

**Fort Pitt Military Cemetery,
Rochester, Kent
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1950 PRIVATE

M. F. LLOYD

46TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

21ST MARCH, 1918 Age 33

The Example of a Noble Life

Never Dies

Michael Francis LLOYD

Michael Francis Lloyd was born at Stawell, Victoria in 1884 to parents Patrick and Eugenie Elizabeth Lloyd (nee Metzger).

Michael Francis Lloyd attended Concongella State School, Stawell, Victoria.

Michael Francis Lloyd stated he was a 30 year old, single, Labourer from Warracknabeal, Victoria when he enlisted on 22nd March, 1916 with the 46th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1950 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Jeanie Toner, of Anderson Street, Warracknabeal, Victoria.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was posted to 20th Depot Battalion at Castlemaine, Victoria on 22nd March, 1916. He was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 46th Battalion at Broadmeadows on 27th April, 1916.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Medic (A7)* on 20th May, 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 Michael Francis Lloyd was marched in to 12th Training Battalion at Rollestone, Wiltshire on 21st July, 1916.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd proceeded overseas to France on 23rd September, 1916. He was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) on 24th September, 1916.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd joined his Unit on 4th October, 1916.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was written up for an Offence on 24th October, 1916 – Rifle dirty on Parade. He was deprived of 1 days' pay by Capt V. J. Waive.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was sent to Hospital sick on 12th February, 1917. He was admitted to 1st General Hospital on 19th February, 1917 with Pneumonia - slight. Pte Lloyd embarked on Hospital Ship *Grantully Castle* from Havre for England on 24th February, 1917 suffering from Myalgia & Bronchitis.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was admitted to Reading War Hospital, Berkshire, England on 24th February, 1917 with Influenza & Bronchitis.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was transferred to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield on 20th April, 1917 with Pneumonia. He was discharged from Hospital on 16th May, 1917 & was to report to Depot at Weymouth.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was marched in to No. 2 Australian Command Depot at Weymouth on 17th May, 1917.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was transferred to No. 3 Command Depot on 29th June, 1917. He was marched in to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 1st July, 1917 & medically classified as B1 A3 (Fit for overseas training camp in two to three weeks).

Private Michael Francis Lloyd proceeded overseas to France from Overseas Training Depot via Folkestone on 6th August, 1917.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre on 8th August, 1917. He proceeded to join his Unit on 22nd August, 1917 & rejoined his Unit in the field from Hospital on 25th August, 1917.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was wounded in action on 1st October, 1917. He was admitted to 17th Casualty Clearing Station with shrapnel wounds to head, right arm & left side on 1st October, 1917. Pte Lloyd was reported as dangerously ill at 17th Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to Chest on 21st October, 1917. Pte Lloyd was reported as still a patient at 17th Casualty Clearing Station on 5th December, 1917. Pte Lloyd was admitted to

3rd Canadian General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 8th December, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to chest. Pte Lloyd was transferred to England on 1st February, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydel*.

46th Battalion

The 46th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the A.I.F. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 14th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 14th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men from Victoria, although some of the reinforcements hailed from New South Wales and Western Australia.

As part of the 12th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division, the 46th Battalion arrived in France on 8 June 1916, destined for the Western Front. The battalion spent the period up until March 1917 alternating between duty in the trenches and training and rest behind the lines. On 11 April it took part in the attack mounted against the heavily defended village of Bullecourt - part of the formidable Hindenburg Line to which the Germans had retreated during February and March. Devoid of surprise, and dependent upon the support of unreliable tanks, the attack had little chance of success; after managing to fight through to its objectives, the 46th was forced to withdraw with heavy casualties. Later in the year, the focus of the AIF's operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium where the 46th took part in the battles of Messines and Passchendaele.

The 46th rotated in and out of the front line throughout the winter of 1917-18.

(Information from the Australian War Memorial)

According to information supplied by his mother for the Roll of Honour, Private Michael Francis Lloyd was wounded at Polygon Wood.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was admitted to Fort Pitt Military Hospital, Chatham, Kent, England on 1st February, 1918 with multiple shrapnel wounds to head, arm, chest – severe.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd died at 1.25 am on 21st March, 1918 at Fort Pitt Military Hospital, Chatham, Kent, England from wounds received in action – shrapnel wound to chest.

A death for Michael F. Lloyd, aged 33, was registered in the March quarter, 1918 in the district of Medway, Kent, England.

