

**St. Mary & St. Ethelbert Churchyard,
Luckington, Wiltshire, England**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



20084 GUNNER

H. F. HALLIDAY

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

24TH SEPTEMBER , 1917

Sleep On Beloved

We Loved Thee Well

But Jesus Loves Thee Best

Henry Frederick HALLIDAY

Henry Frederick Halliday was born on 3rd December, 1873 at Stirling West, South Australia to parents John and Martha Halliday (nee Williams).

Henry Frederick Halliday married Susannah Dawson Nason on 17th April, 1899 at the residence of Rev. J. J. Darwin, in the district of Adelaide. Births were registered for the following children – Elsie Isabelle Halliday (1899, district of Port Adelaide), Myra Marion Nason Halliday (1903, district of Clare), Alma May Nason Halliday (1905, district of Clare, died 1905), Florence Maud Nason Halliday (1907, district of Clare) & Frederick George Nason Halliday (1912, district of Clare).

Henry Frederick Halliday was a foreman /shift Boss in the zinc plant at B.H.A. Smelters. He was also a Gardener.

The following children were born to Henry & Susannah Halliday – Elsie Isabelle Halliday (born 17th September, 1899 at Cheltenham, South Australia); Myra Marion Nason Halliday (born 21st October, 1903 at Solomontown, South Australia); Alma May Nason Halliday (born 1905 at Solomontown, South Australia – died September, 1905); Florence Maud Nason Halliday (born 15 March, 1907 at Port Pirie, South Australia) & Frederick George Nason Halliday (born 1912 at Clare South Australia).

Henry Frederick Halliday was a 42 year old, married, Foreman from Port Pirie, South Australia when he enlisted on 28th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 20084 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs S. D. Halliday of Port Pirie, South Australia. Henry Halliday had previously belonged to the Rifle Club from which he gained his Marksman's Certificate. Henry Frederick Halliday stated on his Attestation Papers that he had three children.

Henry Frederick Halliday was posted to "A" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 28th September, 1915. He was transferred to Morphettville on 16th November, 1915 then transferred to Mitcham with Field Artillery Reinforcements on 16th December, 1915. Gunner Halliday was transferred to 8th Field Artillery Brigade, 32nd Battery on 1st April, 1916.

Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic* (A7) on 20th May, 1916 with the 8th Field Artillery Brigade, 32nd Battery & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th July, 1916.

The following poem was written by Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday on 20th May, 1916, the day he embarked for the War.

AUSTRALIA'S RESPONSE TO THE MOTHERLAND.

*The morn was dark when the trumpets blew:
The wind blew cold as the daylight grew;
We packed our kits and our hearts were gay,
We answered the call and marched away.*

*For a mile in length we lined the road,
We cheerfully marched through under a load.
And were cheered as we sang familiar song
As we marched from our camp at Maribyrnong.*

*We marched to the station at Ascot Vale,
With flags and banners, all hearty and hale;
As the trains were filled we steamed away
To embark on the "Medic." 'twas the 20th May.*

*We marched on board and took our stand
Leaving our dear Australia-land;
The land of the free, the land of our birth.
One of the chosen spots on earth.*

*So we are off to fight by our Mother's side,
To uphold the honour and Britain's pride.
And show those Huns of what we are made-
The Artillery boys of the Eighth Brigade.
We gripped the hand of friends near by
Oft with grief and a parting sigh
To a Mother, Sister, or some friend near.
Perchance a wife, we loved so dear.
But Kitchener calls for a helping hand.
Australia's help for the Motherland;
Cheerfully we hastened to our Mother's cry,
So farewell, Australia, and friends Good-bye.*

By Gnr. H. F. HALLIDAY

32nd Battery, 8th F.A. Brigade.

May 20th, 1916.

(The Essendon Gazette and Keilor, Bulla and Broadmeadows Reporter, Moonee Ponds, Victoria – 2 November, 1916)

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England.

Gunner Halliday was written up for two offences at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 28th August, 1916: Out of Camp after Tattoo Roll Call– Absent without leave from 11.30 pm on 26th August, 1916 till 6.15 am on 28th August, 1916. He was awarded 2 days C.B. (Confined to Barracks) & forfeited 3 days' pay.

Gunner Halliday was set sick to Hospital from 8th Field Artillery Brigade on 14th December, 1916. He rejoined his Unit from Hospital on 22nd December, 1916.

Gunner Halliday proceeded overseas to France from Southampton on 30th December, 1916.

Gunner Halliday was admitted to 11th Australian Field Ambulance in France on 20th May, 1917 with appendicitis. He was transferred to No. 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station then admitted to Hospital at Etaples, France on 19th August, 1917 with Nephritis. He was transferred to England on a Hospital Ship on 22nd August, 1917.

Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday was admitted to the Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol on 22nd August, 1917 suffering from a severe case of Nephritis. Mrs Halliday was notified that her husband was suffering from Appendicitis but then advised with Nephritis not appendicitis and was seriously ill on 5th September, 1917.

Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday died at 2.20 p.m. on 24th September, 1917 at Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol from Nephritis.

