

**Brookwood Military Cemetery,
Brookwood, Surrey**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



15128 DRIVER

N. MACAULAY

AUST. FIELD ARTILLERY

3RD JANUARY, 1918 Age 30

For God, For King

And For Country

Neil (Jack) MACAULAY

Neil MacAulay was born at Little Hampton, Victoria in September, 1886 to parents Hughie John and Susan Elizabeth MacAulay (nee Alcorn).

Neil MacAulay attended school at Little Hampton, Victoria.

Hughie John MacAulay, father of Neil MacAulay, died in 1908 at Collie, Western Australia.

The 1910 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Collie, Western Australia recorded Neil MacAulay, Grocer's Assistant, from Forrest Street, Collie.

Neil MacAulay married Alice Lyford in 1916 in Victoria.

Neil MacAulay was a 29 year old, married, Grocer from Collie, Western Australia when he enlisted on 10th January, 1916 at Maribyrnong, Victoria with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 15128 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs A. MacAulay, care of Mrs Bugg, 20 Marian Street, Ascot Vale, Victoria. Neil MacAulay stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Cameron Highlanders as a Volunteer for 3 years in Western Australia. (Note: His name was recorded as Niel Macaulay on the Embarkation Roll & also some Attestation Papers)

Private Neil MacAulay was posted to 42nd Depot Battalion, 3rd Platoon on 10th January, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "D Sub" Field Artillery Reinforcements on 26th January, 1916 with the rank of Gunner. Gunner MacAulay was transferred to Field Artillery Reinforcements on 12th February, 1916 then transferred to 25th Howitzer Brigade, 2nd Reinforcements on 1st April, 1916.

Gunner Neil MacAulay embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Port Lincoln (A17)* on 4th May, 1916 with the 25th Howitzer Brigade, 2nd Reinforcements.

Alice MacAulay wrote to Defence Department on 11th June, 1917 to advise her change of address from 20 Miriam Street, Ascot Vale, Melbourne where she was living when her husband No. 15128 Gunner Neil MacAulay left for active service to c/o Mrs Lyford, Wybalena Rd, Hunters Hill, NSW.

Gunner Neil MacAulay joined Artillery Training Depot at Tel-el-Kebir (no date recorded). He embarked from Alexandria on 1st August, 1916 on *Lake Manitoba* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force).

Gunner Neil MacAulay was taken on strength of No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire, England on 25th September, 1916 & was classified as B1A (temporarily unfit for Active Service).

The Hospital Admissions form recorded Gunner Neil MacAulay was posted to No. 4 Command Depot on 28th October, 1916 with his "*Arm hurt by horse and pneumonia.*" He was medically classified on 12th November & 24th November, 1916 as B1 A3 (fit for Overseas Training Camp in 2 – 3 weeks). Gunner MacAulay was medically classified on 1st December, 1916 as B1 A4 (fit for Overseas Training Camp when passed dentally fit.)

Gunner Neil MacAulay was marched out to No. 7 Camp in England on 24th December, 1916 from Infantry Draft Depot at Perham Downs.

Gunner Neil MacAulay proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 8th January, 1917 on *Princess Henrietta* from 3rd Divisional Artillery Details. He was marched in the A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 9th January, 1917.

Gunner Neil MacAulay was transferred to 3rd Divisional Artillery on 8th February, 1917 & was taken on strength of 7th Field Artillery Brigade – 27th Battery in the Field on the same day.

Gunner Neil MacAulay was mustered as Driver with 7th Field Artillery Brigade on 18th May, 1917.

The address details for the next-of-kin of Driver Neil MacAulay were changed on 30th June, 1917 to show Mrs A. Macaulay c/o Mrs Lyford, Wybalena Rd, Hunters Hill, N.S.W.

Driver Neil MacAulay was admitted to 9th Australian Field Ambulance on 28th November, 1917 with Trench Fever. He was transferred & admitted to 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station on 29th November, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train 34 on 2nd December, 1917. Driver MacAulay was admitted to 35th General Hospital at Calais, France on 2nd December, 1917 with Nephritis. He was transferred to England on 7th December, 1917.

