

**St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard,  
Harefield, Middlesex, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**562 PRIVATE**

**CHARLES FREDERIC HARTLEY**

**18TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**24TH JULY, 1917 Age 25**

*Duty Bravely Done*

## Frederick Charles HARTLEY

Frederick Charles Hartley was born at Euroa, Victoria in 1892 to parents John and Alice Maud Mary Hartley (nee Lewis).

Frederick Charles Hartley attended school at Euroa, Victoria.

From the *Victoria Police Gazette* – 7th December, 1911:

### **DESERTERS FROM H.M. SERVICE**

*GUNNER FREDERICK CHARLES HARTLEY deserted the Artillery at Queenscliff, Victoria on the 11th ult.*

*Description:- 19 10-12 years, 5 feet 9 ¼ inches, dark complexion, brown hair, brown eyes; wore plain clothes, was born at Euroa, Victoria. 1st December, 1911.*

The 1914, 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Fawkner, subdivision of Queen's, Victoria, recorded Frederick Charles Hartley, Labourer, from 3 Raglan Street, South Melbourne.

Frederick Charles Hartley was aged 22 years & 11 months, single & a Labourer from 3 Raglan Street, South Melbourne, Victoria when he enlisted on 5th February, 1915 at Liverpool, New South Wales with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 562 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Alice Maud Hartley, 3 Raglan Street, South Melbourne, Victoria. Frederick Charles Hartley's description was dark complexion, brown eyes, brown hair & was 5 feet 9 ¾ inches.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was posted to "B" Company, 18th Battalion on 15th February, 1915 for recruit training.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Ceramic (A40)* on 25th June, 1915 with the 5th Infantry Brigade, 18th Infantry Battalion "B" Company.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was admitted to Isolation Hospital at Abbassia Detention Barracks on 27th July, 1915 due to venereal disease. He was marked for transfer to Australia on 3rd August, 1915.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was returned to Australia per A17 *Port Lincoln* from England on 4th August, 1915 with Gonorrhoea. He arrived in Australia on 2nd September, 1915.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was transferred from Langwarrin, Victoria to 2nd Military District on 15th December, 1915.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley re-embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Euripides (A14)* on 9th September, 1916 with the 5th Infantry Brigade, 18th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements. He was a 23 year old Joiner when he re-embarked. Private Hartley disembarked at Plymouth, England on 26th October, 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 Frederick Charles Hartley was posted to 5th Training Battalion. He proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 13th December, 1916 on *Princess Henrietta*.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was marched in to 2nd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 14th December, 1916. He was marched out from 2nd A.D.B.D. on 16th December, 1916 & joined 18th Battalion in France on 27th January, 1917.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley reported sick on 27th May, 1917. He was admitted to 5th Australian Field Ambulance on 27th May, 1917 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin). Private Hartley was transferred to 47th Casualty Clearing Station on 27th May, 1917. He was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 2nd June, 1917. Private Hartley embarked for England on 20th June, 1917 on Hospital Ship *Esscombo* with Pleurisy.

## 18th Battalion

The 18th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August.....

In 1917 the 18th was involved in the follow-up of German forces during their retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and was involved in some particularly heavy fighting around Warlencourt in late February. The battalion took part in three major battles before the year was out: the second Bullecourt (3-4 May) in France; and Menin Road (20-22 September) and Poelcappelle (9-10 October) in Belgium.

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

Mrs A. M. Hartley, 3 Raglan Street, South Melbourne, Victoria, mother of Private Frederick Charles Hartley, was advised by Base Records on 17th June, 1917 that Private F. C. Hartley had been admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, France on 5th June, 1917 suffering from Pleurisy, severe. She was advised on 19th June, 1917 that Private F. C. Hartley had been removed from seriously ill list.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was admitted to Military Hospital at Tooting, London, England on 21st June, 1917 with Empyema - severe. He was transferred to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield Park, Harefield, Middlesex, England on 29th June, 1917 with Empyema.

A Medical Report was completed on Private Frederick Charles Hartley on 29th June, 1917 while a patient at 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield. His disability was recorded as Empyema & his former trade or occupation was listed as Lead Worker. Private Hartley's disability had originated in France in June, 1917 as a result of exposure while on active service. *"Ill 4 weeks. Operated for Empyema 2 weeks ago. Wasted and ill. Pulse rapid."* The Officer in charge of the case recommended that Private Hartley not be discharged as permanently unfit but recommended a change to Australia. The Medical Board decided on 3rd July, 1917 that Private Frederick Charles Hartley be medically listed as C3 - permanently unfit for General & Home Service.