Private Michael Francis Lloyd was buried at 3.15 pm on 23rd March, 1918 in Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent, England – Plot number 1484 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Lloyd - *Coffin was good polished Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack Flag. Gun Carriage was supplied by the A.S.C. Chatham. Band, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers, under the command of Lieut Herbert were supplied by the Middlesex Regiment stationed at Chatham. The grave will be turfed. Oak cross has been erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral. Stepbrother – No. 903 Gnr Toner, J. J. 113th How. Bty, A.I.F. Littlemore Camp, Weymouth was present at the funeral.*

Mrs E. Toner, mother of the late Private Michael Francis Lloyd, wrote to Base Records on 21st July, 1920 enquiring into the personal effects of her late son who had died at Fort Pitt Military Hospital, Chatham England. Base Records replied on 26th July, 1920 to advise that the personal effects of her son were included in a consignment which was shipped from England per S.S. *Barunga*, which had been lost at sea, with all her cargo, as a result of enemy action. The contents were listed as: 1 Match box cover, 1 Pipe, 1 Wristlet Watch & Cover, & strap, 2 Metal Rings, 4 Badges, 1 Fountain Pen & Clip, 5 Handkerchiefs, 1 Wallet, 1 Tin Opener, 1 Mirror in case, 1 Pr Sox, 1 Devotional Book, 1 Purse (containing 3 coins), 1 Penknife, 1 Comb, Letters.

Pte Michael Francis Lloyd was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Lloyd's mother - Mrs J. E. Toner, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent February, 1922 & Plaque sent October, 1922). Patrick Lloyd, father of the late Pte Michael Francis Lloyd, died in 1919.

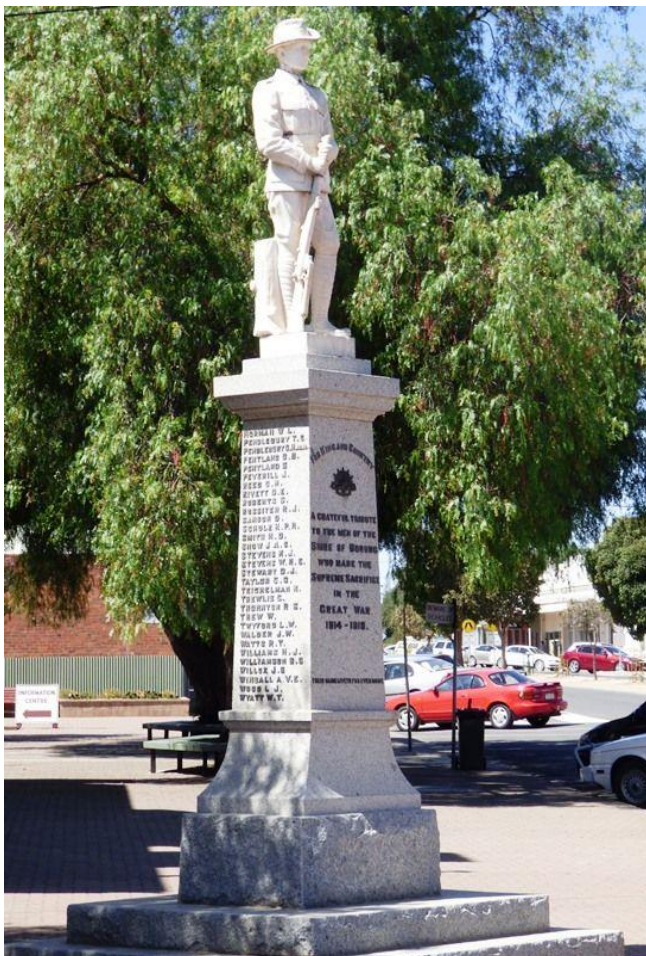
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Michael Francis Lloyd – service number 1950, aged 33, of 46th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Patrick and Eugenie Elizabeth Lloyd, of Warracknabeal, Victoria, Australia. Native of Stawell.

Private M. F. Lloyd is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 142.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

M. F. Lloyd is remembered on the Warracknabeal War Memorial located at Woodcock & Scott Streets, Warracknabeal, Victoria.

