

**St. Mary's New Churchyard,
Codford, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



7109 PRIVATE

A.H. PARKINSON

16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

26TH MARCH, 1917 Age 37

THE PATH OF DUTY

WAS THE WAY TO GLORY

Alfred Henry PARKINSON

Alfred Henry Parkinson was born at Bowaka, South Australia on 20th October, 1880 to parents William Jones Parkinson & Isabella Louisa Parkinson (nee Sharpe).

Isabella Louisa Parkinson, mother of Alfred Henry Parkinson, died on 5th June, 1896 at Bordertown, South Australia.

The 1905 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Coolgardie, Peak Hill Polling Place, Western Australia recorded Alfred Henry Parkinson, Miner from Mosquito Creek.

The 1906 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Coolgardie, Onslow Polling Place, Western Australia recorded Alfred Henry Parkinson, Miner from Mosquito Creek.

The 1913, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Dampier, subdivision of Pilbara, Western Australia recorded Alfred Henry Parkinson, Miner from Nullagine.

Alfred Parkinson was a 35 year old, single, Miner from Adelaide, South Australia when he enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 23rd November, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his sister – Elizabeth Sarah Spry of 75 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide, South Australia.

Private Alfred Henry Parkinson, Service number 7109, embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Berrima (A35)* on 23rd December, 1916 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 16th Infantry Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements & disembarked at Devonport, England on 16th February, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. These were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Alfred Henry Parkinson was marched in to 4th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 24th February, 1917.

Private Alfred Henry Parkinson was admitted to Sutton Veny Hospital, Wiltshire on 20th March, 1917.

Private Alfred Henry Parkinson died on 26th March, 1917 at Sutton Veny Military Hospital, Wiltshire, England from Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Alfred H. Parkinson, aged 35, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Alfred Henry Parkinson was buried in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England - Grave No. 39 on 29th March, 1917 with a Military Funeral.

Private Alfred Henry Parkinson 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 Parkinson's eldest sister - Miss W. C. Parkinson c/o J. P. Spry 75 O'Connell St, North Adelaide, South Australia (May, 1922 & August, 1922).

The late Private Parkinson had listed as his next of kin – Mrs Elizabeth Sarah Spry – she was not entitled to receive his medal, scroll & plaque as these were given to the oldest sister – Miss W. C. Parkinson.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Alfred Henry Parkinson – service number 7109, aged 37, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Jones Parkinson & Isabella Parkinson.

A. H. Parkinson 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.

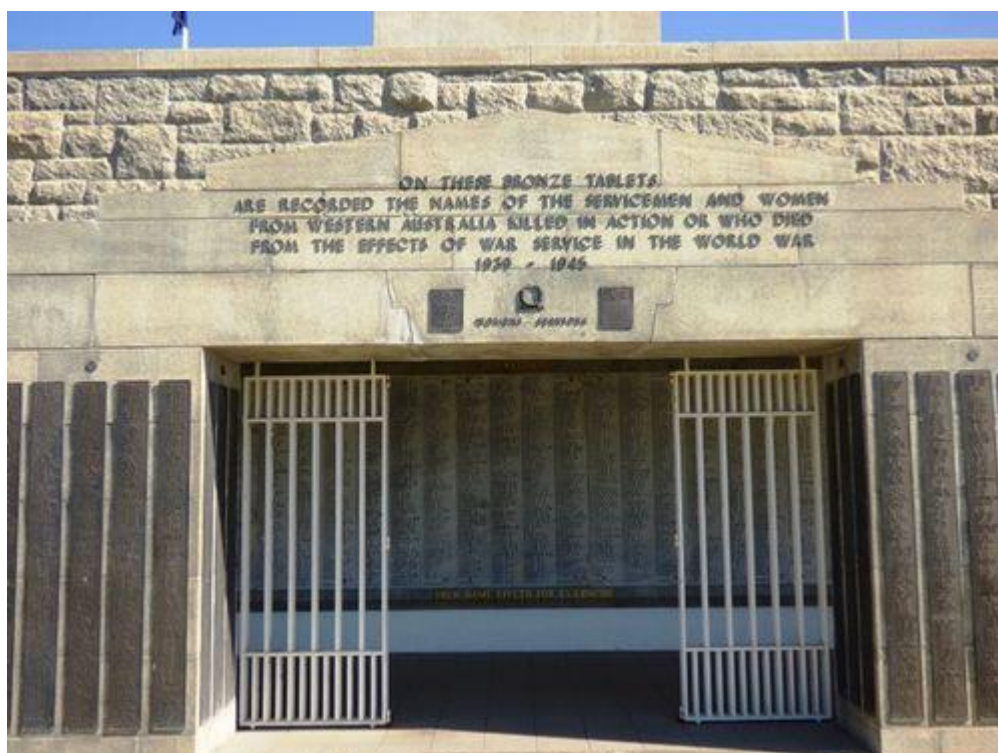
The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a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





16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

Private A. H. Parkinson is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 80.