Mrs A. M. Hartley was advised by Base Records on 9th July, 1917 that No. 562 Private F. C. Hartley had been transferred to Tooting Military Hospital, England on 21st June, 1917 suffering from Empyema. She was advised again on 16th July, 1917 that Private F. C. Hartley was dangerously ill.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley died at 12.40 am on 24th July, 1917 at 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield Park, Harefield, Middlesex, England from Pleurisy with Effusion & Empyema. The Report of Death of a Soldier – Army Form B 2090 recorded Private Frederick Charles Hartley as a Metal Worker.

A death for Frederick C. Hartley, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Uxbridge, Middlesex, England.

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was buried at 2.30 pm on 25th July, 1917 in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield, Middlesex, England – Plot number Aust. 32 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Frederick Charles Hartley - *Coffin was good - polished Elm. The deceased soldier was buried with full Military Honours. Band of the 1st Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Firing Party and Bugler of the Administrative Headquarters Staff A.I.F. London were in attendance. A party of patients from the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield followed the remains to the Cemetery (under the Command of Major Dennis). The coffin was draped with the Australian flag. The coffin was borne to the graveside by members of the A.I.F. Prior to the interment a service was held in the Parish Church, Harefield by Chaplain Gregg Macgregor. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. No relatives were present at the funeral. Memorial is being erected by the Authorities of the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Frederick Charles Hartley contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives in Australia to obtain details possible of illness, death & burial of Private F. C. Hartley. A letter was apparently sent to the Matron on 10th August, 1918 but no reply was received.

W. Addison, Red Cross Representative wrote the following letter: *“Pte F. C. Hartley died at this hospital 24-7-17. I find that both the M.O. who attended him and the sister in charge of the ward, have gone to France. The official report, however, is the following:- “Pte Hartley died of Pleurisy with effusion and Empyema was buried on the 25-7-17 with full military honours in the Harefield Churchyard. A headstone has since been erected on the grave subscribed for by the patients and staff. Capt. Chaplain McGregor, who was the padre here at the time, wrote full particulars to his people. I am sorry I cannot give you a fuller account, but hope that this will be of some assistance to you.”*

Base Records contacted Mrs A. M. Hartley, 3 Raglan Street, South Melbourne, mother of the late Private Frederick Charles Hartley, on 30th September, 1920 stating she was registered on the records of the late No. 562 Private F. C. Hartley, 18th Battalion, as the next of kin but requested to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was still alive due to the “Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918” which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs A. M. Hartley replied to Base Records on 10th October, 1920 advising that the father of the late No. 562 Private F. C. Hartley was still living & that his names was John Hartley of 3 Raglan Street, South Melbourne

Private Frederick Charles Hartley was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hartley’s father - Mr J. Hartley, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Charles Hartley – service number 562, aged 25, of 18th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of John and Alice Maud Hartley, of 3 Raglan St., South Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

Private F. C. Hartley is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 85.

