

**Warrington Cemetery,
Warrington, Cheshire/Lancashire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2914 PRIVATE

J. NALDER

5TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS

27TH OCTOBER, 1917 Age 46

Loved By All

He Died For His Country

Joseph NALDER

Joseph Nalder was born in Linton, near Skipton, Victoria on 3rd January, 1873 to parents William and Mary Ann Nalder (nee Watson).

Joseph Nalder attended school at Towaninnie, Victoria.

Mary Ann Nalder, mother of Joseph Nalder died on 19th January, 1889 in Victoria.

The 1903, 1905 & 1906 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Wimmera, subdivision of Lalbert, Victoria, listed Joseph Nalder, Farmer, of Lalbert.

The 1910, 1914, 1916, 1917 & 1918 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Swan, subdivision of Beverley, Western Australia listed Joseph Nalder, Farmer, of Pingelly.

William Nalder, father of Joseph Nalder died on 23rd December, 1914 at Coburg, Melbourne, Victoria.

Joseph Nalder was a 42 year old, single, Farmer from East Pingelly, Western Australia when he enlisted in Perth, Western Australia on 19th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2914 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs F. M. O'Toole, Leongatha, Gippsland, Victoria.

Private Joseph Nalder was posted to No. 64 Depot on 19th March, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 51st Battalion on 3rd May, 1916 then transferred to Tunnelers Reinforcements on 3rd July, 1916. Pte Nalder was transferred to 6th Reinforcements, 5th Pioneers on 4th September, 1916.

Private Joseph Nalder embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Port Melbourne (A16)* on 30th October, 1916 with the 5th Pioneer Battalion, 6th Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 28th December, 1916. Pte Nalder had been admitted to the Ship's Hospital while at sea & had been discharged on 12th December, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England.

Private Joseph Nalder proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 28th February, 1917 from Pioneer Training Battalion. He was marched in to 5th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Etaples, France on 1st March, 1917. Pte Nalder was marched out to his Unit from 5th A.D.B.D. on 5th March, 1917 & was taken on strength with 5th Pioneers in the field on 7th March, 1917.

Private Joseph Nalder was wounded (Gassed) on 17th October, 1917. Another entry states Pte Nalder was gassed & wounded on 16th October, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance with shrapnel wounds to left leg & gassed (no date). Pte Nalder was transferred to 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 15th October, 1917 (date as per Casualty Form – Active Service) with shrapnel wounds to arm & hand. He was transferred to Ambulance Train 12 on 17th October, 1917 & admitted the same day to 14th General Hospital. Pte Nalder embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St. Andrews* on 18th October, 1917 with shrapnel wounds to arm & hand.

5th Australian Pioneer Battalion

The 5th Pioneers were established on 10 March 1916, at Tel-el-Kebir in Egypt, and were subsequently assigned to the 5th Division. Trained as infantrymen, they were also tasked with some engineer functions, with a large number of personnel possessing trade qualifications from civilian life. As such, they were designated as pioneer units. The 5th Pioneer Battalion was formed from volunteers from the 5th Division who possessed relevant trade qualifications, or who were deemed to be suitable for manual labouring tasks. Many were skilled and experienced in mining and other artisanal trades. *(Information from Wikipedia)*

War Diary – 5th Australian Pioneer Battalion:

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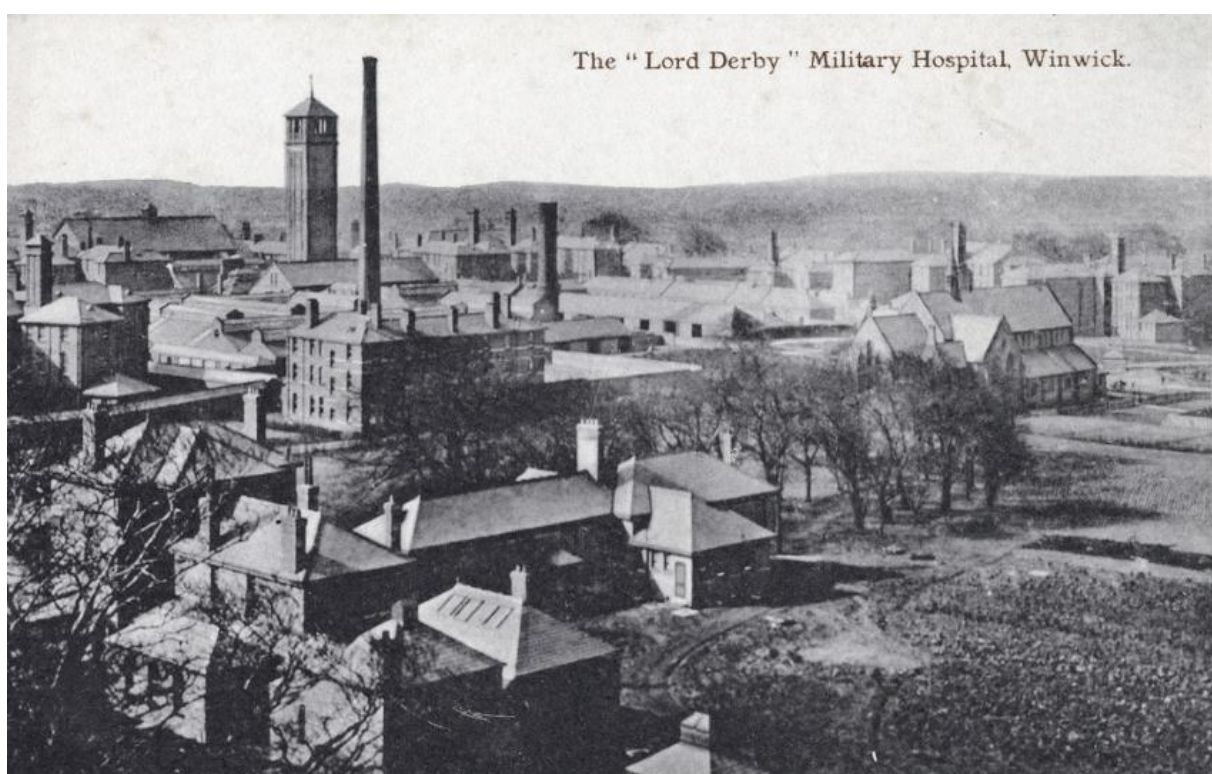
15th October, 1917 – “C” Coy started work on drainage & repair of road from ZONNEBEKE to MOLENAARELSTHOEK. Shelling about WESTHOEK all day.

16th October, 1917 – Divisional Tramway railhead now at J.3.d.3.8. Men are going very solidly now & have little rest – the sick parade shows a marked increase.

17th October, 1917 – German aeroplane brought down in flames & fell close to camp. Both occupants killed.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Joseph Nalder was admitted to The Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington, Lancashire, England on 19th October, 1917 with gunshot wounds to right arm & hand. The Hospital Admissions form states he also had mustard gas poisoning with many septic blisters especially on right arm.



Private Joseph Nalder died at 1.30 pm on 27th October, 1917 at The Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington, Lancashire, England from wounds - gunshot wounds to right arm & hand & Pneumonia.

A death for Joseph Nalder, aged 43, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Warrington, Lancashire, England.

Private Joseph Nalder was buried at 3 pm on 31st October, 1917 in Warrington Cemetery (Manchester Road), Warrington, Cheshire/Lancashire, England – Plot number C. NC. 759 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Joseph Nalder - *Coffin was good, Elm with brass mountings. So far as could be ascertained the deceased soldier had no relatives or civilian friends in England. Capt. S. Edward, O/C "B" Records, of these Headquarters attended the funeral as a representative of the A.I.F. A good number of the patients from the Hospital – both British and Australian attended the funeral and a number of local residents were at the grave side during the service. Members of the Royal Defence Corps formed the Firing Party and the 19th Coy R.A.M.C. furnished the Bearers. Lieut. Barlow R.A.M.C. attended the funeral as representative of the Hospital Staff. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

A parcel containing the personal effects of the late Private Joseph Nalder were signed for by Mrs F. O'Toole, in May, 1918, listed as the next-of-kin.

