

**Hollybrook Memorial,
Southampton, Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1907 PRIVATE

F. S. A. IRWIN

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

28TH SEPTEMBER, 1917

Frederick Stanley Anderson IRWIN

Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin was born at Caulfield, Melbourne, Victoria on 30th May, 1884 to parents John Anderson Irwin & Elenora Irwin (nee White). He was baptised on 5th November, 1884 at St. Mary's Church, Caulfield, Victoria.

Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin attended Caulfield Grammar School, Victoria between 1898 & 1899.

The 1908 & 1909 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of Caulfield, Victoria listed Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin, Clerk, of Glen Eira Rd., Caulfield.

Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin married Gladys Simpson in Victoria in 1909.

A son, John Anderson Irwin, was born on 8th February, 1910 at Northcote, Victoria.

The 1909 & 1912 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Ivanhoe, Victoria listed Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin, Clerk, & his wife Gladys Irwin, Home Duties, both of Riverside Rd., Ivanhoe.

The 1913, 1914 & 1915 Australia Electoral Rolls for the division of Henty, subdivision of Cheltenham, Victoria listed Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin, Farmer, & his wife Gladys Irwin, Home Duties, both of Centre Dandenong Rd., Cheltenham.

A son was stillborn to Gladys & Frederick Irwin on 24th April, 1916. Gladys Irwin, wife of Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin, died on 24th April, 1916 at Fitzroy North, Melbourne, Victoria. She was buried in Heidelberg Cemetery, Victoria.

Newspaper Notices – *The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 April, 1916:

BIRTHS

IRWIN – On the 24th April, to Mr and Mrs F. S. Irwin (late of Cheltenham) – a son (stillborn).

DEATHS

IRWIN – On the 24th April, Gladys, the beloved wife of Stanley Irwin (late of Cheltenham).

The 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Bourke, subdivision of Ivanhoe, Victoria listed Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin, Secretary, of Tyrone Clifton Grove.

Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin was a 32 year old, widower, Secretary from "Tyrone", Clifton Grove, Ivanhoe, Victoria when he enlisted on 19th February, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1907 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his son – John A. Irwin, care of Mrs C. S. Kemp, Darebin Road, Heidelberg. Victoria.

[According to information supplied for the Roll of Honour by Amelia Simpson (late wife's mother) Frederick Stanley Irwin was a Clerk in Trustees & Executors.]

Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin was posted to A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) Camp at Laverton, Victoria on 19th March, 1917.

Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) on 4th August, 1917 with the Australian Flying Corps, May, 1917 Reinforcements.

Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 13th August, 1917 with Influenza. He was discharged on 15th August, 1917. Private Irwin was readmitted to Ship's Hospital on 30th August, 1917 with Pneumonia.

Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin died at 3 pm on 28th September, 1917 while at Sea on board HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) from Pneumonia & Septicaemia.



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HMAT *Themistocles* (A32) (Photo taken 28 July, 1916)

Extract of Letter from Second Lieutenant Frank Reinhardt Fischer, 6th Battalion, to his brother and sister while at Sea on Troopship HMAT *Themistocles*:

"Friday 28/9/17 – Nothing of note has occurred since I last wrote & we are still bounding along towards our destination which we hope to reach on Monday or Tuesday next. The weather continues excellent but naturally a bit on the cold side, however we will soon get used to it. This morning they had a burial on the "Miltiades" the steamer was stopped for a few minutes while the service was read & the poor chap committed to the deep..."

[Note – there was no mention of Private Irwin's funeral in the letter. Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis was buried at Sea from HMAT *Miltiades* on 28th September, 1917.]

Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin was buried at Sea on 28th September, 1917 with full Military Honours (as recorded by Colonel G. H. Dean, C. O. Troops, HMAT *Themistocles* A 32 in a communication date 30th September, 1917 to The Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne; however from a report in the Red Cross Wounded & Missing File – an informant states he was buried at Sea without Military Honours). He is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England as he has no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin contains 2 statements from informants regarding his illness & death:

- Informant T. P. Steel, 1944, Flying Corps wrote *"He died at Sea, coming from Australia. He was taken suddenly ill on the Voyage & died in the Irish Sea. His body was buried at Sea, about Sept 31st or Oct 1st. I was ill at the time so did not witness his burial. He belonged to the 11th reinfcts. I was in the same boat."*
- Informant A. R. Brown, 1876, A.F.C. wrote *"I came over with Irwin in the Themistocles which landed in Glasgow on Oct 2/17. Irwin died of some internal trouble about 2 days before reaching port and was buried at sea, being buried without Military Honours, as we were in the danger zone. He qualified for Flying Corps in Pt Cook Laverton Camp and came from Melbourne. I was in Laverton Camp for 7 months with him. He had a high forehead, inclined to be bald and going gray. Was about 30 years of age and great man on Y.M.C.A. and had lost a child about a month before embarkation. A quiet clean living man."*

Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin 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 Irwin's son – Master J. A. Irwin, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin – service number 1907, of Australian Flying Corps. No family details are listed.