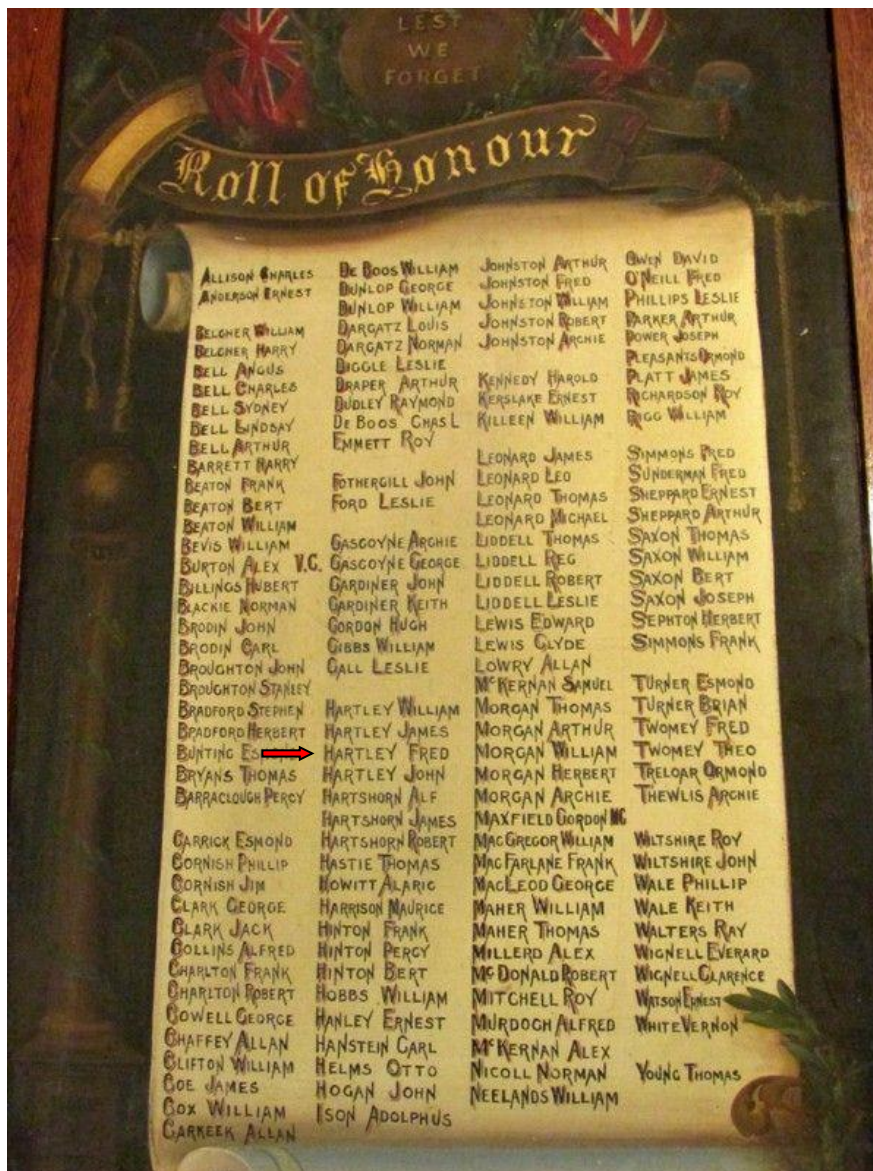


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Fred Hartley is remembered on the Euroa School Roll of Honour, located in Farmers Arms Museum, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa, Victoria.



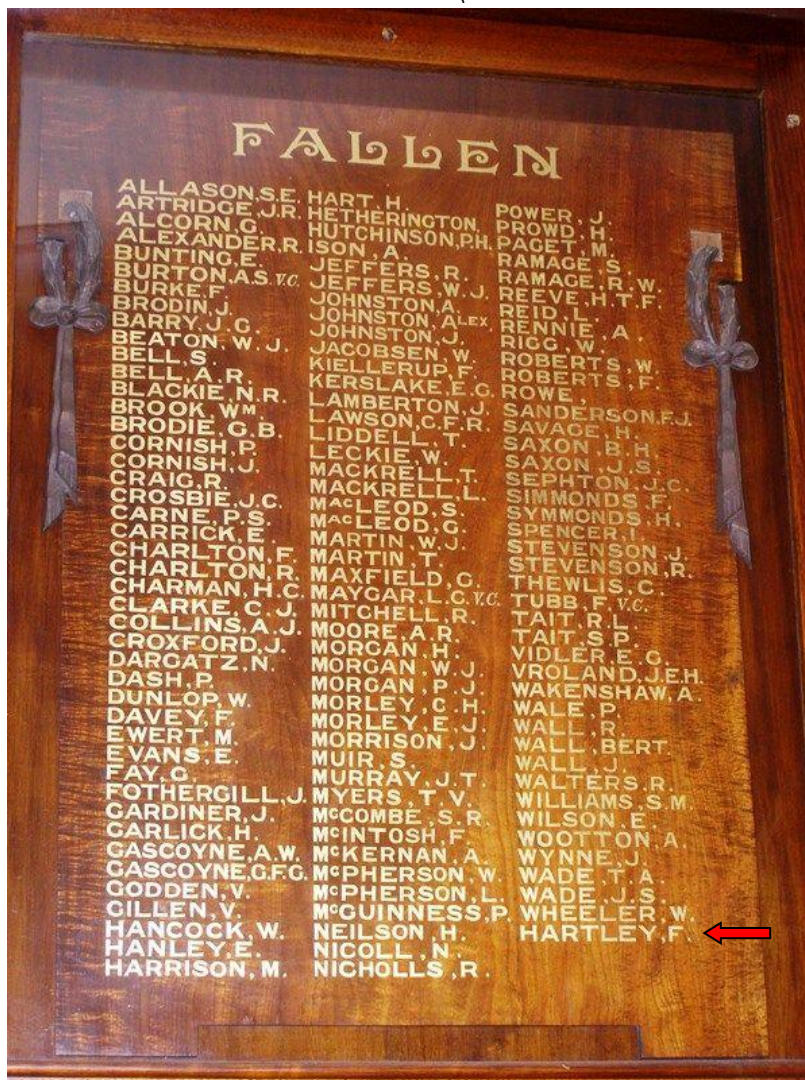
Euroa School Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



