

**Wareham Cemetery,
Wareham, Dorset
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3775 PRIVATE

R. S. HALLIDAY

46TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

14TH FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 19

Robert Stanley HALLIDAY

Robert Stanley Halliday was born at Ballarat, Victoria in 1896 to parents George and Sarah Halliday (nee Kerr).

Robert Stanley Halliday attended Humphray Street State School, Victoria.

Robert Stanley Halliday was a 19 year old, single, Grocer from Ballarat, Victoria when he enlisted on 12th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3775 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs G. Halliday, corner of Giant and Barkly Streets, Ballarat, Victoria. Robert Halliday stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with 70th Infantry "Ballarat Regiment". As Robert Halliday was under the age of 21, he needed his parents' consent for him to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. Mrs S. Halliday signed her consent on 12th July, 1915. Robert Halliday stated that his father was dead.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was posted to Depot on 14th July, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 12th Reinforcements of 14th Battalion on 28th October, 1915.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ceramic (A40)* on 23rd November, 1915 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 14th Infantry Battalion, 12th Reinforcements.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was admitted to No. 1 Auxiliary Hospital at Cairo on 7th January, 1916 suffering from Oral Septas (?). He was discharged to duty on 3rd April, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday reported to Overseas Base at Tel-el-Kebir & was medically classified as "A" on 18th April, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday reported at 4th Training Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 22nd April, 1916 from Details.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was transferred & taken on strength of 46th Battalion at Serapeum on 2nd June, 1916 from 14th Battalion. He proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 2nd June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 8th June, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was sent sick to hospital in 19th July, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance on 25th July, 1916 with Acute Dyspepsia then transferred the same day to Divisional Rest Station. Pte Halliday rejoined his Unit in the field on 5th August, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was wounded in action on 6th August, 1916. He was admitted to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 6th August, 1916 then transferred to Ambulance Train on 7th August, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to right thigh. Pte Halliday was admitted to 4th General Hospital at Camiers on 8th August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to thigh. He was transferred to Hospital Ship Brighton & embarked from Calais, France on 12th August, 1916 for England.

46th Battalion

The 46th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the A.I.F. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 14th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 14th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men from Victoria, although some of the reinforcements hailed from New South Wales and Western Australia.

As part of the 12th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division, the 46th Battalion arrived in France on 8 June 1916, destined for the Western Front. It participated in its first major battle at Pozieres. Initially, the battalion provided carrying parties for supplies and ammunition during the 2nd Division's attack on 4 August, and then, with its own division, defended the ground that had been captured. The 46th endured two stints in the heavily contested trenches of Pozieres, as well as a period in reserve.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was admitted to 1st/ 5th Northern General Hospital at Leicester, England on 13th August, 1916 with wounds - slight. He was discharged to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 14th September, 1916.

A letter was received by Base Records, Melbourne on 15th August, 1916 from A. H. Halliday, on behalf of Mrs S. Halliday, 24 Barkley Street, Ballarat East, Victoria, enquiring of the whereabouts of Pte R. S. Halliday , No. 3775, of 14th Battalion & "*whom we were expecting home last June as he wrote & told us on May 3rd 1916 that he was selected as an escort on a boat bound for Australia but have heard no tidings of him since.*" Base Records advised that no report had been received & it can be assumed he is with his Unit. No advice that the soldier was returning to Australia had been received.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was taken on strength from Hospital at No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 15th September, 1916. He proceeded on furlough on 16th September, 1916 & reported back to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs from furlough on 2nd October, 1916. He was medically classified at B1 A (temporarily unfit for Active Service).

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was transferred to No. 3 Command Depot "D" Camp, Bovington, Wool on 13th October, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was transferred to No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, Dorset on 3rd November, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was marched in to No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, Dorset on 27th December, 1916 from Boscombe Military Hospital.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was absent from No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham, Dorset from 27th December, 1916.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was admitted to Military Hospital, Wareham, England seriously ill on 13th February, 1917 with concussion of brain.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday died at 3.15 pm on 14th February, 1917 at Military Hospital, Wareham, England as a result of concussion of the brain which was sustained in an accident through falling.

A Court of Enquiry was held on 2nd March, 1917 at Wareham, Dorset, England for the purpose of enquiring into the case of No. 3775 Pte R. S. Halliday, 46th Battalion, under Par. 674.3C.K.R.