Driver Neil MacAulay was admitted to Auxiliary Military Hospital, Southall, England (affiliated to Edmonton Military Hospital) on 7th December, 1917 with Nephritis. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Great deal of albumen present on admission. Uraemic fits started Jan 1st.*"

Mrs A. Macaulay, c/o Mrs Lyford, Wybalena Rd, Hunters Hill, NSW, was advised by Base Records on 28th December, 1917 that Gunner N. MacAulay had been admitted to Auxiliary Military Hospital, Southall, England on 7th December, 1917 suffering from Nephritis.

Driver Neil MacAulay died at 7 am on 3rd January, 1918 Southall V.A.D. Hospital, Southall, England from 1. Acute Nephritis & 2. Uraemia. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*died Jan 3rd 18 in a fit.*"

Driver Neil MacAulay was buried at 1.30 pm on 5th January, 1918 in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England – Australian Military Burial Ground - Plot number 180314.

From the burial report of Driver Neil MacAulay - *Coffin was good, Polished Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military Funeral. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag. Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers were supplied by the Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London. The grave will be turfed immediately, and an oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London. No relatives were present at the funeral. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Base Records wrote to Mrs A. Macaulay, William Street, Turramurra, NSW on 6th April, 1923 stating that the site of Driver N. Macaulay's grave in Brookwood Military Cemetery had been officially registered as Plot 11 Row A Grave 11.

This is now recorded by CWGC as Memorial reference – XI. A. 11. Driver Neil MacAulay now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Driver Neil MacAulay contains a letter from The Matron, Auxiliary Military V.A.D. Hospital, Southall, England which reads: "*Re Pte Macauley. He was admitted on Dec. 7th suffering very badly from Nephritis. He gradually became worse and on the 1st January at noon he had a Uraemic fit and continued having them gradually becoming weaker, ON the 2nd he became unconscious and did not recover consciousness again, dying quite quietly suffering no pain at 7 am on the 3rd of January. He was buried by the Aust: Government at Brookwood Cemetery (in a piece of ground bought by the Aust: Government so that Australians should be buried together) on Saturday 5th. It is with deep regret I have to write this and offer my sincere sympathy t the relations of Pte Macauley.*"

Neil MacAulay requested in his Will dated 21st June, 1917 that all his real estate & personal estate be bequeathed to his wife – Alice Macaulay, c/o G. Lyford, Wybalina Rd, Hunters Hill, Sydney, Australia.

The 2nd Military District, Victoria Barracks, Paddington, Sydney, advised Base Records on 16th February, 1918 that Mrs Alice MacAulay, next of kin of No. 15128 Gunner Neil MacAulay, 25th Howitzer Brigade, was living at "Clare," William Street, Sydney.

A War Pension was granted to Alice Macaulay, William Street, Turramurra, widow of the late Gunner (as listed on Pension records) Neil MacAulay, 7th F.A.B., in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 8th March, 1918.

Alice Macaulay wrote to Base Records on 9th March, 1918 asking if they held "*my late husband's Will as he made one out while in France about nine months ago, or where could I apply for it*". She also advised her change of address from Hunters Hill to Rowland Avenue, Warrawee, Sydney.

Driver Neil MacAulay was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Driver Macaulay's widow – Mrs A. Macaulay, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Neil MacAulay – service number 15128, aged 30, of 7th Bde., Australian Field Artillery. He was the son of Hughie and Susan MacAulay; husband of Alice MacAulay, of William St., Turramurra, New South Wales.

N. MacAulay is remembered on the Collie & Surrounding Districts Roll of Honour, located in Collie Cardiff Sub Branch Premises located in Lefroy Street, Collie, Western Australia.