Private F. S. A. Irwin is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 187.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

S. F. A. Irwin is remembered on the Ivanhoe War Memorial, located in Memorial Park, Upper Heidelberg & Studley Roads, Ivanhoe, Victoria.



Ivanhoe War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

S. F. A. Irwin is remembered on the St. James Anglican Church Honour Roll, 252 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, Victoria.



St. James Anglican Church, Ivanhoe (Photo from their Facebook page)



St. James Anglican Church Roll of Honour (Photo courtesy of Stephen May)

F. S. A. Irwin is remembered on the Caulfield Memorial Stone, located in Caulfield Park, Hawthorn & Balaclava Roads, Caulfield North, Victoria.



Caulfield Memorial Stone

(Photo above from Monument Australia; below from Victorian Heritage Database)



F. S. Irwin is remembered on the City of Caulfield Honor Roll located in Glen Eira City Hall, Glen Eira & Hawthorn Roads, Caulfield, Victoria.

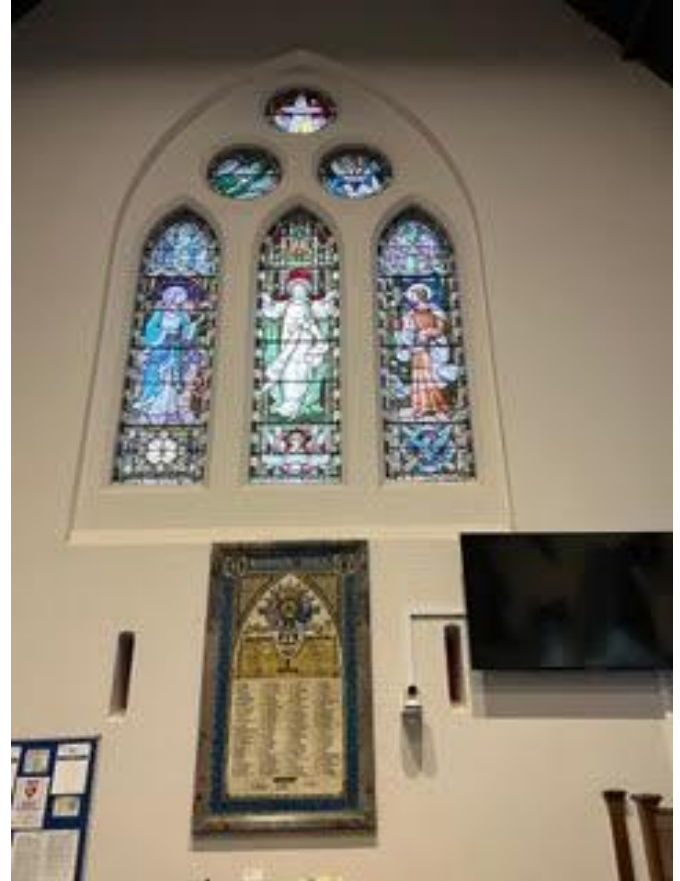


City of Caulfield Honor Roll (Photo above from VWMA; below from Victorian Heritage Database)



North wall, composite of 4 pics.

F. S. A. Irwin is remembered on the Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour, located below the Stained Glass Window for World War 1, located at 281 Glen Eira Road, Elsternwick, Victoria (now Oaktree Anglican Church).



Caulfield Anglican Church Roll of Honour
(Photos courtesy of Oaktree Anglican Church)



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Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin is remembered by the RAAFA Aviation Heritage Museum website.



(32 pages of Private Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin'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

DIED ON SERVICE

IRWIN – Officially reported died at sea, of septicaemia, on 28th September, 1917, Private (Air Mechanic) Frederick Stanley Anderson, loved elder son of Mrs and the late Dr. Anderson Irwin, “Rose Hill,” Caulfield, brother of Thos. H. and father of little John, aged 34 years.

“The supreme sacrifice”

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 October, 1917)

352ND CASUALTY LIST

Died of Illness

Pte F. S. A. IRWIN, Heidelberg (28/9/17)

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 15 November, 1917)

WILLS AND ESTATES

The National Trustees Co. is applying for probate of the will of.....

