

**St. Mary's New Churchyard,
Codford, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



7251 PRIVATE

H. HOLDER

16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

28TH APRIL, 1917 Age 32

DUTY TO THIS PLANE COMPLETED

ADMITTANCE TO HIGHER PLANES

WON

Harry HOLDER

Harry Holder (jr) was born in the parish of Penzance, Cornwall, England in 1885 to parents Harry & Grace Leggo Holder (nee Bennetts). His birth was registered in the September quarter of 1885.

The 1891 England Census recorded Harry Holder as a 5 year old Scholar, living with his family at Pumps(?) Farm House, Gulval, Cornwall, England. His parents were listed as Harry Holder (Gardener, aged 36, born Gloucester) & Grace L. Holder (aged 28, born Cornwall). Harry (jr) was the eldest of five children listed on this Census (all born Ludgvan, Cornwall) – Harry then Grace L. Holder (Scholar, aged 4), Mary E. Holder (aged 3), Gladys M. Holder, aged 2) & James R. Holder (aged 2 months).

The 1901 England Census recorded Harry Holder (jr) as a 15 year old, Market Gardener's son, living with his family at Ludgvan, Cornwall, England. His parents were listed as Harry Holder (Marker Gardener, aged 46) & Grace L. Holder (aged 38) Harry (jr) was the eldest of nine children listed on this Census (all born Ludgvan, Cornwall) – Harry (jr) then Grace L. Holder (aged 14), Mary E. Holder (aged 13), James B. Holder (aged 10), Walter Holder (aged 6), William Holder (aged 5), Martha Holder (aged 4), John Leggo Holder (aged 3) & Albert Holder (aged 2).

The 1911 England Census recorded Harry Holder (jr) as a 25 year old Foreman – Market Gardner, living with his family at Brenta, Lickhampton Rd, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England, in a 7 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Harry Holder (Marker Gardener, aged 56) & Grace Leggo Holder (aged 48). Harry & Grace Holder had been married for 26 years & had a total of 14 children – 5 who had since died. Harry (jr) was the eldest of nine children listed on this Census (all born Ludgvan, Cornwall) – Harry (jr) then Grace Leggo Holder (Assistant in Business, aged 24), Mary Emma Holder (At Home, aged 23), James Bennett Holder (Assistant in Business, aged 20), Walter Holder (Market Gardener, aged 16), William Holder (At School, aged 15), Martha Holder (At School, aged 14), John Leggo Holder (At School, aged 13) & Albert Holder (At School, aged 12).

The 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Perth, subdivision of Subiaco, Western Australia recorded Harry Holder Jun., Gardener, of 58 Hay Street.

The 1917 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Perth, subdivision of Balkatta, Western Australia recorded Harry Holder Jun., Farmer, of 67 Loftus Street.

Extract from Obituary of the Late Mrs Grace Leggo Holder, mother of Harry Holder, from the *West Australian* newspaper on 8th December 1937:

In 1874 Mrs Holder married the late Mr Harry Holder, a native of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, who predeceased her in March, 1936. Accompanied by their nine children they arrived in Western Australia in 1912 with hopes of meeting fair fortune, but the long war period took its toll. As each son became eligible he enlisted for active service. Their son Jim embarked with the 11th Battalion on the first convoy to leave Australia, while the youngest son and the fifth to enlist embarked on the last troopship. The sixth son remained on home service. Four of the sons paid the supreme sacrifice. Suspense, deaths and prolonged illness of the returned eventually caused Mrs Holder to have a stroke in 1921, through which she became blind.

Information from the Roll of Honour states that Harry Holder had received Territorial Training in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire for 4 years. He had arrived in Australia at the age of 27.

Harry Holder was a 31 year old, single, Farm Hand from West Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted on 13th September, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England (Note: His attestation papers show Roman Catholic)*. His next of kin was listed as his father – Harry Holder of 67 Loftus Street, West Perth, Western Australia. According to his Attestation form, Harry Holder had tried to enlist the month before but was rejected due to defective teeth.