A death for Henry F. Halliday, aged 43, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Bristol, Gloucestershire.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday contains a letter from Beaufort War Hospital details his death. It reads: "*In answer to your letter re H. F. Halliday, 8th Field Artillery, A.I.F., he was suffering from Haemorrhagic Nephritis when admitted here, Aug. 23rd, and died Sept. 24th. He was very ill all the time and all efforts of treatment and nursing were of no avail. He was exceedingly good and patient all the time and some distant relatives stayed with him for several days at the end. He was buried at Luckington where I believe his relatives live. We wrote a long letter to his wife at the time, also the Chaplain wrote, and all small personal possessions were handed to the relatives, who sent them to Mrs Halliday – I trust they have arrived safely.*"

Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday was buried at 3 p.m. on 30th September, 1917 at St Mary's Churchyard, Luckington, Wiltshire and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. Gunner Halliday's body was sent to his cousin – Mrs E. Bird of Luckington, near Chippenham, Wiltshire on Thursday 27th September, 1917 by train from Bristol and to arrive at Badminton at 11.45 am. From the burial report of Gunner Halliday - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was interred privately at Luckington Churchyard (St. Mary's) at 3 p.m. on 30th September, 1917, the funeral commencing from the residence of Mrs Bird (cousin of deceased). The burial service*

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was conducted by the Rev. Fowler, C. of E. of St. Mary's Church, Luckington. Wreaths were sent by the following – Beaufort Hospital, Broken Hill Smelters and relatives. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F.

A War Pension was granted to Susannah Dawson Halliday, widow of the late Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 28th November, 1917. War Pensions were also granted to the following children of Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday – all fortnightly from 28th November, 1917:

- Elsie Isabelle Halliday – 20/-
- Myra Marion Nason Halliday – 20/-
- Florence Maud Nason Halliday – 15/-
- Frederick George Nason Halliday – 10/-

Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Gunner Halliday's widow – Mrs S. D. Halliday (Scroll & Plaque sent February, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday – service number 20084 of 8th Bde., Australian Field Artillery, as the son of John and Martha Halliday; husband of S. D. Halliday, of 74 Maria St., Thebarton, South Australia. Born at Stirling West.

Gunner Henry Frederick 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 15.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. F. Halliday 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)

H. F. Halliday is also remembered on the Grand Masonic Lodge Honour Roll located at North Terrace, Adelaide.



Grand Masonic Lodge Honour Roll (Photo from RSL Virtual War Memorial)

H. F. Halliday is also remembered on the Port Pirie Soldiers' Memorial Gates located at Gertrude Street & Memorial Drive, Port Pirie, South Australia.



Port Pirie Soldiers' Memorial Gates (Photo from Monument Australia – Roger Johnson)

F. H. Halliday is also remembered on the Ceres Lodge No 35 Roll of Honour, located in the Port Pirie National Trust Museum, 73 Ellen Street, Port Pirie, South Australia.

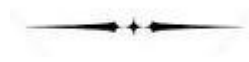


Ceres Lodge No 35 Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)

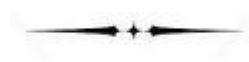


(66 pages of Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



Gunner Henry Frederick Halliday



Newspaper Notices

RED AND BLUES AT THE FRONT

Mrs H. Fred Halliday, of Archer street, North Adelaide (late of Port Pirie), has received a cable message stating that her husband, Gunner H. F. Halliday, is ill in the Bristol Hospital.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 6 September, 1917)

ROLL OF HEROES

CASUALTY LIST No. 340

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Seriously Ill

20,084 Gnr. H. F. HALLIDAY, North Adelaide

(Daily Herald, Adelaide, South Australia – 5 October, 1917)

DEATHS

HALLIDAY – On the 24th September, at Beaufort Military Hospital, Bristol, of nephritis, Gnr. Henry Frederick, dearly beloved husband of Susannah Dawson Halliday, aged 43 years, leaving a wife and 4 children to mourn their sad loss. Late of Port Pirie. Victorian papers please copy.

(The Journal, Adelaide, South Australia – 1 October, 1917) & (The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 1 October, 1917) & (The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 1 October, 1917)

&

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 6 October, 1917) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 6 October, 1917)

THE AUSTRALIANS

341ST CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

DIED OF ILLNESS

20084 – Gnr. H. F. HALLIDAY, North Adelaide (Sept. 24)

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 20 October, 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 of their deceased soldier. 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)

Mrs Halliday had received a letter from the Parish Church of Luckington, Wiltshire in August, 1923 advising that the wooden cross which was erected on the late Gunner Halliday's grave was in a dilapidated condition. Mrs Halliday wrote to The Graves Commission enquiring when the stone cross (as per the previous communication) would be erected. A reply was returned to Mrs Halliday advising that a representative of the Commission would be instructed to visit Luckington Churchyard as soon as possible & would get the headstone erected at an early date. As with regard to the maintenance of the grave "*no arrangements have been made as it was understood that the relatives ... were looking after it.*" Base Records also wrote to Mrs Halliday advising that the substitution of a more durable cross pending the erection of the permanent headstone would be brought to the notice of the responsible officials.

Gunner H. F. Halliday does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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St. Mary & St. Ethelbert Churchyard contains just 2 Commonwealth War Graves – both from World War 1.



(Photo Find a Grave – JohnM)



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Photo of Gunner H. F. Halliday's Headstone at St. Mary & St. Ethelbert Churchyard, Luckington, Wiltshire, England.



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