The same company is applying for probate of the will of Frederick Stanley Anderson Irwin, formerly of Ivanhoe, secretary, but late on active service abroad, who died on September 28, 1917. His estate, which is valued for probate at £1,217/6/4, consists of personally only, and is bequeathed to his only son.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 10 May, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England

The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

The Hollybrook Memorial commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces* whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters (*Officers and men of the Commonwealth's navies who have no grave but the sea are commemorated on memorials elsewhere). The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial. Almost one third of the names on the memorial are those of officers and men of the South African Native Labour Corps, who died when the troop transport Mendi sank in the Channel following a collision on 21 February 1917. Other vessels sunk with significant loss of life were: HS Anglia, a hospital ship sunk by mine off Dover on 17 November 1915. SS Citta Di Palermo, an Italian transport carrying Commonwealth troops, sunk by mine off Brindisi on 8 January 1916. In rescuing survivors, two Royal Naval Otranto drifters were themselves mined and blown up. HMTs Donegal and Warilda, ambulance transports torpedoed and sunk between Le Havre and Southampton on 17 April 1917 and 3 August 1918. HS Glenart Castle, a hospital ship torpedoed and sunk off Lundy on 26 February 1918. SS Galway Castle, torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on 12 September 1918. RMS Leinster, the Irish mail boat, torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Sea on 10 October 1918. Among those commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial is Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, who died when the battle cruiser HMS Hampshire was mined and sunk off Scapa Flow on 5 June 1916.

The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

(Information & photos from CWGC)





Cross of Sacrifice



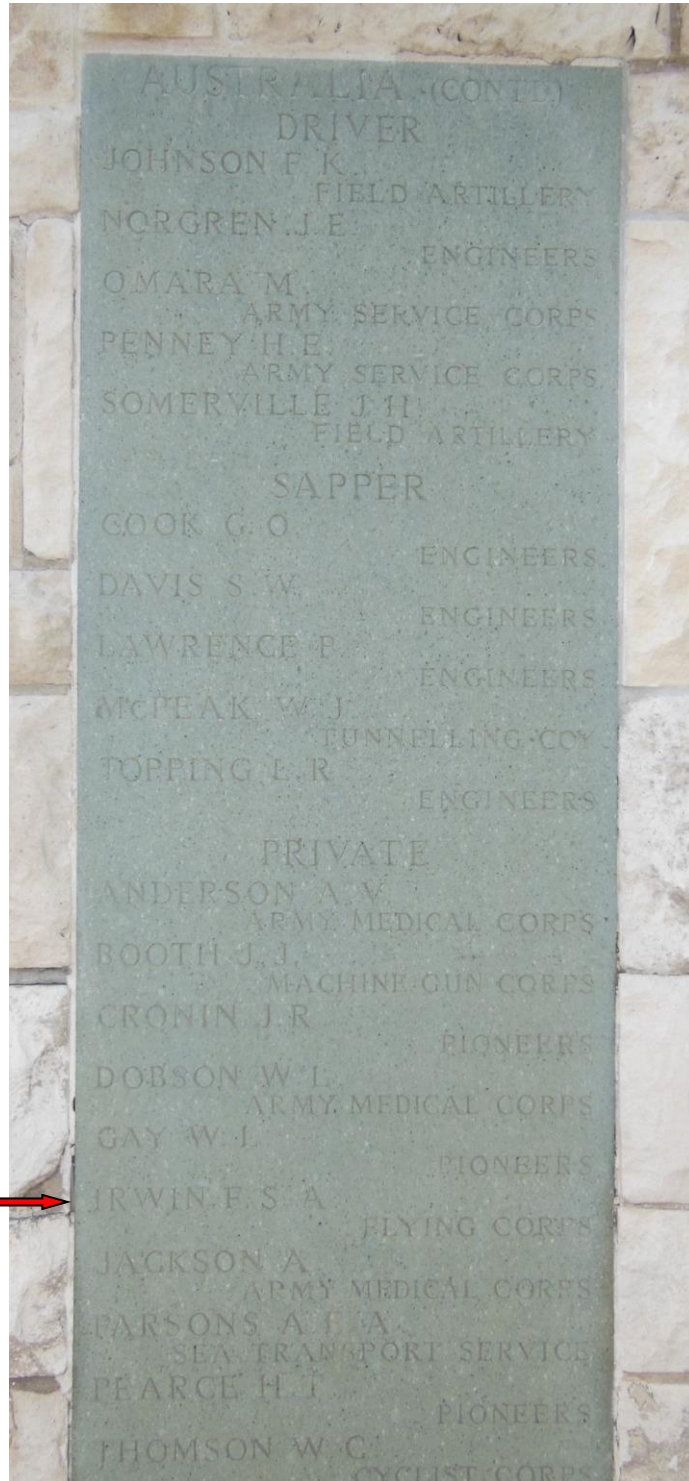
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial

(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private F. S. A. Irwin's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