Private Harry Holder was posted to 85 Depot on 18th September, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 22 Depot on 16th October, 1916 then on 1st December, 1916 he was transferred to 95 Depot. Private Holder was transferred to 24th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion on 30th December, 1916.

Private Harry Holder, Service number 7251, embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Miltiades (A28)* with the 16th Battalion, 24th Reinforcements on 29th January, 1917 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 27th March, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Harry Holder was marched in to 4th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 27th March, 1917 from Australia.

Private Holder was admitted sick to Group Hospital at Codford on 27th April, 1917 with Rheumatism.

Private Harry Holder died at 6.20 p.m. on 28th April, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire, England of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

A death for Henry Holder, aged 31, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private Harry Holder was buried on 2nd May, 1917 in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England - Grave No. 81.

According to a letter from Private Holder's mother, dated October, 1921, there was confusion as to Private Holder's religion. He had completed his Attestation Form as being Roman Catholic, however Private Holder's mother states in the letter that he was a "*confirmed member of the Church of England.*" Apparently one of his brothers "*had arrived at Codford Camp in time to cancel the arrangements made for a Roman Catholic funeral & to arrange for an Anglican funeral.*"

From the burial report of Private Harry Holder - *The coffin was of polished elm & a Military funeral was conducted. The funeral was attended by his brother and wreaths were sent by him and members of the 24th Reinforcements 16th Battalion, who attended the funeral also.*"

Probate was granted in regards to the Will of late Private Harry Holder on 10th August, 1917. He named his brother – James Bennetts Holder as Executor. The following were listed as Legatees – Grace Leggo Holder – sister, Personal specific; Mary Emma Holder – sister, Personal specific; Martha Holder – sister, Personal specific; James Bennett Holder – brother, Personal specific; Albert Holder - brother, a minor, residuary.

A War Pension was granted to Harry Holder, father of late Private Harry Holder in the sum of 12/6 fortnightly granted from 3/7/1917, in addition to Pension of 12/6 per fortnight already granted in respect of late Private John Leggo Holder. The same War Pension was applied to late Private Harry Holder's mother – Grace Leggo Holder.

Private Harry Holder was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Holder's father – Harry Holder (Scroll sent 29th June, 1922 & Plaque sent 23rd June, 1922)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Harry Holder – service number 7251, aged 32, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Harry & Grace Leggo Holder, of 109 St. Leonard's Avenue, West Leederville, Western Australia.

Private H. Holder is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 79.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



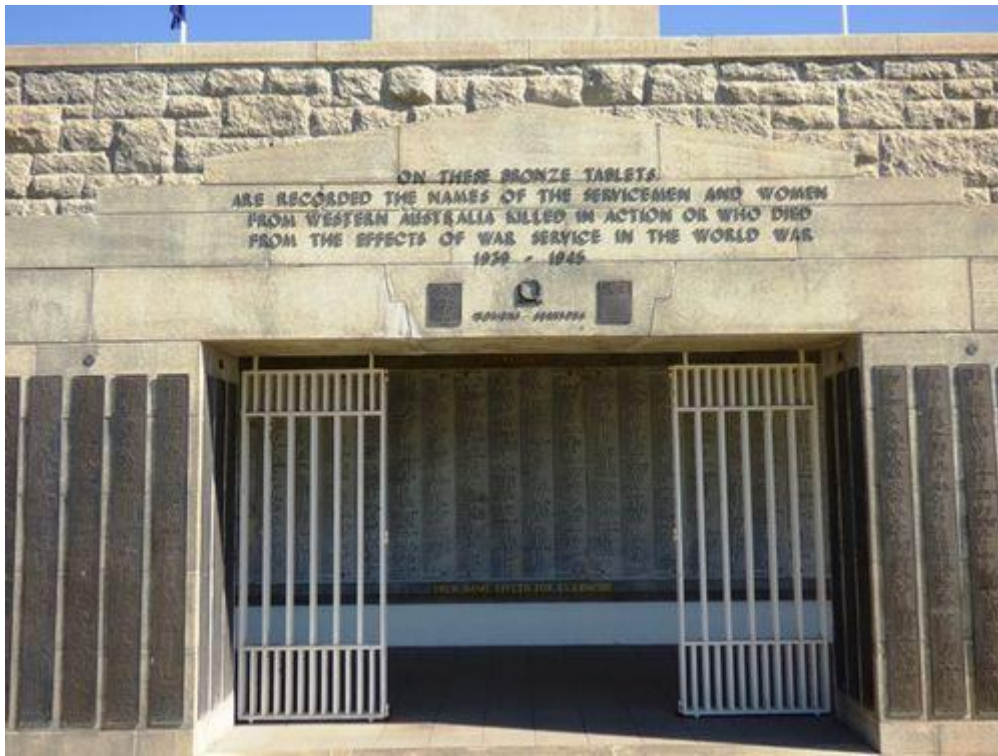
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. Holder is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park



