

**Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery,
East Sussex, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2373 PRIVATE

F. H. HOLLONDS

8TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

26TH MAY, 1917 Age 20

*In Memory
Of The Beloved Son
Of J. & M. Hollonds
Of Swifts Creek*

Frederick Harold HOLLONDS

Frederick Harold Hollonds was born at Swifts Creek, near Cassilis, Victoria in 1897 to parents James Albert and Mary Anne Hollonds (nee Gallagher).

Frederick Harold Hollonds attended State School No. 460 in Victoria.

Frederick Harold Hollonds was an 18 year old, single, Labourer from Swift's Creek, Victoria when he enlisted at Swifts Creek, Victoria on 8th March, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2373 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. Hollonds, Swift's Creek, Victoria. As Frederick Hollonds was under the age of 21 his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) for active service abroad. James Hollonds & Mary Hollonds both signed their consent on 5th April, 1915 & stated their son was aged 18 years & 3 months.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was posted to Depot Battalion at Broadmeadows on 8th March, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 14th Battalion on 11th May, 1915 then transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 8th Battalion on 26th June, 1915.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Demosthenes (A64)* on 16th July, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements. (Note: Listed on the Embarkation Roll as Hollonds).

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was admitted to "1st Auxiliary Con Luna Park" on 17th September, 1915 with diarrhoea. He was discharged to duty at Heliopolis on 24th September, 1915.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) from Base Details at Zeitoun (no date recorded).

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was sent to Hospital at Shrapnel Gully, Anzac on 16th November, 1915. He was admitted to No. 3 Field Ambulance at Anzac on 16th November, 1915 with Mumps then transferred to Casualty Clearing Station on 17th November, 1915. Private Hollonds was discharged to duty on 29th November, 1915 & rejoined 8th Battalion on 30th November, 1915.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds disembarked from *Empress of Britain* at Alexandria on 7th January, 1916 (after the evacuation of Gallipoli).

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 26th March, 1916 on *Megantic*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 31st March, 1916.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was wounded in action in France on 25th July, 1916. He was transferred & admitted to 1st Canadian General Hospital at Etaples, France on 25th July, 1916 with shrapnel wounds to arm & left thigh. Private Hollonds was discharged to 6th Convalescent Depot at Etaples on 2nd August, 1916. He was discharged to duty & classified "A" Class on 14th August, 1916.

8th Battalion

The 8th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.....

The Victorian battalions returned to ANZAC to help defend the beachhead, and in August the 2nd Brigade fought at the battle of Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion was heavily involved in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozieres, the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, returning to the Somme for winter. In 1917, the battalion participated in the operations that followed-up the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line, and then returned to Belgium to join the great offensive launched to the east of Ypres.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 8th Battalion

Poizieres - 25th July, 1916:

At 0100 C.O. reported again at Bde Hqrs and was informed that operations were to take place at 0330 that morning. C.O. received orders for the operations (Appendix I). At 0220 half Battn (C & D Coys) moved from Bn Hqrs at X16a28 and took up positions at strong posts in Poizieres occupied by A & B Coys from which the attack was to be delivered. Battn Hqrs moved forward to X4c72. At 0330 under cover of artillery fire the attack was launched. The Bn attacking on a frontage of 2 Coys (C & D Coys) right & left respectively with 1 Coy B in support. One Coy (A) was detailed to clear a short trench running almost at right angles to our advance W of Poizieres. The attack proceeded vigorously through the Village each trench & strong post being quickly cleared of enemy. The left Coy (D) with an irresistible advance reached itself 50 yds north of Cemetery. Our right Coy (C) met with strong opposition but fighting with great determination speedily overcame it and shortly after 5am reached their objective NE of Village and at once dug themselves in. The bombing parties of 4th Bn working up German Trench at X4c58-59 cooperated splendidly driving enemy N towards position occupied by our left Coy where they were either killed or made prisoners. The left Coy (D) sent forward a patrol north to within 100 yards of MOUQUET FARM encountering only 1 German who was shot. From there they observed enemy in Force moving along trenches as approx. x 34 central to R 35 Cent towards windmill as if concentrating for Counter Attack, this was communicated to Artillery and a heavy fore was brought to bear on these trenches. During afternoon the 6th Battn moved forward to our line and connected up with our left and right. An intense shelling by enemy guns all day tended to retard the strengthening of our line but in spite of this good deep trenches were dug which afforded fair protection.