No. 1748, C.S.M. Reed J.O. 18th. Battn., duly sworn states:-
"No. 3775, Pte. Halliday S R. 46th. Battn was on the strength of ~~46th~~ Coy. on 11.2.17 of which I am C.S.M. He was mess Orderly of Hut "D"14 & he was not on duty at 10.30.p.m. on 11.2.17 when he met with the accident which resulted in his death.
(Sgd) J.O. Reed.
R.P. 83 B. complied with.
No. 4623, Pte. Wilson W. H. 51st. Battn. duly sworn states
On Sunday Feb. 11th. Pte. Halliday, Pte King & I left Wareham Camp at 1-30 to walk to Haldon Hush village, we stayed there to tea leaving there about 8-55 p.m. to return to camp we took a short cut to camp over the walls of Wareham, when Pte. Halliday fell down from the wall and received injuries which resulted in his death. Neither Pte. Halliday, Pte King or myself were on duty at the time.
R.P. 83 B Complied with.
(Sgd) W. H. Wilson.
(Sgd) G.W. Shaw Majr, Pres.
(Sgd) G.E. Davis Lieut.)
(Sgd) G. Seymour Lieut.) Members.

A report regarding Pte R. S. Halliday, No. 3775, 46th Battalion, was completed by Captain J. Leaper Fisher, A.P.M. A.I.F. Wareham, for Headquarters, No. 4 Command Depot which reads: *“As requested in the attached memo. I attended the inquest of the above named. From evidence given by Pte Wilson who was with him all the day, points that nothing unusual occurred. They had visited Lytchett Minster during the afternoon, and returned sober about 10.30 pm by the way of the walls of Wareham. Just as the deceased was proceeding to run down one of the walls, he fell and rolled to the bottom. Pte Wilson stated the deceased fell down in the street in Bournemouth, during Christmas time, and was sent to hospital for three days. The Medical Officer stated there was so sign of violence and that he died from concussion of the Brain.*

The Coroner’s verdict was:- Died from Concussion of the brain through falling, and that such fall was accidental.”

A death for Robert S. Halladay, aged 22, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wareham, Dorset, England.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was buried in Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset, England – Plot number B. D. 13 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Sarah Halliday, widowed mother of the late Private Robert Stanley Halliday, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 20th April, 1917.

Private Robert Stanley Halliday was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Halliday’s mother – Mrs G. Halliday, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Robert Stanley Halliday – service number 3775, aged 19, of 46th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of George and Sarah Halliday, of 24 Barkly St., Ballarat East, Victoria, Australia.

Private R. S. Halliday is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 141.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

S. R. Halliday is remembered on the Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda located at Sturt Street and Learmonth Avenue, Ballarat, Victoria.



Ballarat Memorial Wall & Rotunda (Photo from Carol's Headstone Photos)

Stanley R. Halliday is also remembered on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour (1917-1919) where almost 4,000 trees were planted to represent the number of men and women from the Ballarat district who served in World War 1. The trees were planted at intervals of 12 metres along 22 kms of the Ballarat-Burrembeet Road. The Ballarat Avenue of Honour is famous for being the first avenue of its kind in Australia. Tree number 1142 was planted by Mr J. Tyler in remembrance of Stanley R. Halliday.