The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names (Photos from Monument Australia)



16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

H. Holder is remembered on the Cannington War Memorial, located in War Memorial Park, Albany Highway & Manning Road, Cannington, Western Australia.



Cannington War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



H. Holder is remembered on the Subiaco Fallen Soldiers Memorial, located in Rankin Gardens, Rokeby & Hamersley Roads, Subiaco, Western Australia.



Subiaco Fallen Soldiers Memorial (Photos by Gordon Stuart)



H. Holder is remembered on the Mingenew War Memorial, located in Mingenew Recreation Centre & Sports Ground, Entrance Drive, Mingenew, Western Australia.



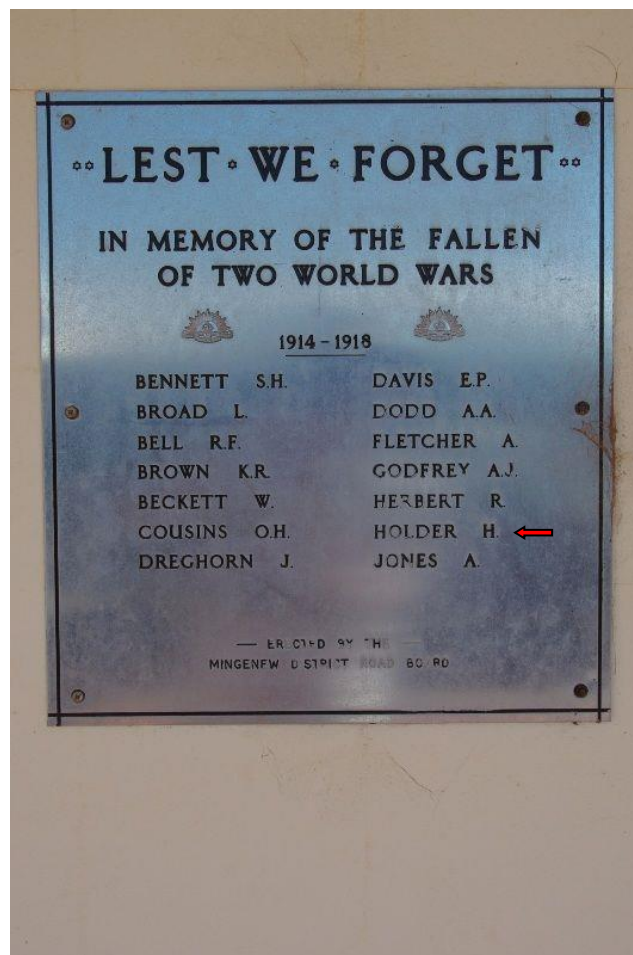
Mingenew War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Peter F. Williams)



H. Holder is remembered on the Mingenew Honour Roll, located at Mingenew Shire Office, 22 Victoria Road, Mingenew, Western Australia.



Mingenew Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia)



H. Holder is remembered on the Upper Irwin Roads Board District Roll of Honour, located in Mingenew Shire Office, 22 Victoria Road, Mingenew, Western Australia.