The Battn was ordered to send parties forward this night to sieze & consolidate points at Sq R 34066 & R34d23.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Mr J. Hollonds, father of Private F. H. Hollonds, was advised by Base Records on 10th August, 1916 that Private Hollonds had been wounded. Base Records advised Mr J. Hollonds on 23rd August, 1916 that Private F. H. Hollonds had been admitted to 1st Canadian General Hospital on 25th July, 1916 suffering from gunshot wounds to arm & thigh, mild.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds joined Base Depot at Etaples on 16th August, 1916. He proceeded to join his Unit from Base Depot & rejoined his Battalion in Belgium on 21st September, 1916.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was wounded in action in France on 7th May, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on 9th May, 1917. Private Hollonds was transferred & admitted to 3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 20th May, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to thigh & right leg. He embarked for England on 21st May, 1917 on Hospital Ship *St Denis* with shrapnel wounds to thigh & right leg (leg amputated).

War Diary – 8th Battalion

VAUXCOURT – 7th May, 1917:

C.O. & Coy. Commanders, L.M. Gun Officer & J. O. went forward to reconnoitre position. Battalion relieved the 2nd Battalion (& 1 Coy of 9th Battn) on a four Company front in HINDENBURG LINE (Right of Bullecourt). Relief was much hampered by Heavy Artillery Fore & congestion in the one single communication trench.

Casualties 15 wounded.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Mr J. Hollonds, father of Private F. H. Hollonds, was advised by Base Records on 28th May, 1917 that Private Hollonds had been wounded, second occasion.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was admitted to Kitchener Military Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England on 21st May, 1917 with amputated right leg – severe.



Private Frederick Harold Hollonds died at 6.45 pm on 26th May, 1917 at Kitchener Military Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England from wounds received in action in France - G.S.W. Leg & Septicaemia.

A death for Frederick H. Hollonds, aged 20, was registered in the June quarter, 1917 in the district of Brighton, Sussex, England.

Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was buried at 11 am on 30th May, 1917 in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England – Plot number ZIF. 98 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Frederick Harold Hollonds - *Coffin was good polished Elm. The deceased soldier was buried with Military Honours. Hearse conveyed the body to the Cemetery. Firing Party and Trumpeters of the Royal Field Artillery stationed at Brighton were in attendance. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside. The coffin was draped with the "Union Jack". A party of Australian soldiers (patients at the Kitchener Military Hospital) under the Command of Lieut. C. W. Brebner of the 53rd Bn, A.I.F. followed the deceased soldier's remains to the Cemetery. No relatives were present at the funeral. Temporary oak memorial to be erected by the Commonwealth Military Authorities.*

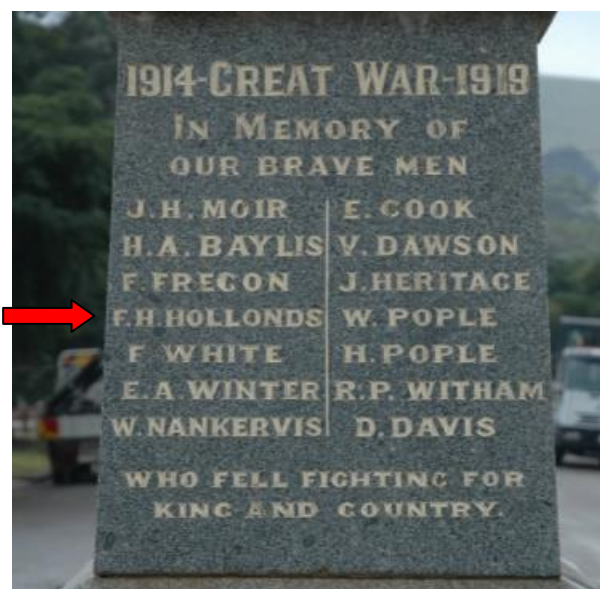
Private Frederick Harold Hollonds was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hollonds father – Mr J. Hollonds, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922). (Note: Mr J. Hollonds, father of the late Private Frederick Harold Hollonds, died in 1918 so the Memorial Plaque was sent to his widowed mother. She also signed for receipt of the Memorial Scroll noting that her husband was deceased. Mary Hollonds had signed for the 3 Medals awarded to her son.)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Harold Hollonds – service number 2373, aged 20, of 8th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of James and Mary Hollonds, of Swifts Creek, Victoria, Australia.

