

**Philips Park Cemetery,
Manchester, Lancashire**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2769 2ND CORPORAL

J. KENYON

AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY COY.

1ST MARCH, 1919 Age 39

At Rest

Joseph KENYON

Joseph Kenyon was born on 17th November, 1884 (as stated on his Attestation Papers) at Salford, Manchester, Lancashire, England to parents Joseph & Sarah Elizabeth Kenyon (nee Marsden). (A birth was registered for a "Joseph Kenyon" in the December quarter, 1885 in the district of Salford.)

The 1891 England Census recorded Joseph Kenyon as a 5 year old Scholar living with his family at 18 Hadfield Street, Newton Heath, Manchester, Lancashire. His parents were listed as Joseph Kenyon (Warehouseman, aged 28, born Salford, Lancashire) & Sarah E. Kenyon (aged 25, born Salford, Lancashire). Joseph (Jnr) was the eldest of 4 boys listed on this Census – Joseph then Richard Kenyon (Scholar, aged 4, born Salford), Charles Kenyon (aged 2, born Salford) & Jonathan (aged 1 month, born Newton).

The 1901 England Census recorded Joseph Kenyon as a 15 year old Errand Boy living with his family at 86 Robert Street, Newton Heath, North Manchester, Lancashire. His parents were listed as Joseph Kenyon (Warehouse Porter, aged 37) & Sarah E. Kenyon (aged 35). Joseph was the eldest of eight children listed on this Census – Joseph then Richard (Errand Boy, aged 14), Charles Kenyon (aged 12), Jonathan (aged 10), Ernest Kenyon (aged 8), Edith (aged 6), Alfred (aged 4) & Leonard (aged 1).

Joseph Kenyon married Ellen Hannah Cartwright in 1909 in the district of West Maitland, New South Wales, Australia. The following births were registered with parents Joseph & Ellen Kenyon: 1909/1910 – Ethel O. Kenyon (Kurri Kurri); 1912 – Ernest C. Kenyon (West Maitland); 1913 – Bessie I. Kenyon (West Maitland).

[The 1911 England Census listed Joseph Kenyon's parents & siblings still living in England at 137 Lightbourne Rd, Moston, Manchester, Lancashire. Details of the family – Joseph Kenyon (General Warehouseman, aged 47), Elizabeth Kenyon (aged 45). Joseph & Elizabeth Kenyon had been married for 26 years & had 10 children. Eight of those children were listed at home on the Census – Charles Kenyon (Labourer, aged 22), Johnathan Kenyon (Milkman, aged 20), Ernest Kenyon (Labourer, aged 18), Edith Kenyon (Machinist, aged 16), Alfred Kenyon (Errand Boy, aged 14), Leonard Kenyon (At school, aged 11), Walter Kenyon (At School, aged 9) & May Kenyon (At School, aged 5).]

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Maitland, subdivision of East Gretna listed Joseph Kenyon, Fireman & Ellen Hannah Kenyon, Domestic Duties.

Joseph Kenyon was a 34 year old, married, Engine Driver from 14 Bibby Street, Hamilton, NSW when he enlisted on 25th June, 1918 with the Railway Unit – Special Draft, 1918 of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2769 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs E. M. Kenyon of 14 Bibby Street, Hamilton, NSW. Joseph Kenyon listed the following children – Gertrude -13 years, Edith - 8 years, Charles - 6 years & Iris - 3 years.

Pte Joseph Kenyon was posted to Recruit Depot, Railway Unit on 6th July, 1918. He was transferred to Railway Unit, Broadmeadows as 2nd Corporal on 17th September, 1918.

2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon embarked from Melbourne on SS *Zealandic* on 5th October, 1918. He was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 13th October, 1918 & discharged on 18th October, 1918. 2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon disembarked at London, England on 6th December, 1918.

2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon was marched in to A.R.O.D. (Australian Railway Operating Division) Depot at Longmoor on 6th December, 1918.

2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon was admitted to Military Hospital, Frensham Hill seriously ill with Influenza on 15th February, 1919. Notification was sent to Mrs Kenyon in Hamilton, NSW on 27th February, 1919 that her husband had been admitted to hospital with Influenza & was seriously ill. Another notification was sent on 6th March, 1919 to advise Mrs Kenyon that Second Corporal Joseph Kenyon's condition was slightly improved.

2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon died at 5.45 am on 1st March, 1919 at Frensham Hill Military Hospital, Farnham, England from Influenza & Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Joseph Kenyon, aged 34, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Farnham, Surrey, England.



Frensham Hill Military Hospital, Farnham

2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon was buried on 8th March, 1919 in Bradford Cemetery, Manchester later renamed Philips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England – Plot number H. C.E. 188 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of 2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was interred privately by relatives residing in Manchester. Many beautiful wreaths surmounted the coffin sent from Mother & Father, Sisters & Brothers, Richard & Wife, Ernest & Wife, Jonathon & Wife, Mr & Mrs Marsden & Family, Mr & Mrs Moore & Family. The A.I.F. Headquarters, London were represented at the funeral. The following relatives & friends were present at the funeral – Mr & Mrs Kenyon, Mrs Moore, (Sisters Edith & May, (Brothers) Richard, Jonathan, Walter & Ernest, Alfred and Leonard, Mrs Bonnie, Mr Barnett, Mr Simpson, Mrs Marsden.*

Joseph Kenyon requested in his Will dated 21st September, 1918 that the whole of his property & effects be left to his wife – Ellen Hannah Kenyon.