Upper Irwin Roads Board District Roll of Honour

(Photo from Monument Australia – Erich Nussbaumer)

Harry Holder's mother resided at West Leederville. The West Leederville War Memorial is located at 84 Cambridge St, West Leederville, Western Australia. Harry Holder was not included on the original War Memorial which was unveiled in 1924 however, the West Leederville War Memorial received a facelift in 2015, as part of a grant from the Australian Government that was approved in 2014. H. Holder & his brother J. L. Holder are two of fifty names that were added to the Cenotaph in 2015. The addition of the extra 50 names were added to a new back panel below the original 16 names & were added in alphabetical order.



West Leederville War Memorial



West Leederville War Memorial & the existing back panel where the additional 50 names were added.



The work in progress by Perth Monumental Works – a mock up of how the names would fit on the back panel



West Leederville War Memorial with new back panel

(Photos courtesy of Rosemary Ritorto – Local Studies Librarian, Town of Cambridge)



West Leederville War Memorial

An article in the local newspaper the *Cambridge Post*, February 21, 2015 –

Names added 100 on

Far from fading away, 49 West Leederville servicemen are finally being recognised on the West Leederville War Memorial almost 100 years after they were killed. Cambridge local studies librarian Rosemary Ritorto said: "I suspect the names were just missed."

Changes in technology meant all sorts of records could now be searched, she said.

The Memorial, which stands in Cambridge Street outside the old Town Hall building, was unveiled in 1924.

A panel has been removed from the memorial by Perth Monumental Works to add the names to the 130 already there.

Ms Ritorto said the names would fit because they would be added with less space between them.

The remembered soldiers are: Frank O'Reilly, John Leggo Holder, Edwin Edmondson, Frank Thomas Lewis Aylett, Albert Victor Gordon James, Thomas Charles Foster, Harry Holder, Harold Alexander Plummer, Frederick Ralph George, Wyatt James Wyatt, Leonard Arthur Smeed, John Paterson, Joseph Leonard Hennerty, Poland Alfred Siggs, John Randle, Percival Swithin Blick, Wilfred Ernest Drabble, John Charles Marsland, Frederick William Smith, Edwin Hepburn Townshend, John Beckett, Clarence George Marquis, David Smith, Percy Phillip Dunstan, George Cockburn, Edward Harry Darby, Thomas Henry Walsh, Charles Edwin Holden, James William Bowen, James Whittaker Edmondson, David Howieson, Edgar Vernon Brady, James Lyons, Clifford Nicholas Oates, Morris White, John William Beverhoudt Moore, Cyril William Sumner, Alfred Stephen Moran, Harold Oswald Bray, Jack Carter Newman, Charles Forest Hill Munday, Albert Cross, Ephraim Jarvis, Edwin Manthorpe Hancey, Griffith David Lewis, Stewart Irwin Smith, Hoarce William Pearson, Charles Edward Jones, Carl Alfred Eliasson and Charles Henry Hinson.

(56 pages of Private Harry Holder's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives

** Information from the Roll of Honour by Private Harry Holder's mother of W. Leederville, Western Australia – states that Harry's brother – John Leggo Holder was Killed in Action in France on 2nd April, 1917. John Leggo Holder is buried at H.A.C., Cemetery, Ecoust- St. Mein. Another brother was incapacitated. Six brothers enlisted.



The Holder Family - taken in 1902 in Cornwall

(Photo with permission – Laurie Holder)

From left: Mrs Grace Holder, Grace (jnr), James, Harry (jnr), Martha, Walter, Mary, Mr Harry Holder.

Boys sitting front: John, Albert, William.



The Holder Family – taken on Perth, Western Australia in 1912

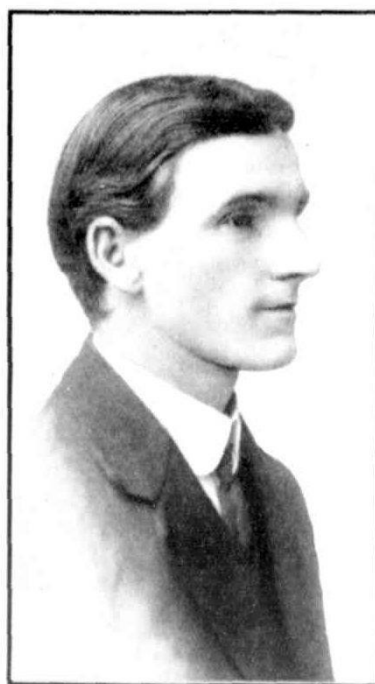
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Back row: William, James, Mary, Harry (jnr), Grace (jnr), Walter.