Base Records contacted Mrs F. M. O'Toole, of Leongatha, Gippsland, Victoria, sister of the late Private Joseph Nalder, & listed as next-of-kin, in May, 1921 asking if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc. The letter was marked "Return to Sender."

Base Records contacted the 5th Military District in June, 1921 to enquire "*with whom the affairs of the late No. 2914, Private J. Nalder, 5th Pioneer Battalion, have been finalized*" as communications to his sister had been returned unclaimed. The Military District advised that the Executors under the Will were William Free and William Hosking, both of Pingelly, Western Australia & that Mrs O'Toole, who was nominated as next-of-kin, was now residing at Werribee, Victoria.

Base Records contacted Mrs F. M. O'Toole at Werribee, Victoria in September, 1921 & again on 5th October, 1922 stating a communication which had been sent in September, 1921 & had not been replied to in regards to the War Medals on account of the service of her late brother, Private Joseph Nalder. Mrs Florence O'Toole, of Werribee, replied to Base Records in October, 1922 stating that the late Private Joseph Nalder had two elder brothers – William & Herbert. The eldest brother was William Nalder & his address was Ultima Post Office, via Boort, Victoria.

Private Joseph Nalder was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Joseph Nalder's brother - Mr William James Nalder, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Joseph Nalder – service number 2914, aged 46, of 5th Australian Pioneers. He was the son of William and Mary Ann Nalder.

Private J. Nalder is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 175.

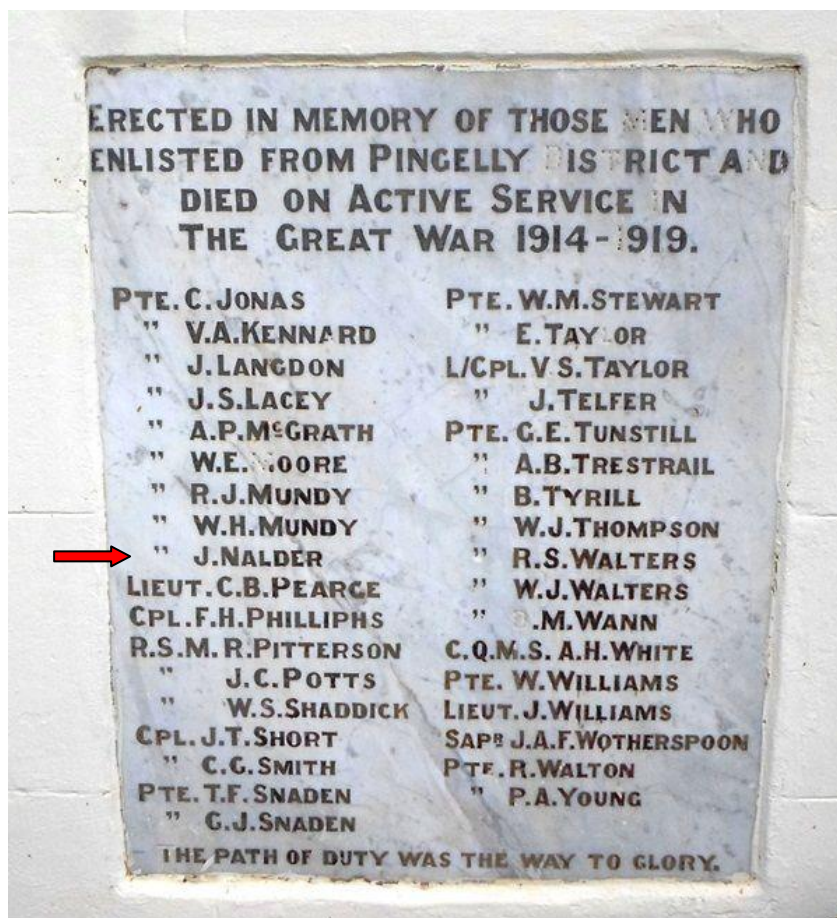


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. Nalder is remembered on the Pingelly Memorial Rotunda, located in Pingelly Memorial Park, Parade & Pasture Streets, Pingelly, Western Australia.