F. H. Hollonds is remembered on the Swifts Creek War Memorial, located McMillian Street, Swifts Creek, Victoria.



Swifts Creek War Memorial (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



F. Hollonds is remembered on the Shire of Omeo District Honour Roll, located in Omeo Memorial Hall, 179 Day Avenue (Great Alpine Road), Omeo, Victoria.



Shire of Omeo District Honour Roll

(Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



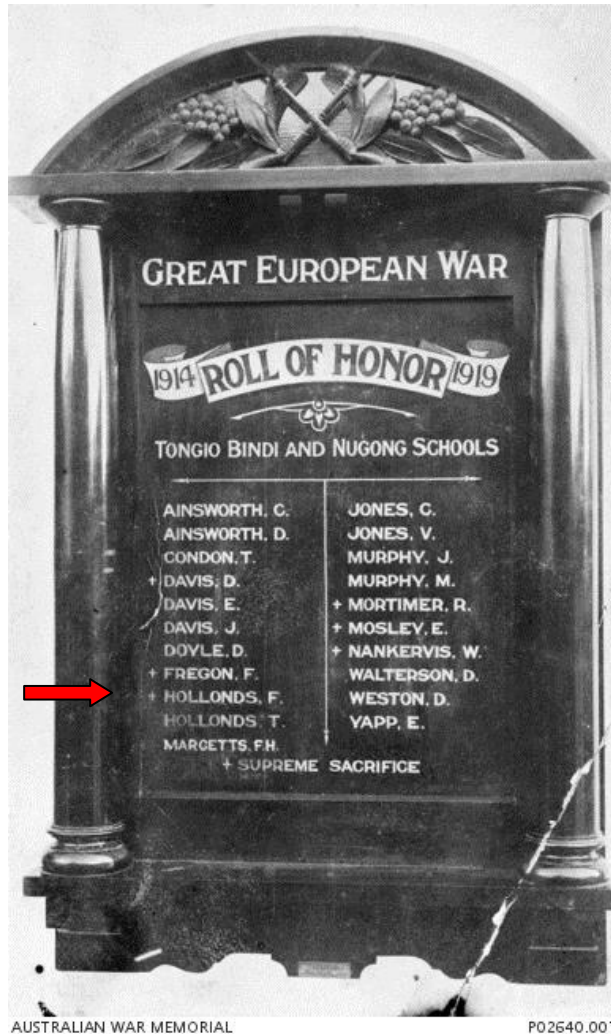
F. H. Hallonds is remembered on the Ensay War Memorial (Swifts Creek section), located on Great Alpine Road, Ensay, Victoria.



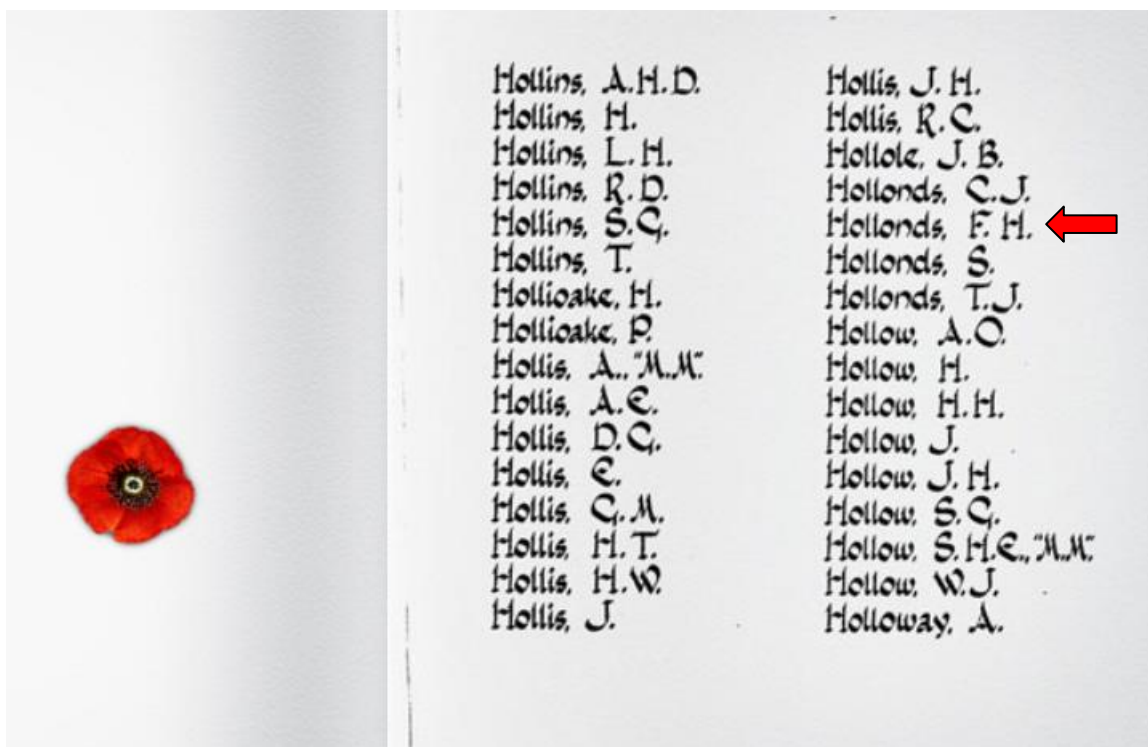
Ensay War Memorial (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