Front row: John, Mrs Grace Holder, Albert, Mr Harry Holder, Martha.



Harry Holder (*Western Mail* – 22 July, 1917)

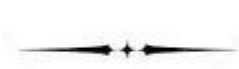


PTE. W. HOLDER, Signaller (on active service). PTE. J. B. HOLDER (returned. He served in Gallipoli).
PTE. JOHN HOLDER (killed in action on April 2). PTE. HARRY HOLDER (died of meningitis in England).

FOUR SOLDIER SONS OF MR. AND MR S. HOLDER, OF LOFTUS-STREET, LEEDERVILLE.



Private Harry Holder (*Photo with permission – Laurie Holder*)



Newspaper Reports

DEATH

HOLDER – April 28, at Codford Hospital, Harry Holder, second son of Mr and Mrs Holder, of Perth, Australia.

(*Cheltenham Chronicle*, Gloucestershire, England, 5th May, 1917)

DEATH

HOLDER – On April 28, of meningitis at New Zealand Hospital. Colburn Camp, England. Private Harry, 24th-16th Battalion, dearly loved eldest son of H. And G. Holder, 67 Loftus-street, West Perth, and adored brother of John (killed in action April 2), Jim (returned Anzac), Signaller Will (on active service), Grace, Mary, Martha, Walter and Albert. Aged 23 years.

His duty done.

(*The Daily News*, Perth, Western Australia, Wednesday 9th May, 1917)

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES

Mr and Mrs Holder and Family, of 67 Loftus-street, desire to THANK their numerous friend for letters, telegrams and personal sympathy in the loss of their darling sons and brothers, John who was killed in action in France on April 2, and Harry who died of illness at Codford Camp, England, on April 28.

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Thursday 7th June, 1917)

DEATHS

HOLDER – In loving memory of our darling sons and brothers, Harry Holder, who died on April 28, 1917, at Codford Camp, England; and John Holder, killed in action on April 2, 1917. Not dead, but called to higher orders.

Inserted by father, mother, brothers and sisters at 67 Loftus-street, and Will (on active service).

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Monday 29th April, 1918)