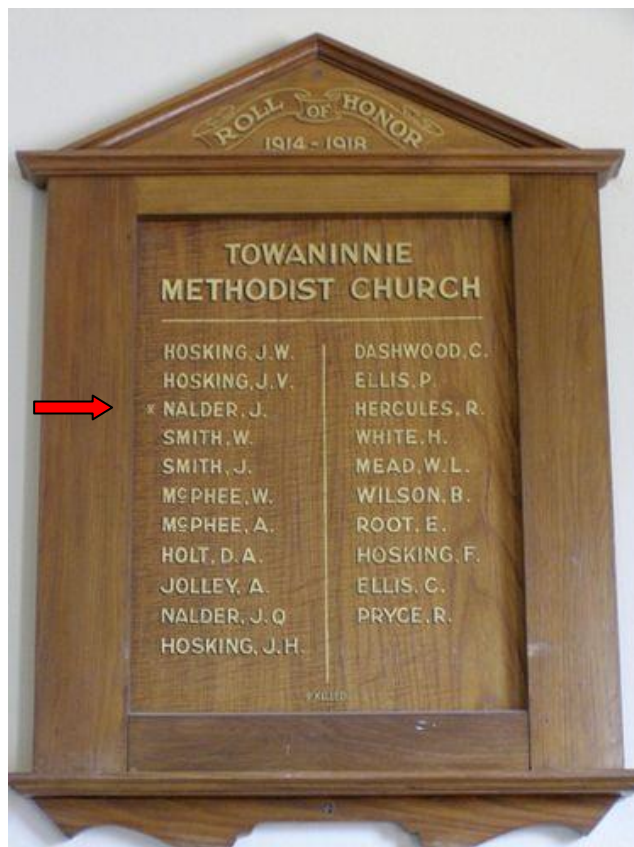
Pingelly Memorial Rotunda (Photos from Monument Australia – Bryan Hardy)



J. Nalder is remembered on the Dumosa & Towaninnie Roll of Honour which is held by Wycheproof & District Historical Society, 38 High Street, Wycheproof, Victoria.



J. Nalder is remembered on the Towaninnie Methodist Church Roll of Honour, located in the Dumosa & Towaninnie Public Hall, Pioneer Settlement, Monash Drive, Swan Hill, Victoria.



Towaninnie Methodist Church Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia - Sandra Brown)

J. Nalder is remembered on the "In Memoriam Honour Roll" which is located in the Dumosa & Towaninnie Public Hall, Pioneer Settlement, Monash Drive, Swan Hill, Victoria. The origin of the roll is unknown.



In Memoriam Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia - Sandra Brown)

(63 pages of Pte Joseph Nalder'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



Private Joseph Nalder

Newspaper Notices

SUPPOSED SUICIDE AT EAST PINGELLY

“TIRED OF LIFE”

Upon his return home last Friday night, after visiting Pingelly, a farmer of East Pingelly, Mr Jos. Nalder, found that an employee, James Miles Sherlock, was missing. A search of his tent revealed a note from Sherlock, stating that he was tired of life and had gone to put an end to his existence. A Winchester rifle was also missing. Next morning Nalder discovered the body near a log some distance from the house, and immediately communicated with the police. The body was lying with a loaded rifle alongside, but in a search by the police a bottle containing strychnine was also discovered near the body. The deceased, it is alleged, suffered internally as the result of an accident some years ago, and had decided to put an end to his suffering. The body was conveyed to Pingelly on Saturday, when an inquest was formally opened and adjourned before Mr. G. B. Smith, J.P., Acting-Coroner. In deceased's tent was found a sum of about £10.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 20 February, 1913)

DIED ON SERVICE

NALDER – Died of wounds, 27th October, 1917, at Lord Derby's War Hospital, Private Joseph Nalder, beloved brother of Will, Bert, Flo., Mat., Min., Geo., Jack (on active service), and Bob, aged 44 years.

Duty called him; he was there

To do his bit and take his share;

His heart was good, his spirit brave,

He is resting in a soldier's grave.

And how can a man die better

Than but facing fearful odds,

For the honour of his country

And the glory of his God?