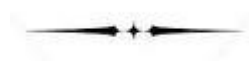
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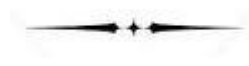
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(51 pages of Private Alfred Henry Parkinson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



** Private Alfred Henry Parkinson's younger brother Private Charles Frederick Parkinson (3914) had enlisted 10 months earlier than Alfred & he was killed in action 22nd July, 1916 in France. He is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.



Newspaper Reports

W.A. CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

A. H. PARKINSON, North Adelaide, S.A.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia, Tuesday 10th April, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

PARKINSON – In loving memory of Private A. H. Parkinson, who died in Military Hospital, England, March 26. – “His duty nobly done,” and now, “Peace, perfect peace.” – Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, F. and M. McNicol, Angaston.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia, Tuesday 26th March, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

PARKINSON – In loving memory of Private A. H. (Alf), who died Sutton Veney Hospital, England, March 26, 1917.
"His duty nobly done." - Inserted by his cousins, Muriel and Rich, Marlon.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia, Saturday 30th March 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 at Codford War Graves Cemetery. 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 A. H. Parkinson does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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The New Zealand Command Depot was established at Codford in June 1916 and the No 3 New Zealand General Hospital followed in July. The New Churchyard was established by deed of gift as the "Military Burial Ground," with a small part reserved for future burials from the parish. The war graves plot contains 98 burials, mostly of New Zealand and Australian forces. There is only one burial of the Second World War in the New Churchyard.

(Information from CWGC)

There are 31 WW1 Australian War Graves & 66 WW1 New Zealand War Graves located here. There is one WW1 British Royal Army Medical Corp Grave & one WW2 Welsh Guards grave located in this Churchyard.



St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford (*Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth*)





New Zealand Section of Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery (Photo by Romy Wyeth 2013)

Photo of Private A. H. Parkinson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.

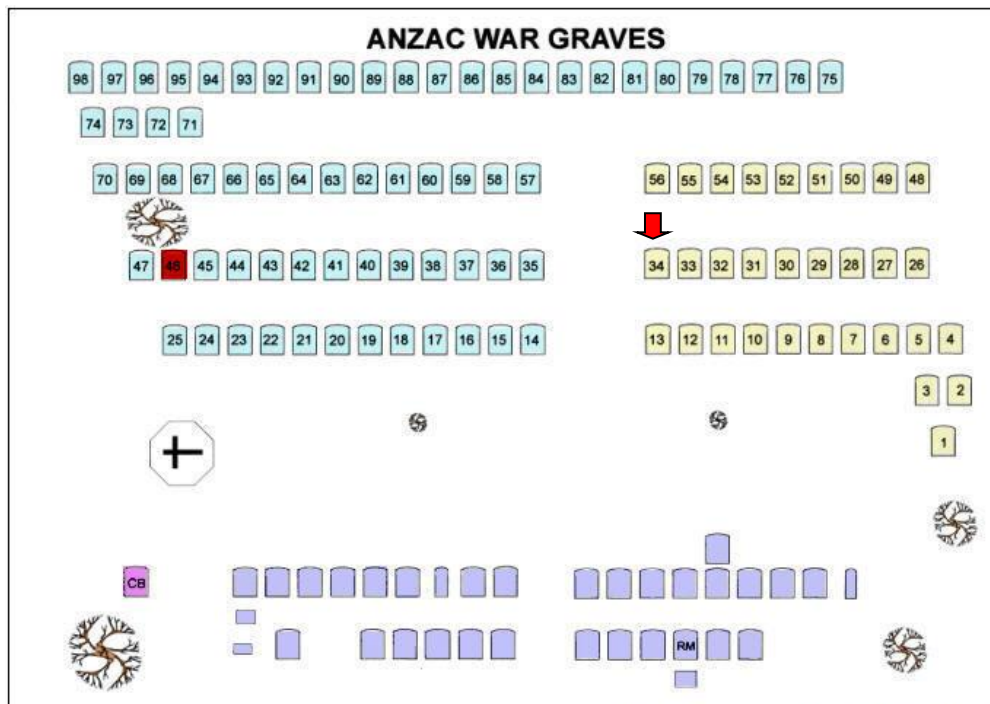


(Headstone Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



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Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private A. H. Parkinson is located in Main Middle Row (Right hand side) Grave Plot # 34 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 39)



- Australian Soldiers
 - New Zealand Soldiers
 - UK Soldier
 - Welsh Soldier
 - Local Burials
- Codford War Graves map adapted from Brian Marshall
courtesy of Romy Wyeth