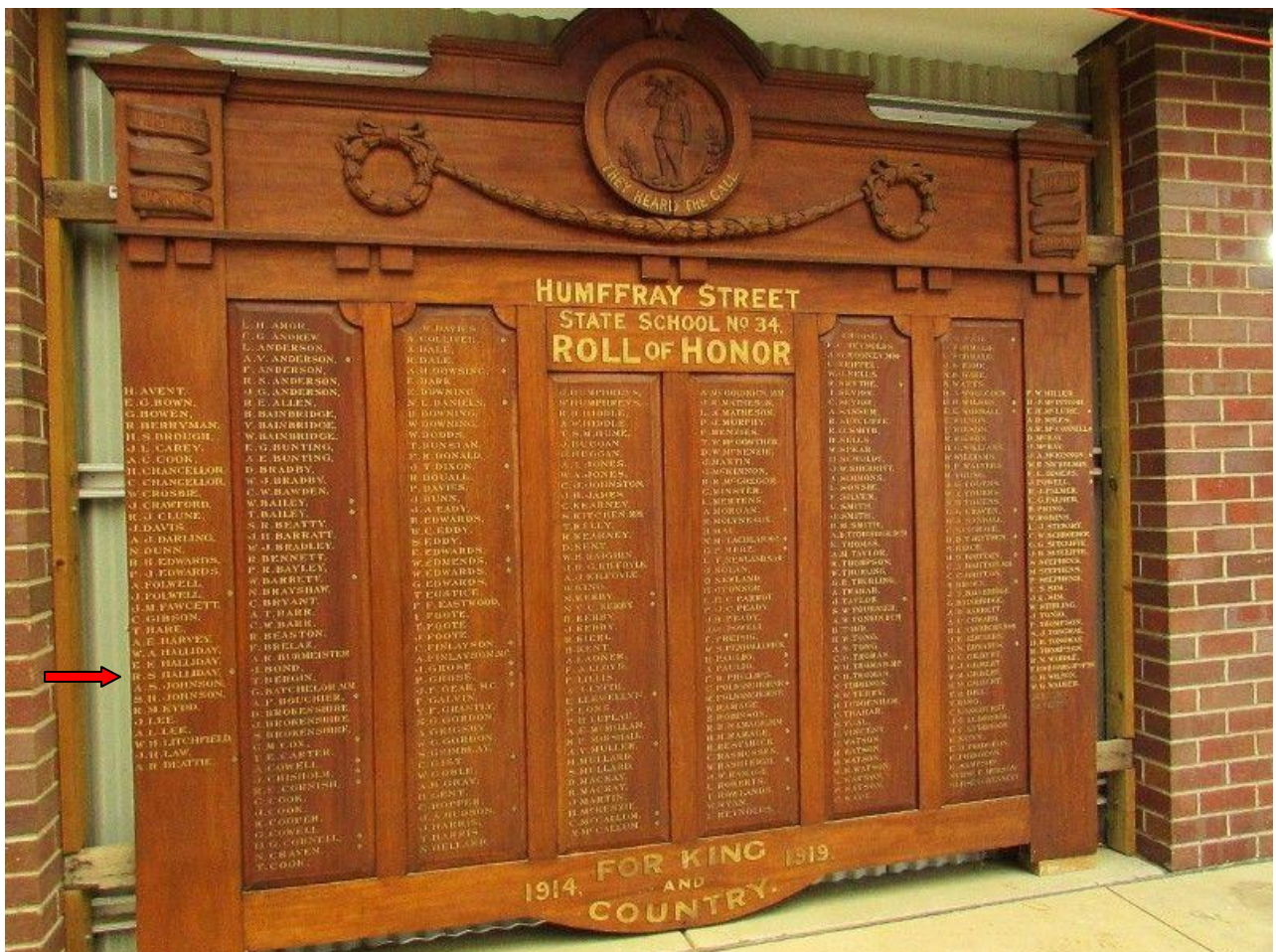


The Arch of Victory was built as an entrance to the Avenue of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia)



Ballarat Avenue of Honour (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

R. S. Halliday is remembered on the Humffray Street State School No. 34 Roll of Honour, located in the Ballarat Ranger Military Museum, Ranger Barracks, Sturt Street, Ballarat, Victoria.



Humffray Street State School No. 34 Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia - Sandra Brown)

(56 pages of Pte Robert Stanley Halliday'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



Newspaper Notices

THE 216th CASUALTY LIST

The Victorian names are:-

WOUNDED

Private R. S. Halliday, Ballarat.

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 23 September, 1916)

DEATHS

HALLIDAY – On 14th February, at Wareham Hospital, England, Pte Robert Stanley, beloved youngest son of Mrs and the late G. Halliday, of 24 Barkly street, Ballarat East; aged 20 years.

Dearly loved, deeply mourned.

(The Ballarat Courier, Victoria – 5 March, 1917)

THE 276th CASUALTY LIST

The Victorian names are:-

DIED OF INJURIES

Private R. S. Halliday, Ballarat.

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 7 March, 1917)

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 R. S. Halliday does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset, England

Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset contains 71 Commonwealth War Graves. Wareham Military Hospital, with 185 beds, was at Worgret Camp during the First World War and the regimental depot of the Royal Armoured Corps was at nearby Bovington during the Second World War. Wareham Cemetery contains 49 First World War burials and 15 from the Second World War, 5 being unidentified. The cemetery also contains 12 German burials, 1 being an unidentified airman. *(Information from CWGC)*



Wareham Cemetery, Wareham *(Photos courtesy of Tracy Dunne)*



Photo of Private R. S. Halliday's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Wareham Cemetery, Wareham, Dorset, England.



(Photo courtesy of Tracy Dunne)



Private R. S. Halliday's headstone shown with red arrow (Photo from "[Following the Twenty-Second](#)")