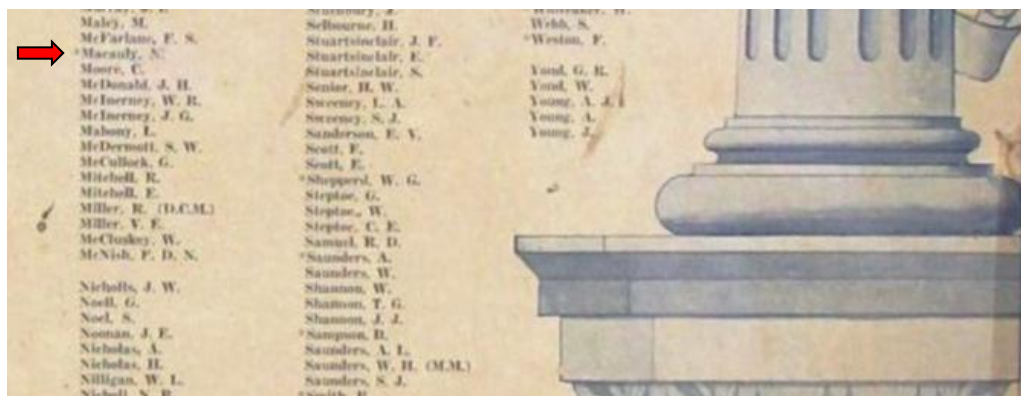


Collie & Surrounding Districts Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Collie Cardiff RSL Sub Branch)

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Collie & Districts Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Collie Cardiff RSL Sub Branch)



Driver N. MacAulay is remembered on the Collie War Memorial (East side), located in Soldiers Park, Steere & Johnston Streets, Collie, Western Australia.



Collie War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Collie Cardiff RSL Sub Branch)



The Collie Soldiers Park Avenue of Honour commemorates those who died in service or were killed in action in World War 1. The Plaques for these trees are now held in the Coalfields Museum



Collie Soldiers Park Avenue of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Harry Frochter)



Memorial Wall made from ninety plaques that once were positioned with trees as an Avenue of Honour associated with the Collie Soldiers Park.

(Photo from Anzac Portal Dept of Veteran's Affairs Image: Jeff Brownrigg)

N. MacAulay 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.

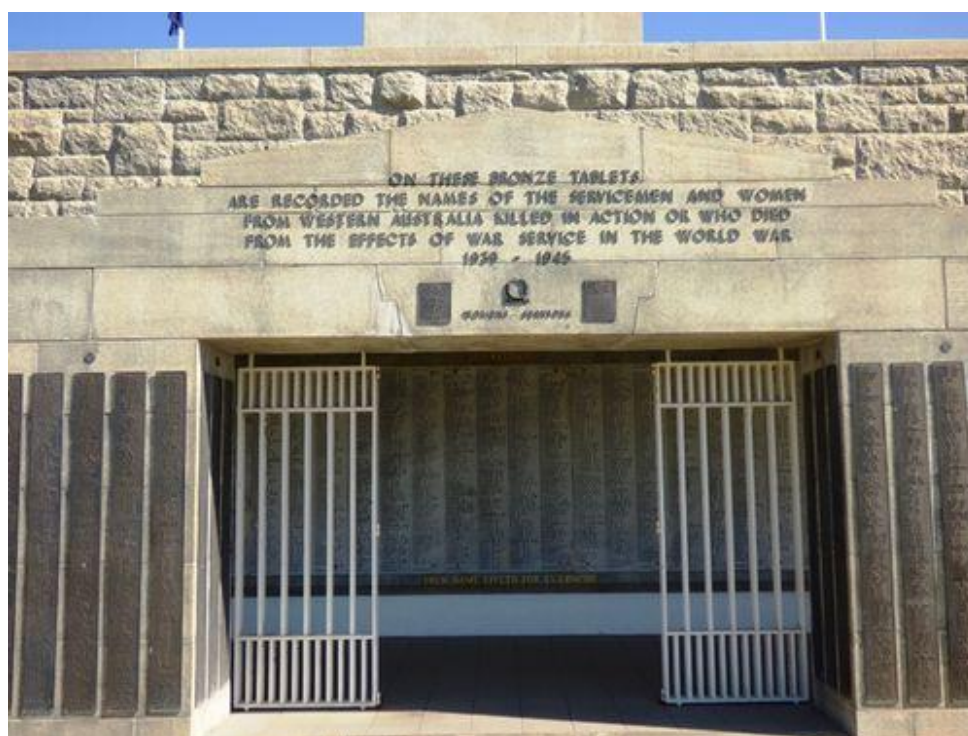
The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a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



Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park (above)

& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

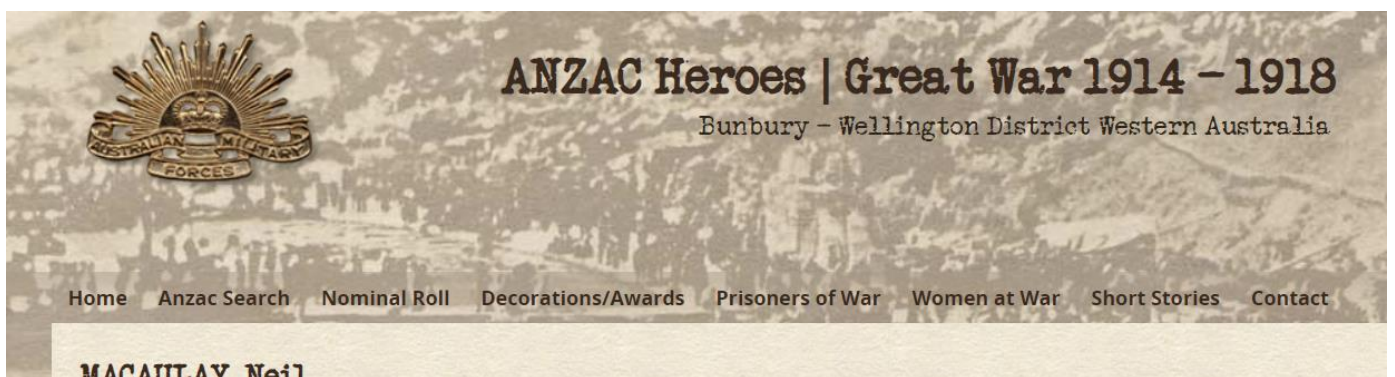
(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)





Other Corps Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

Neil MacAulay is remembered in the ANZAC Heroes Great War 1914 – 1918 Bunbury – Wellington District, Western Australia website



N. Macaulay is remembered on the Essendon Area Honour Roll, located in The Clocktower Centre (former Town Hall), 750 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds, Victoria.



The Clocktower Centre (above) & Essendon Area Honour Roll (below) (Photo from VHD)



Driver N. Macaulay is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 15.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(59 pages of Driver Neil MacAulay'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

Current Notes

Recruiting – The Recruiting Officials at Collie had a busy time on Tuesday last, ten recruits offered themselves and all succeeded in passing the medical test. Following are the names:- Neil Macauley, Medic; Jas. R. Connelly, Preston; James Necks, Collie;.....

(The Collie Miner, Western Australia – 8 January, 1916)

PERSONAL PARS

Mrs Macaulay, of Forrest Street, received the bad news last week end of the death of her son, Private Jack Macaulay, from wounds. Jack was an old and highly-respected resident of collie.

(Collie Mail, Western Australia – 19 January, 1918) & (South Western Times, Bunbury, Western Australia – 22 January, 1918)

KILLED IN ACTION

MACAULAY – On January 3, after a short illness, at Southall Military Hospital, England, Jack, dearly beloved eldest son of Nurse Macaulay, and loved brother of Edie, of Collie, and Mrs P. Skinner, of Perth, also cousin of R. Leyland (returned).

-New South Wales and Victorian papers please copy.