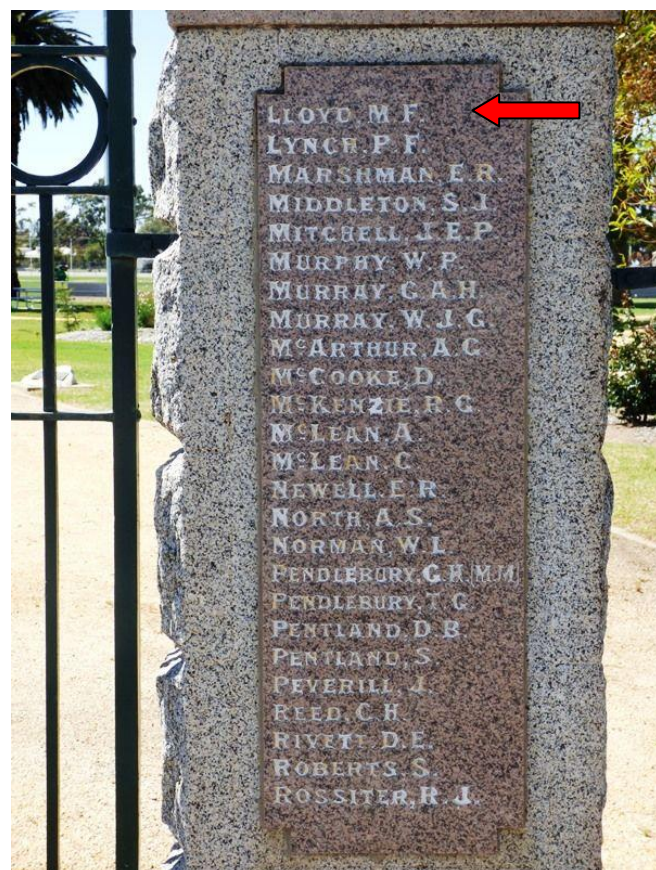


Warracknabeal War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)

M. F. Lloyd is remembered on the Anzac Park Memorial Gates located at Scott & Arnold Streets, Warracknabeal, Victoria.



Anzac Park Memorial Gates, Warracknabeal (Photos from Monument Australia – Graeme Saunders)



(64 pages of Pte Michael Francis Lloyd'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

Newspaper Notices

THE CALL FOR MEN

NEW MALLEE BATTALION BORUNG SHIRE'S QUOTA

Up to date 182 recruits have enlisted at the Borung Shire Hall, and of these 142 have been accepted for service. Following is the list of men accepted at Warracknabeal and sent on for final examination:-

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Michael Lloyd, W'beal

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(*Warracknabeal Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 11 April, 1916)

WARRACKNABEAL

Gunner J. J. Toner, son of Mrs Toner, of Warracknabeal, has been admitted to hospital suffering from mild gunshot wound in the right eye. Mrs Toner also received word that her third son, Private M. F. Lloyd, of the 46th Battalion, has been wounded, but no details are yet to hand.

(*The Horsham Times*, Victoria – 2 November, 1917)

WARRACKNABEAL

The flags in the town were flown at half-mast on Monday, word having been received by the Rev. Father Lynch from the Defence Department that Private Michael F. Lloyd, son of Mrs Toner, of Warracknabeal, had died on service. He had been some time ago removed to England for treatment.

(*The Horsham Times*, Victoria – 29 March, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

VICTORIAN LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte M. F. Lloyd, Warracknabeal, 21/3/18

(*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 April, 1918)

SOLDIERS' CERTIFICATES

At the meeting of the Borung Council on Friday soldiers' certificates were issued as follows: _ Private Norman Oakley Clark, Private Alfred Horman, Private Kyndon W. Vaughan, Private William Clarence A. Toner, **Private Michael F. Lloyd (died of wounds).**

(*Warracknabeal Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 April, 1918)

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 20th July, 1921, to Mrs J. E. Toner, of Anderson Street, Warracknabeal, Victoria advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone her son, the late Pte M. F. Lloyd 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.

Pte M. F. Lloyd does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

The Example Of A Noble Life Never Dies

Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent, England

Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent contains 289 identified Commonwealth War Graves.

During both wars there were naval and military establishments in the neighbourhood of Rochester, and some fishing and shipping at the port.

Fort Pitt Military Cemetery contains a plot of 266 First World War graves. The 25 Second World War graves (two of them unidentified) are north of the plot. All save two of them are together in a group.

(Information & photo from CWGC)



Photo of Pte M. F. Lloyd's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent, England.



(Photo courtesy of Kyle Tallett)



Fort Pitt Military Cemetery, Rochester, Kent (*photo from CWGC*)