F. Hartley is remembered on the Fallen of Euroa District Honour Roll, located in RSL Club, Kirkland Avenue, Euroa, Victoria.



Fallen of Euroa District Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia)



F. Hartley is remembered on the Euroa War Memorial, located at Lions Park, Clifton Street, Euroa, Victoria.



**Euroa War Memorial**



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## FALLEN OF EUROA DISTRICT

1914 - 1918

ALLASON S. E.  
ARTRIDGE J. R.  
ALCORN G.  
ALEXANDER R.  
BUNTING E.  
BURTON A. S. (V.C.)  
BURKE F.  
BRODIN J.  
BARRY J. G.  
BEATON W. J.  
BELL S.  
BELL A. R.  
BLACKIE N. R.  
BROOK W. M.  
BRODIE G. B.  
CORNISH P.  
CORNISH J.  
CRAIG R.  
CROSBIE J. C.  
CARNE P. S.  
CARRICK E.  
CHARLTON F.  
CHARLTON R.  
CHARMAN H. C.  
CLARKE C. J.  
COLLINS A. J.  
CROXFORD J.  
DARGATZ N.  
DASH P.  
DUNLOP W.  
DAVEY F.  
EWERT M.  
EVANS E.  
FAY G.  
FOTHERGILL J.  
GARDINER J.  
GARLICK H.  
GASCOYNE A. W.  
GASCOYNE G. F. G.  
GODDEN V.  
GILLEN V.  
HANCOCK W.  
HANLEY E.  
HARRISON M.

HART H.  
HARTLEY F.  
HETHERINGTON  
HUTCHINSON P. H.  
ISON A.  
JEFFERS R.  
JEFFERS W. J.  
JOHNSTON A.  
JOHNSTON ALEX.  
JOHNSTON J.  
JACOBSEN W.  
KIELLERUP F.  
KERSLAKE E. G.  
LAMBERTON J.  
LAWSON C. F. R.  
LIDDELL T.  
LECKIE W.  
MACKRELL T.  
MACKRELL L.  
MacLEOD S.  
MacLEOD G.  
MARTIN W. J.  
MARTIN T.  
MAXFIELD G.  
MAYGAR L. C. (V.C.)  
MITCHELL R.  
MOORE A. R.  
MORGAN H.  
MORGAN W. J.  
MORGAN P. J.  
MORLEY C. H.  
MORLEY E. J.  
MORRISON J.  
MUIR S.  
MURRAY J. T.  
MYERS T. V.  
McCOMBE S. R.  
McINTOSH F.  
McKERNAN A.  
McPHERSON W.  
McPHERSON L.  
McGUINNESS P.  
NEILSON H.  
NICOLL N.

NICHOLLS R.  
POWER J.  
PROWD H.  
PAGET M.  
RAMAGE S.  
RAMAGE R. W.  
REEVE H. T. F.  
REID L.  
RENNIE A.  
RIGG W.  
ROBERTS W.  
ROBERTS F.  
ROWE  
SANDERSON F. J.  
SAVAGE H.  
SAXON B. H.  
SAXON J. S.  
SEPHTON J. C.  
SIMMONDS F.  
SYMMONDS H.  
SPENCER I.  
STEVENSON J.  
STEVENSON R.  
THEWLIS C.  
TUBB F. (V.C.)  
TAIT R. L.  
TAIT S. P.  
VIDLER E. G.  
VROLAND J. E. H.  
WAKENSHAW A.  
WALE P.  
WALL R.  
WALL BERT.  
WALL J.  
WALTERS R.  
WILLIAMS S. M.  
WILSON E.  
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WHEELER W.