MACAULAY – A tribute to the memory of our darling brother, Gunner Neil Macaulay (Jack) who died in hospital in England on January 3, 1918, aged 32 years.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Maud and Alex. Ross, and nieces and nephew, Jean Cera, and Alex., Picton-crescent, Bunbury.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 19 January, 1918) & (*Western Mail*, Perth, Western Australia – 25 January, 1918)

Collie Chats

(From our Correspondent)

Jack Macaulay, son of Mrs Macaulay, of Forrest Street, has Gone West, "Somewhere in France." God rest his soul !

(Bunbury Herald, Western Australia – 23 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

MACAULAY – In sad but ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, Neil (Jack), who died of illness on January 3, 1918, in Southall Military Hospital, England.

Dead, did ye say? Nay, only heaven sped,
Just safe in God's home port, they are not dead.
Lost, did ye say ? How could such lives be lost?
Just gathered up His jewels, rare of cost.
Gone ? Nay, only waiting on God's shore line
The coming of life's vessel, yours and mine.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother and sister, Edie, also cousin R. Leyland (returned), Collie.

MACAULAY – In sad and loving memory of our darling brother, Neil (Jack), who died at Southall Military Hospital, January 3, 1918.

Though death divides, fond memory clings.

Inserted by his brother and sister-in-law, Hugh and Annie Macaulay, Bunbury, Western Australia.

MACAULAY – In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Gunner Neil Macaulay (Jack), who died of illness at Southall Military Hospital, England, on January 3, 1918, after two years' active service.

Greater love hath no man than this,
That he lay down his life for his friends.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Sis and Percy Skinner (on munition work) and nephew and niece, Harold and Gwen.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 3 January, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

MACAULAY – A tribute to the memory of our dear brother and uncle, Gunner Neil Macaulay, who died on January 3, 1917, at the Southall Military Hospital, England, after a short illness, late of Collie and Trentham, Victoria. So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

Inserted by his sorrowing sister and brother-in-law, Chriss and Alf White, nieces and nephews, Jack, Gwen, Mavis and Roy, of Moore-street, Bunbury.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 4 January, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

MACAULAY – A tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Gunner Neil Macaulay (Jack), who died at Southall Military Hospital, England, on January 3rd, 1918.

-Inserted by his sincere friends, Mrs S, McGowan and family.

(*Collie Mail*, Western Australia – 4 January, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

Anzac Heroes

MACAULAY – In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Gunner Neil Macaulay (Jack), who died in Southall Military Hospital on January 3, 1918, aged 32 years.

Twelve months gone by, our hearts still sore;

As the boys return we will miss you more.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, M. and Alex. Ross; nieces, Jean and Vera; and nephew, Alex., Bunbury.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 6 January, 1919)

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)