DEATHS

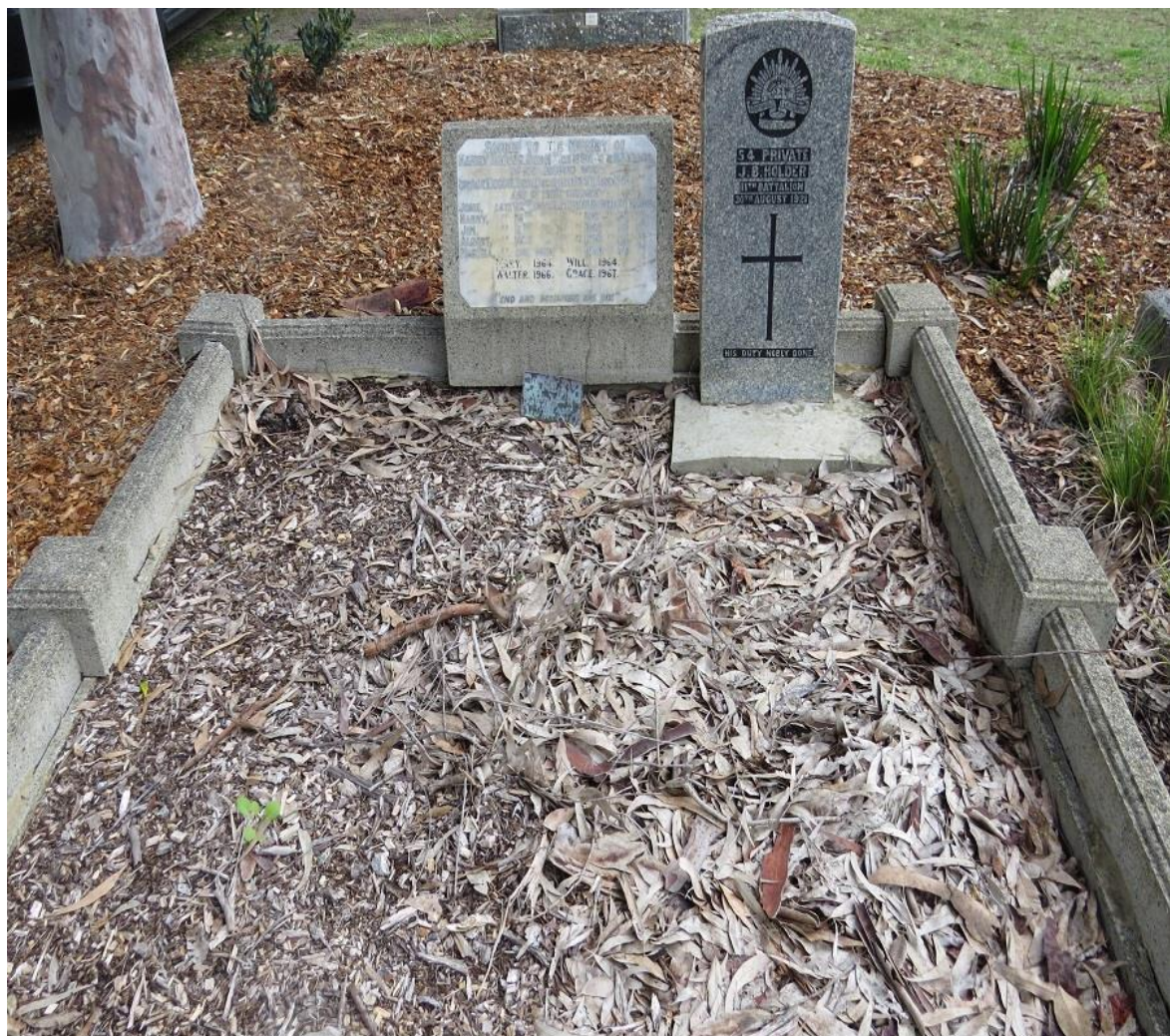
HOLDER – On August 30, 1921, at 10C St. Leonard's-avenue, West Leederville, James Bennetts (Jim) late of No. 54, 11th Battalion A.I.F., beloved son of Mr and Mrs Harry Holder, and brother of the late Private Harry Holder, died on active service, April 28, 1917, and John Holder, killed in action, April 2, 1917, and Will Holder, late of 29th Battalion: also Albert, late W. 3 and Walter Holder, of Home Service and of Grace, Mary And Martha, aged 30 years. A patient sufferer freed from toils and cares of a physical body.

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Wednesday 31st August, 1921)