F. Hollonds is remembered in the Tongio Bindi & Nugong Schools Roll of Honour for World War 1.



F. H. Hollonds is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.





Private F. H. Hollonds is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 53.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(61 pages of Private Frederick Harold Hollonds' 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

OMEO'S VOLUNTEERS

The Roll of Honor

Private F. Hollonds, Swift's Creek – Wounded.

(Omeo Standard and Mining Gazette, Victoria – 15 September, 1916)

OMEO'S VOLUNTEERS

The Roll of Honor

WOUNDED AND MISSING

HOLLONDS, F. (Pte) Swift's Creek – Wounded.

(Omeo Standard and Mining Gazette, Victoria – 1 June, 1917)

DEATHS

On Active Service

HOLLONDS – Died of wounds somewhere in France on or about 1st June, Frederick Harold Hollonds, dearly beloved brother of Ern, and brother-in-law of Mary, aged 20.

No mother was there to soothe his brow,
No brothers to say good-bye,
No sisters to take him by the hand
When death was drawing night.
Somewhere in France he is lying,
He answered his country's call;
He died an Australian hero,
Fighting to save us all.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, E. and M. Hollonds, Frankston.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 June, 1917)

SWIFT'S CREEK

SOLDIERS' NEWS

Mr and Mrs Jas. Hollonds and family have received the sincere condolences of a wide circle of friends, owing to the death from wounds of the fifth son, Fred. Pte Hollonds left Swift's Creek in April, 1915, and had been through a long campaign in Gallipoli and France. His brother, Clarrie, is on active service in France. Owing to the sad occurrence mentioned, the queen carnival which was to have terminated on 8th inst. was transferred to the 15th.

(Omeo Standard and Mining Gazette, Victoria – 22 June, 1917)

OMEO'S VOLUNTEERS

The Roll of Honor

DIED ON SERVICE

HOLLONDS, F. (Pte) Swift's Creek

(Omeo Standard and Mining Gazette, Victoria – 21 August, 1917)

In Memoriam

HOLLONDS – In loving memory of Pte F. Hollonds, 8th Battalion, A.I.F., who died of wounds on May 26, 1917, at Kitchener's Hospital, England.

No one he loved was by his side,
To hear his last faint sighs;
To whisper just one loving word
Before his closed his eyes.

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

(Omeo Standard and Mining Gazette, Victoria – 21 August, 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 F. H. Hollonds does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In Memory Of The Beloved Son Of J. & M. Hollonds Of Swifts Creek

Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England

The cemetery is on the Lewes road. It was opened in 1857, and now covers 44 acres. It climbs the hill Eastward, crossing a public road. A War Cross stands in the cemetery.

There are 275 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 102 of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. The 1939-45 commemorations include 3 unidentified Merchant seamen and 1 unidentified British soldier. There are also 40 Foreign National war burials here and 4 non-war service burials.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photos by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





(Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private F. H. Hollonds' Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England.



(Photo by Terry Denham)