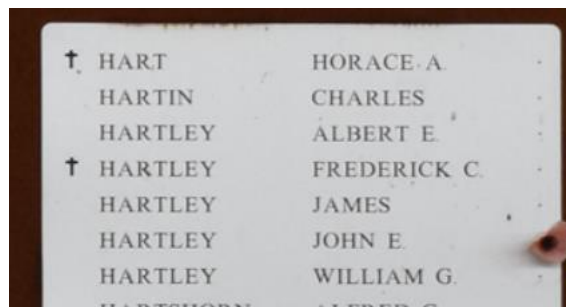
Euroa War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



Frederick C. Hartley is remembered on the Telegraph Park Memorial, located in Telegraph Park, Brock Street, Euroa, Victoria.



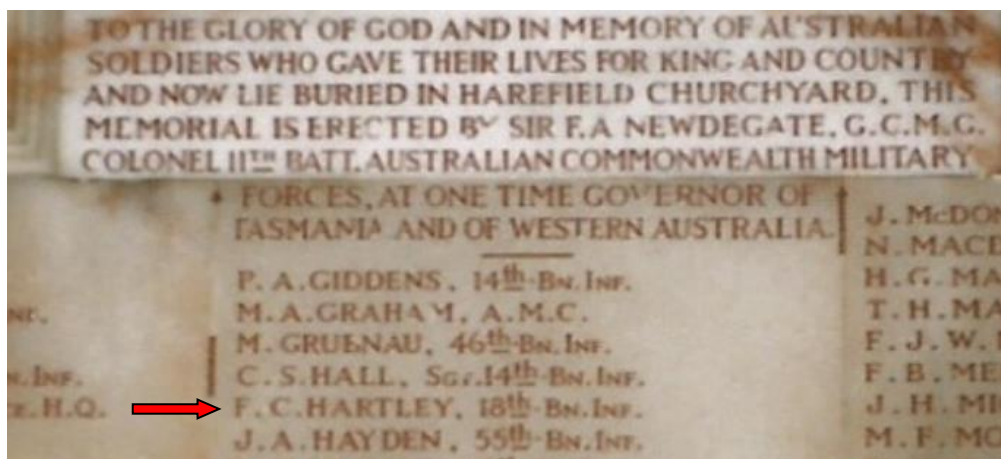
Telegraph Park Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



F. C. Hartley is remembered on the Australian Soldiers' Memorial in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Church Hill, Harefield, Middlesex, England.



Australian Soldiers' Memorial, Harefield (Photo from War Memorials Online – B. Wood)



(60 pages of Private Frederick Charles Hartley'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



**Hartley Family**



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **CASUALTIES**

The 316th list of Australian casualties was issued last night....

ILL

Pte FREDERICK CHARLES HARTLEY, South Melbourne, Vic. (seriously)

(*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 28 June, 1917)

## **Thanks**

Nr and Mrs Hartley deeply thank all kind friends for letters and cards if sympathy during their recent sad bereavement.

3 Raglan street, South Melbourne.

*(Euroa Gazette, Victoria – 14 August, 1917)*

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## **284 KILLED**

### **LATEST CASUALTIES**

The 331st list of Australian casualties was issued on Saturday....

### **DIED OF ILLNESS**

Pte FREDERICK CHARLES HARTLEY, South Melbourne, Vic.

*(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 20 August, 1917)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

HARTLEY – In loving memory of our dear son, Private Frederick C. Hartley, who died at Harefield, England, 24th July, 1917.

“Thy will be done.”

Inserted by his loving father and mother, J. and A. M. Hartley.

*(Euroa Advertiser, Victoria – 26 July, 1918)*

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## **In Memoriam**

### **On Active Service**

HARTLEY – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Frederick C. Hartley, died 24th July, 1917, at Harefield, England.

Thy will be done

(Inserted by his sorrowing parents and brothers).

*(Euroa Gazette, Victoria – 30 July, 1918)*

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## IN MEMORIAM

### On Active Service

HARTLEY – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Frederick Charles, died at Harefield Park Hospital on the 24th July, 1917.

Your picture hangs upon the wall,  
The face we love to see;  
And to the hearts of those who love you  
It ever dear shall be.

-Inserted by his loving father, mother, brothers and sister.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 24 July, 1919)

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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 Charles Frederick Hartley does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Duty Bravely Done*

### **St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield, Middlesex, England**

St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield contains 126 Commonwealth War Graves.

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Harefield (St. Mary) Churchyard contains war graves from both world wars. There are 120 First World War graves, mostly those of Australians who died in No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield Park. Uniquely, their graves are marked by scroll shaped headstones, chosen by the staff and patients at the hospital. In the centre of the Australian plot stands a memorial obelisk which was erected by Sir Francis Newdegate, late Governor of Tasmania and of Western Australia, and Mr. C.A.M. Billyard-Leake, of Harefield Park. The churchyard also contains six graves of the Second World War.

