, 1912.

P. Grandon, aged 37, from Cardiff, was listed as a Fireman on *Canberra* which had departed from the port of Brisbane, Queensland & arrived at the port of Sydney, NSW on 9th April, 1915.

According to information provided by his brother – Daniel Grandon, for the Roll of Honour, Patrick came to Australia when he was 32 years old.

Patrick Grandon stated he was a 37 year old, single, Fireman (Seagoing) when he enlisted at Keswick, South Australia on 14th June, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2777 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs C. Finn, of 21 Pendoylan Street, Cardiff, South Wales, England. His distinctive marks were listed as – Tattoo on right forearm & Powder mark on face from South Africa.

Private Patrick Grandon was posted to "H" Group Base Infantry on 14th June, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 9th Reinforcements of 12th battalion on 30th June, 1915.

Private Patrick Grandon embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Star of England (A15)* on 21st September, 1915 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

Private Patrick Grandon was taken on strength of 12th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 7th January, 1916.

Private Patrick Grandon proceeded to join the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on Corsican on 29th March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 5th April, 1916.

Private Patrick Grandon was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance in France on 5th July, 1916 with malignant Stomach. He was transferred to 12th Australian Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Pte Grandon was transferred to Ambulance Train on 8th July, 1916 & admitted to 3rd Convalescent Depot at Camiers, France on 9th July, 1916. Pte Grandon embarked from Boulogne, France for England on Hospital Ship *Stad Antwerpen* on 9th July, 1916.

Private Patrick Grandon was admitted to Northumberland War Hospital, England on 10th July, 1916 with an enlarged liver.

Private Patrick Grandon died on 11th August, 1916 at Gosforth War Hospital, England from Cancer of Stomach.

A death for Patrick Grandon, aged 36, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Castle Ward, Northumberland, England.

Private Patrick Grandon was buried on 15th August, 1916 in Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gosforth – Plot number C. 426 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Probate details - Patrick Grandon, of 14 Pendoylan Street, Cardiff, a Private in the Australian Infantry (Pioneers) died 11th August, 1916 at Gosforth, Northumberland. Administration - Llandaff 10 October to William Grandon, Boiler Scaler. Effects £52 10s.

Private Patrick Grandon was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Grandon's brother - Mr Daniel Grandon, as the closest next-of-kin. Mrs Catherine Finn, sister of the late Patrick Grandon who had been listed as next-of-kin had died. (Scroll & Plaque sent March, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Patrick Grandon – service number 2777, aged 42, of 12th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John and Mary Grandon, of Cardiff.

Private P. Grandon is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 66.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

P. Grandon 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)

(31 pages of Pte Patrick Grandon'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**

### **ANSWERED THE CALL**

### **MEN IN CAMP**

### **PREPARING FOR THE FRONT**

The following is a list of the men who are in camp, preparing to leave for the front.  
4th Reinforcements, 12th Infantry – Privates T. Grandon.....

*(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 3 August, 1915)*

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### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

ILL

Private P. Grandon

*(Port Pirie Recorder and North Western Mail, South Australia – 5 August, 1916)*

## CASUALTY LIST

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DEAD

Pte P. Grandon

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 1 September, 1916)*

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### A TOUCHING TRIBUTE

From a Newcastle (England) paper we clip the following:-

A touching tribute to the memory of Australian soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of the Mother country was paid in Newcastle, when floral tributes were placed upon the graves of four Australian soldiers who are buried in the district. They are Pte J. Molloy, 184, 25th Australian Imperials Forces, and Pte P. Grandon, 2777, 12th A.I.F., buried at Ashburton Roman Catholic cemetery; Bombardier S. F. Chippendale, 1634, 14th A.F.A., at St. Andrew's cemetery; and Bugler J. Hearne 1451, 4th A.I.F., Byker and Heaton cemetery. To-day was the anniversary of the landing of troops at Gallipoli, and the quiet ceremonies at the local burial ground were in connection with a visitation to 1,200 graves of Australian soldiers in the United Kingdom, suggested by Mr A. T. Sharp, of the London Branch of the Australian Natives' Association, and carried out locally by Miss Alice Smith, of Brinkburn, Gosforth. At Ashburton, a special memorial service was conducted by the Rev. T. Reilly of St. Charles', Gosforth, and the school children walked in procession to the two graves and placed flowers upon them. AT Byler and Heaton, the wreaths were taken by Miss Smith, and at St. Andrew's by Mrs Dashwood. Wreaths were sent by members of the Australian Tyneside League, and were placed on the graves by Mr Ken Symonds and Mr T. Rutland, and flowers and suitable cards from the Tyneside branch of the Australian Natives' Association. The following also sent beautiful floral contributions:- Mrs Dashwood, Mrs T. Taylor, Mrs Ridley, and Miss M. C. Ridley, Mrs Harden, Mrs J. D. Lindsay, Mrs Alexander Leith, Mrs J. Straker, Mrs F. Straker, Miss Middleton, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Gladys, M. Downs, Mrs Steel, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Ralph Bullock, Miss Nancy Robinson, Mrs Hall, Mrs Collier, Mrs George Bell, Mr S. H. Aitchison, Mr William Henderson, and others.

Miss Smith intends to communicate with each relative of the deceased soldiers in Australia, and also send photographs of the graves.

*(Western Champion, Parkes, NSW – 11 July, 1918)*

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### 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)*

Private P. Grandon does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.



## Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gosforth, Tyne & Wear, England

Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gosforth contains 15 Commonwealth War Graves – 13 from World War 1 & 2 from World War 2. There are 2 Australian War Graves from World War 1.



Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gosforth with Patrick Grandon's headstone (*marked with red arrow*)



Photo of Private P. Grandon's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Ashburton Roman Catholic Cemetery, Gosforth, Tyne & Wear, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)*