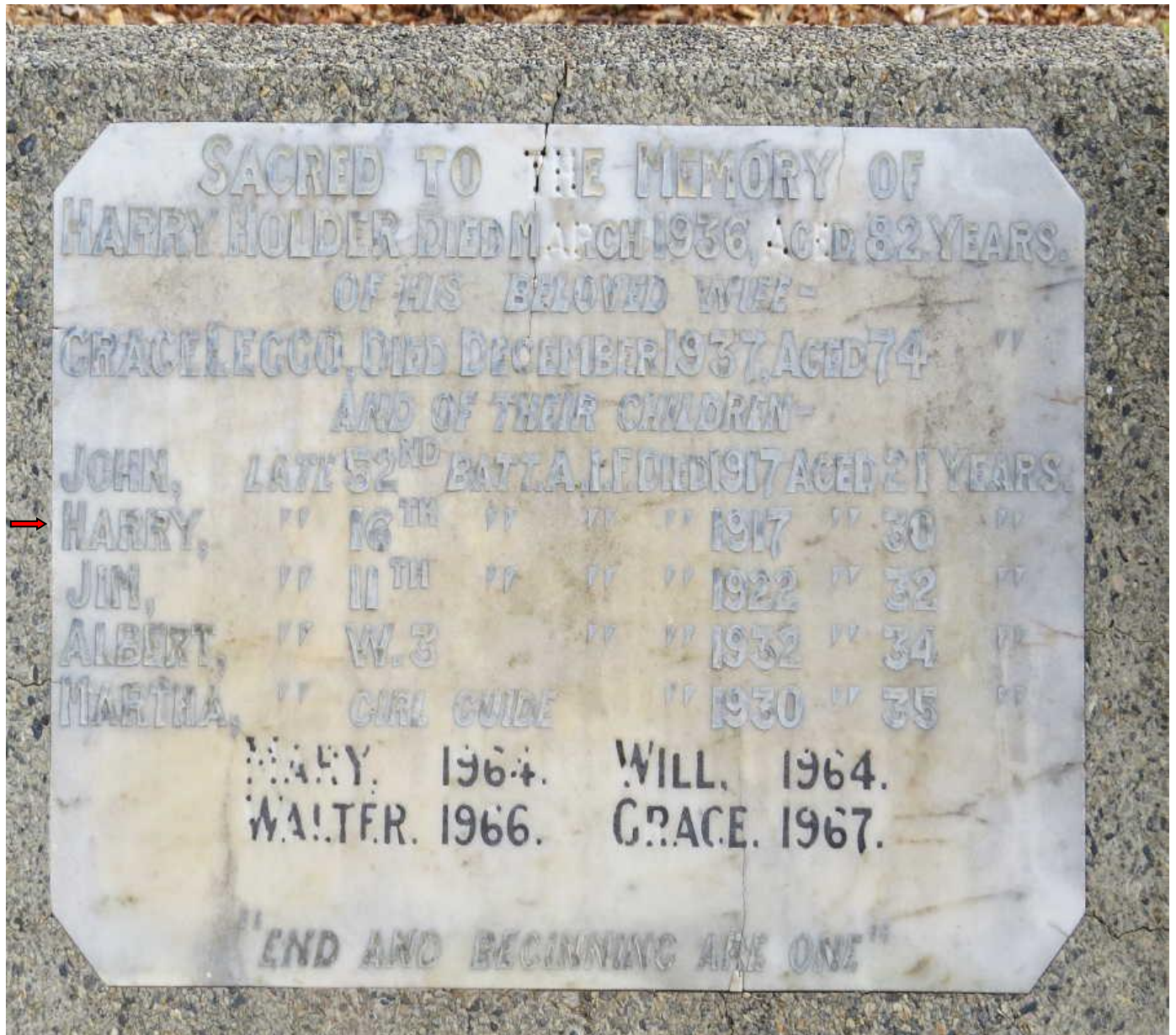
Harry Holder is remembered on his parent's headstone, located in Karrakatta Cemetery, Karrakatta, Western Australia.



Karrakatta Cemetery



Holder Headstone (Photos from Find a Grave – Aussiegenie)



Harry Late 16TH Batt. A.I.F. Died 1917 Aged 30 Years

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 at Codford War Graves Cemetery. 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 was sent from Base Records, dated 16th July, 1921, to Mr H. Holder, 67 Loftus Street, West Perth, Western Australia, advising that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his son, the late No. 7251 Private H. Holder, 16th Battalion, 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.

*** In a letter dated 3rd October, 1921 from Private Holder's mother, in which she explains the error in Private Holder being listed as Roman Catholic when he was in fact Church of England, she also puts forward the reasoning for the request for the "Star of David" for Private Holder's CWGC Headstone that was soon to be erected. "...this was chosen not because of its being a Denominational Emblem. But because of the significance of the six pointed star – inverted triangles – a symbol of considerable, meaning to an Astrologer and Occultist as was the late H. Holder. Our Christian Cross is certainly the Emblem of sacrifice _____ it Occult interpretation, never the less knowing my son's ideas I think he himself would prefer the "Star" – The Trinity & Evolution. This is, I suppose, a unique case. I thank you for your kind thoughts in drawing my attention to the seeming oversight". Grace L Holder

Outcome – Private Holder has the Christian Cross on his CWGC Headstone.