(*Information & photos from CWGC*)



St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield



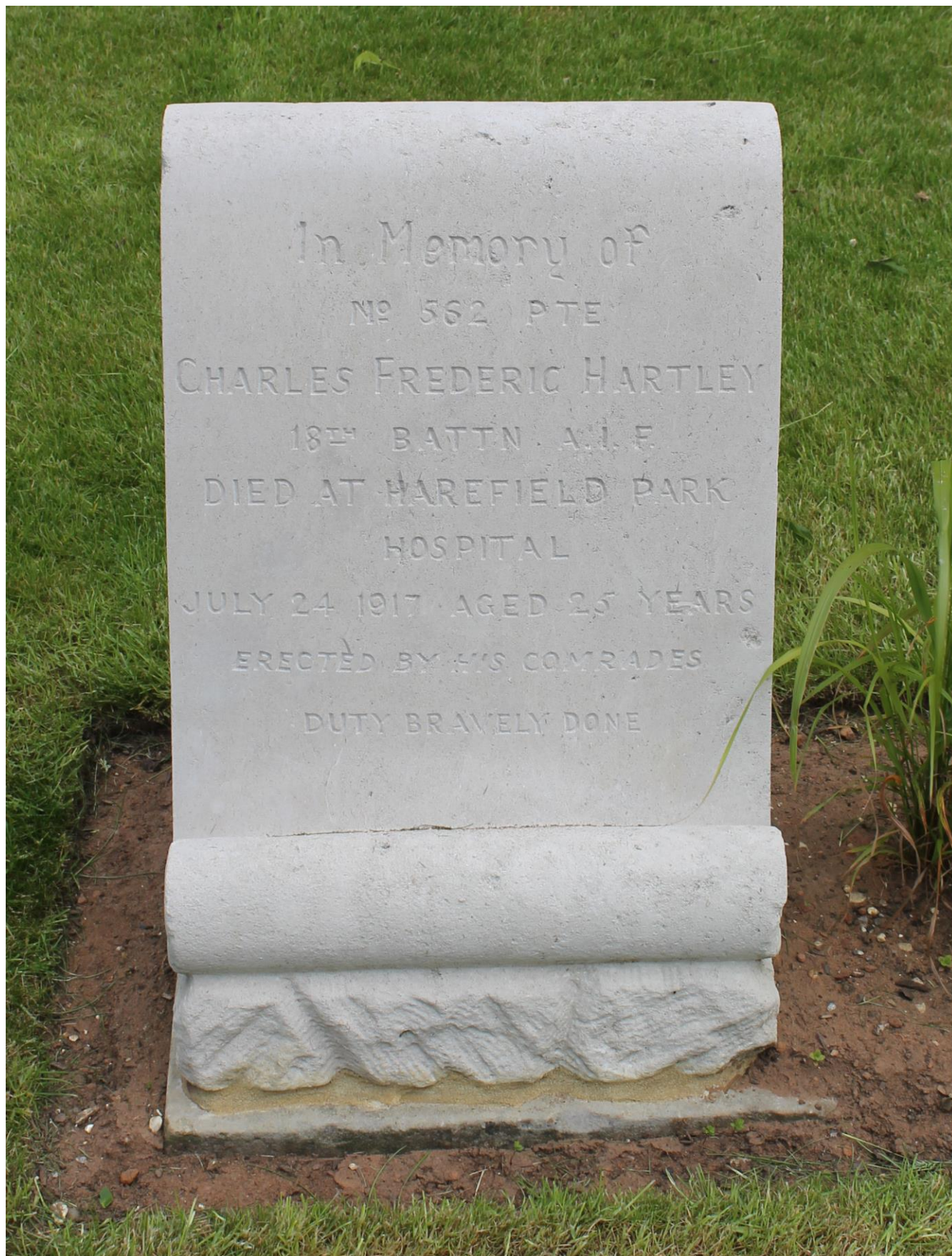


St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield



THE ANZAC CEMETERY, HAREFIELD, LAWRENCE, PHOTO

Photo of Private Charles Frederic Hartley's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield, Middlesex, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)*





**St Mary the Virgin Church, Harefield** (Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)



**St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield** (Photo courtesy of Peter Bennett)



St. Mary the Virgin Churchyard, Harefield (Photos courtesy of Peter Bennett)