2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon 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 2nd Corporal Kenyon's widow – Mrs E. H. Kenyon, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists 2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon – service number 2769, aged 39, of Australian Railway Corps. He was the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Kenyon; husband of Mrs E. H. Kenyon, of 14 Bibby St., Hamilton, New South Wales. Born at Manchester, England.

Corporal J. Kenyon is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 26.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Cpl. J. Kenyon is remembered on the Hamilton War Memorial located in Gregson Park, Tudor & Steel Streets, Hamilton, NSW.



Hamilton War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)



(70 pages of 2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon'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) & National Archives





2nd Corporal Joseph Kenyon



Newspaper Notices

OUR SOLDIERS' WELFARE

THE WARWICK A.C.F.

The secretary of the Australian Comforts Fund has received the following three letters from recipients of Christmas boxes sent through the fund:

“Just a few lines to thank you people, especially the givers of those nice lollies and cigarettes which were like the highest war medals to us. Lollies we have not tasted for a long time, and the cigarettes I cannot thank you too much for, but I must say the sardines didn't last long. They were very nice, well, so was everything, and I again thank you one and all. Though an Englishman, I am very proud to wear the Australian khaki: From one who has just had one good Aussie feed. Corporal J. Kenyon, Australian R.O.D., Railway Unit Abroad.”

(Warwick Daily News, Qld – 4 March, 1919)

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

CORPORAL KENYON – Mrs J. Kenyon, late of East Greta, but now of Hamilton, has been advised of the death of her husband, Corporal J. Kenyon, in England, of influenza.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 12 March, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

KENYON – In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Second-corporal Joseph Kenyon, who died in England on March 1, 1919.

As long as our hearts are beating,

As long as our eyes have tears,

We will carry his memory with us

Throughout the sorrowing years.

Inserted by his loving wife and family.

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 1 March, 1920)

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)

A letter from Base Records, dated 4th August, 1921, to Mrs E. H. Kenyon at Hamilton, NSW advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone her husband the late 2nd Corporal J. Kenyon 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.

2nd Corporal J. Kenyon does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

At Rest

Philips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England

Philips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire contains 274 First World War burials and 174 from the Second World War. The burials are scattered throughout the cemetery, a Screen Wall near the main entrance bears the names of those casualties of both wars whose graves could not be individually marked. There is also one non-war service burial in the cemetery. A Cross of Sacrifice stands beside the Screen Wall.

During the First World War, Manchester contained between thirty and forty war hospitals, including the 2nd Western General Hospital and the Nell Lane Military Hospital for prisoners of war. Many of those buried in the cemeteries and churchyards of the city died in these hospitals. During the Second World War, there was a Royal Air Force Station at Heaton Park, Manchester.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo by MichaelT – Find a Grave)



Philips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire

(Photo above by Mike Berrell & below by Mike Ganly)

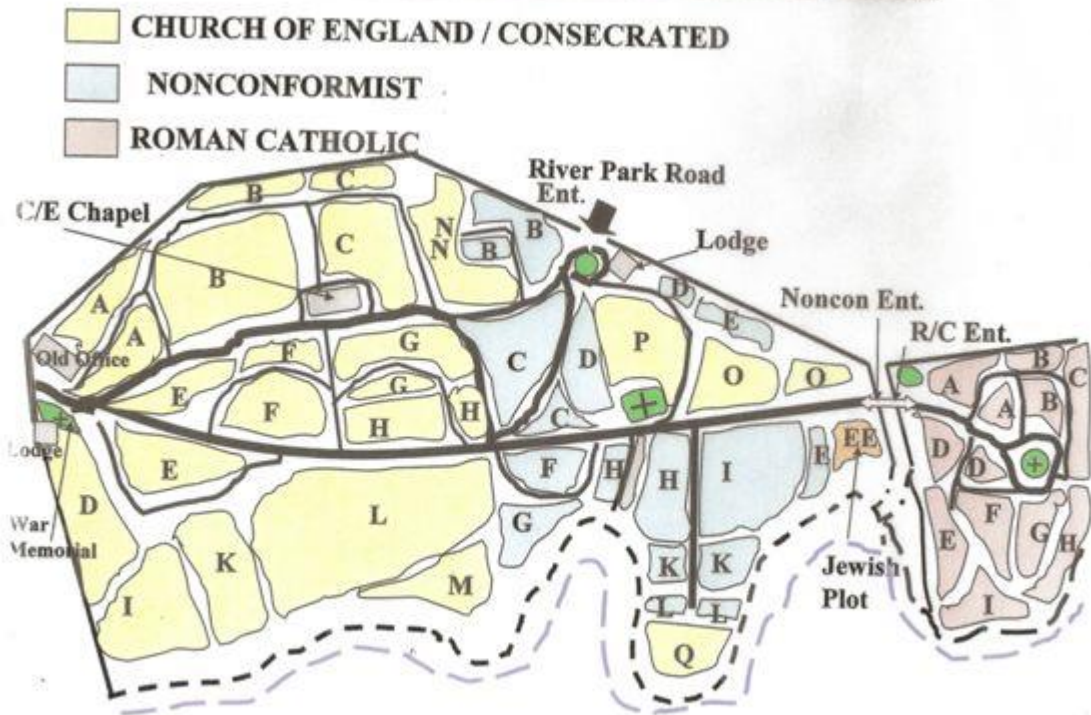


Photo of 2nd Corporal J. Kenyon's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Philips Park Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Mike Berrell)

PHILIPS PARK CEMETERY PLOT DENOMINATION



(Photo by Lesley – Find a Grave)