Private H. Holder does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Duty To This Place Completed

Admittance To Higher Planes Won

St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England

The New Zealand Command Depot was established at Codford in June 1916 and the No 3 New Zealand General Hospital followed in July. The New Churchyard was established by deed of gift as the "Military Burial Ground," with a small part reserved for future burials from the parish. The war graves plot contains 98 burials, mostly of New Zealand and Australian forces. There is only one burial of the Second World War in the New Churchyard.

(Information from CWGC)

There are 31 WW1 Australian War Graves & 66 WW1 New Zealand War Graves located here. There is one WW1 British Royal Army Medical Corp Grave & one WW2 Welsh Guards grave located in this Churchyard.



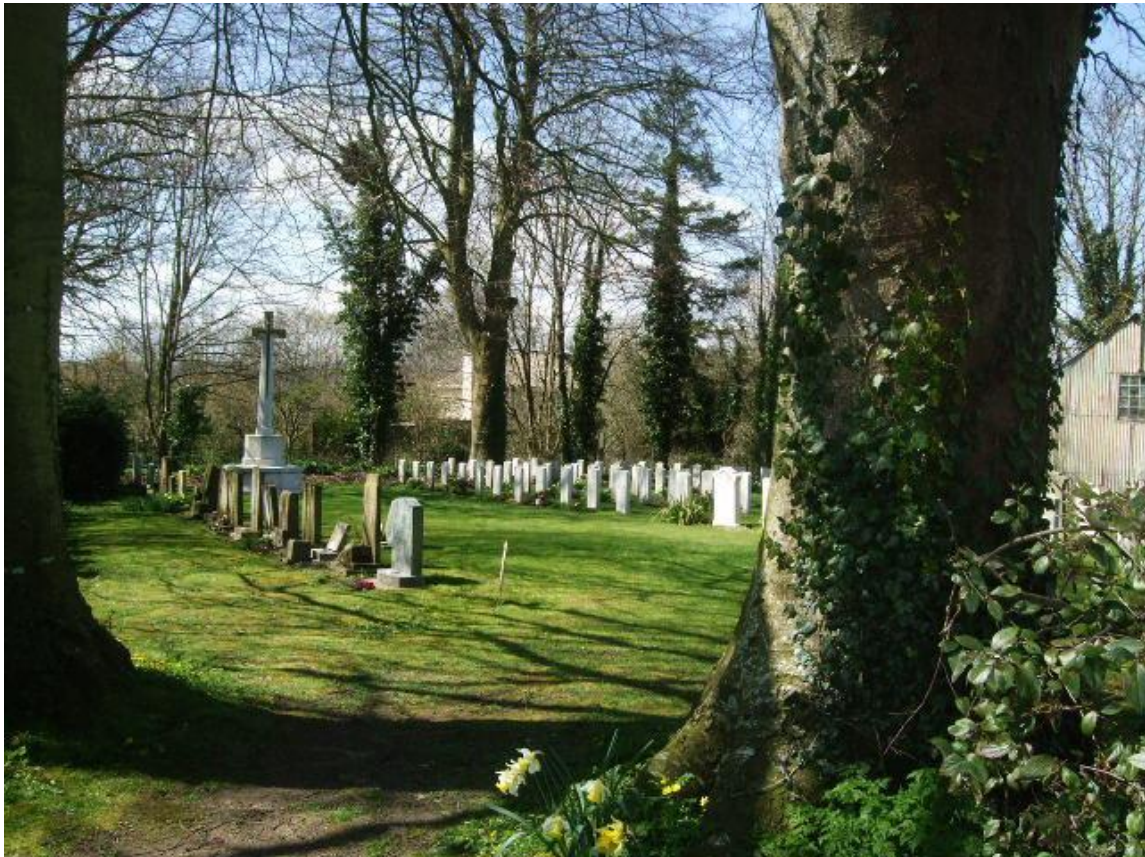
AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Anzac Cemetery, Codford (Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth 2013)





Anzac Cemetery, Codford *(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)*



New Zealand Section of Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery *(Photo by Romy Wyeth 2013)*

Photo of Private H. Holder's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private H. Holder is located in Main Front Row (Right Hand side) Grave Plot # 13 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 81)