-(Inserted by his sorrowing sister, M. A. Malone, Coburg)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 10 November, 1917)

IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE

KILLED IN ACTION

An intimation was received by Mr J. Hosking, of Towaninny, that Pte. Jos. Nalder, who was well-known at Lalbert, was killed in action in France on October 29th. Pte. Nalder a son of Mr Wm. Nalder (formerly a Wycheproof Shire councillor), was a brother to Mat. and George Nalder and enlisted from Western Australia about 12 months ago. He gave up farming to serve his country, and was a splendid sample of the Australia soldier.

(Mount Wycheproof Ensign and East Wimmera Advocate, Victoria – 16 November, 1917) & (Quambatook Times, Victoria – 21 November, 1917) & (Ultima and Chillingollah Star, Victoria – 23 November, 1917)

CHURCH NEWS

Last Sunday a very impressive service was conducted by the Rev A. H. Horton, who preached to one of the largest congregations that has ever assembled in the Towaninnie Methodist Church. The occasion was the unveiling of the honor roll, containing the names of the men associated with the Church who had enlisted. The honor roll, before the unveiling, was covered with the Union Jack, and the pulpit was draped with the Australian flag.

At the close of the sermon the preacher asked the fathers of soldiers to come on to the pulpit. The fathers present were Messrs W. Holt, J. Ellis, J. Hosking, and J. White. Rev Horton, addressing the congregation, said "This is an historic service. Never before in the church's history has such a service been held, and we hope that there will never be another war that will cause us to meet again in such a service; but we as a Church felt that we should honor those who have gone to other lands to fight for King and Empire. One, Joe Nalder, had given his life. We honor his memory and sympathise with his relatives. Another has been wounded. Though there are disloyal sections in our midst we are proud of the boys who have volunteered; and though a leader of a great Church has by his disloyal utterances brought criticism upon himself and his Church, no breath of disloyalty can be levelled against our Methodist Church and the other Protestant churches. To-day we meet to unveil the honor roll, and by this act in the sacred service we thus perpetuate the names of our brave lads."

Mr James Hosking, who has two sons at the front, and Mr William Holt, who has been connected officially with the church for nearly 40 years and who has a son at the front, were then called upon to do the unveiling. The honor roll, which is of fiddleback wood and has two panels, is placed just above the pulpit and will always be in sight of the congregation. After the unveiling the following, which is inscribed on the honor roll in gold lettering shaded with black, was then read.—Roll of honor, Towaninnie Methodist Church, J. W. Hosking, J. V. Hosking, J. Nalder, W. Smith, J. Smith, W. McPhee, A. McPhee, D. A. Holt, C. Dashwood, P. Ellis, R. Hercules, H. White, W. L. Mead, B. Wilson, E. Roots and A. Jolly.

The congregation then stood engaged in silent prayer for the absent soldiers after which Mr P. Hosking offered up an intercessory prayer.

(Mount Wycheproof Ensign and East Wimmera Advocate, Victoria – 23 November, 1917)

THE 360th AND 361st CASUALTY LIST

The Victorian names are:-

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private J. Nalder, Leongatha

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 5 December, 1917)

KILLED AT THE FRONT

NALDER – Died of wounds in France on October 29th, 1917, Private Joseph Nalder, of "Milton" East Pingelly.

Killed at the front, what a noble end,

He died his loved ones to defend.

Now somewhere in France, near the

Homeland, he sleeps in a hero's grave.

His duty nobly done.

-Inserted by his "Milton" friends.

(The Pingelly Leader, Western Australia – 20 December, 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 J. Nalder does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Warrington Cemetery, Warrington, Cheshire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Warrington was the depot for the South Lancashire Regiment for both wars and was home to the Lord Derby War Hospital and White Cross Auxiliary Hospital during the First World War. During the Second World War, a shore establishment of the Fleet Air Arm was stationed there. Warrington Cemetery contains 199 First World War burials, 74 of them in a war graves plot with a Cross of Sacrifice. The 102 Second World War burials are scattered. A Polish airman is also buried in the cemetery. *(Information from CWGC)*



Cross of Sacrifice & War Graves in Warrington Cemetery *(Photo by David Dixon)*

Photo of Private J. Nalder's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Warrington Cemetery, Warrington, Cheshire/Lancashire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Len Scott)