Driver N. Macaulay does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

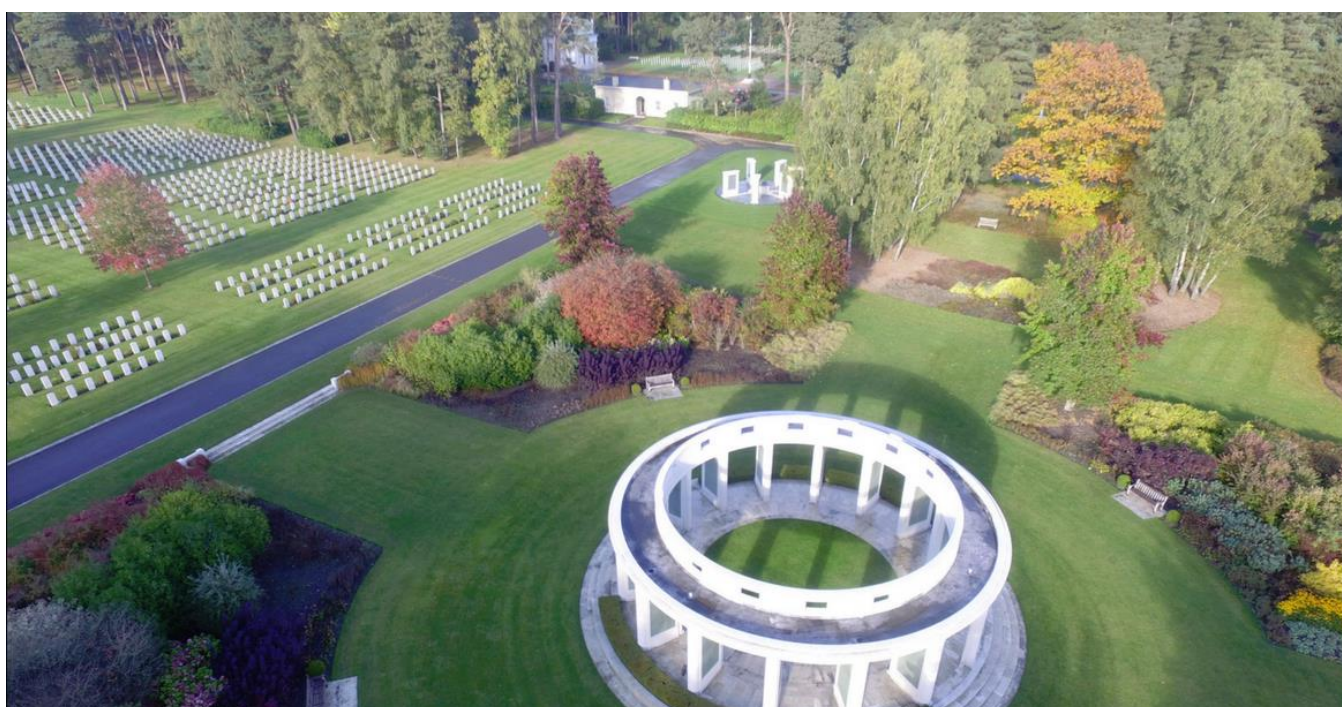
For God, For King And For Country

Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England

Located 30 miles from London in Surrey, Brookwood Military Cemetery is the largest CWGC cemetery in the United Kingdom. The cemetery contains the graves of more than 1,600 servicemen of the British Empire in the First World War and over 3,470 from the Second World War.

Brookwood Military Cemetery lies adjacent to Brookwood Cemetery (The London Necropolis), a vast space which covers 500 acres. In 1917, an area to the north of the cemetery was set aside as Brookwood Military Cemetery for men and women of Commonwealth forces who died, many of battle wounds, in the London district. This site was further extended to accommodate Commonwealth casualties of the Second World War. *(Information from CWGC)*

There are 446 Australian War Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery – 351 from World War 1 & 95 from World War 2.



Brookwood Military Cemetery *(Photo from CWGC)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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A large crowd attends an A.I.F. military funeral at Brookwood Cemetery. In the foreground wooden crosses mark rows of graves. (Photo c1919)

Identified: Front row, left to right: Second Lieutenant Douglas Abbott Ferguson, Australian Flying Corps, died of accidental injuries 18 August 1918; Lieutenant (Lt) Francis John Smedley MC, 7th Battalion, died of wounds 20 August 1918. Second row: 6860 Private (Pte) James Alexander McKeown, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 20 June 1918; 3622 Pte S T Wilson, 2nd Australian Pioneers, died of wounds 4 July 1918; 2390 Sergeant Frederick Charles Stronell, 21st Battalion, died of wounds 9 July 1918; Lt Arthur Melville Lilburne MC, 6th Brigade Australian Field Artillery, died of disease 11 July 1918.



Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)



Australian Graves in Brookwood Military Cemetery (Photos by Magicfingers)





(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



Australian War Graves *(Photo courtesy of Neil Bright 2020)*

Photo of Driver N. Macaulay's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brookwood Military Cemetery, Surrey, England.



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher)



(Photo from Find a Grave – Wertypop 2011)



(Photo courtesy of Ian Fletcher – Jan 2021)

