

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

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



7795 PRIVATE

F. N. PATIENCE

16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27TH OCTOBER, 1917 Age 19

*THE LORD GAVE
AND HAS TAKEN AWAY*

Frank Nicholas PATIENCE

Frank Nicholas Patience was born 6th March, 1898, at Greenough, near Mullewa, Western Australia to parents Joseph John & Elizabeth Patience (nee Barnden).

Frank Patience was a 19 year old, single, Farm Labourer from Georgina via Walkaway, Western Australia when he enlisted on 25th June, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Patience of Georgina via Walkaway, Western Australia. Both of Frank's parents had signed consent for their son to enlist as he was under 21 years of age.

Private Frank Nicholas Patience, Service number 7795, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Medic* (A7) on 1st August, 1917 with the 16th Infantry Battalion, 26th Reinforcements & disembarked at Liverpool, England on 3rd October, 1917.

16th Battalion

The 16th Battalion AIF was raised from 16 September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. Three-quarters of the battalion were recruited in Western Australia, and the rest in South Australia. With the 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions it formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.....

(Information from The Australian War Memorial)

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 Frank Nicholas Patience was marched in to 4th Training Battalion at Codford, Wiltshire on 3rd October, 1917.

Private Frank Nicholas Patience was admitted to hospital for 5 days from 12th to 16th October, 1917 with influenza. He was then admitted to No. 4 Group Clearing Hospital at Codford on 17th October, 1917 with pneumonia for 2 days.

Private Frank Nicholas Patience was transferred to No. 3 New Zealand Military Hospital at Codford on 19th October, 1917 – *"Pneumonia - dangerously ill."*

Private Frank Nicholas Patience died at 12.50 p.m. on 27th October, 1917 at No. 3 New Zealand Hospital, Codford of pneumonia. A Post Mortem had been conducted.

A death for Frank E. Patience, aged 19, was registered in the December quarter, 1917 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Private Frank Nicholas Patience was buried on 30th October, 1917 was buried in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England - Grave No. 21, Australian Section. From the burial report - *The deceased was accorded a Military Funeral, the coffin being of Polished Elm. Personal friends of Pte Patience from his reinforcement, 26th/16th Battalion, were present at his funeral.*

Private Frank Nicholas Patience requested in his Will, dated 10th July, 1917, that the whole of his real and personal estate be given to his mother – Elizabeth Patience.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Frank Nicholas Patience – service number 7795, aged 19, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Joseph & Elizabeth Patience, of Georgina, Western Australia.

Private Frank Nicholas Patience 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 Pte Patience's father – Mr J. J. Patience (July, 1921 & October, 1922).

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F. N. Patience is remembered on the Walkaway, Irwin, Greenough & Districts Roll of Honor (framed paper honour roll), located in Walkaway Station Museum, 2 Padbury Road, Walkaway, Geraldton-Greenough, Western Australia.



(Photo by Rosie Ritorto)

F. N. Patience is remembered on the Greenough Road Board District Roll of Honor (pressed metal), located in Walkaway Station Museum, 2 Padbury Road, Walkaway, Geraldton-Greenough, Western Australia.



(Photos by Rosie Ritorto)



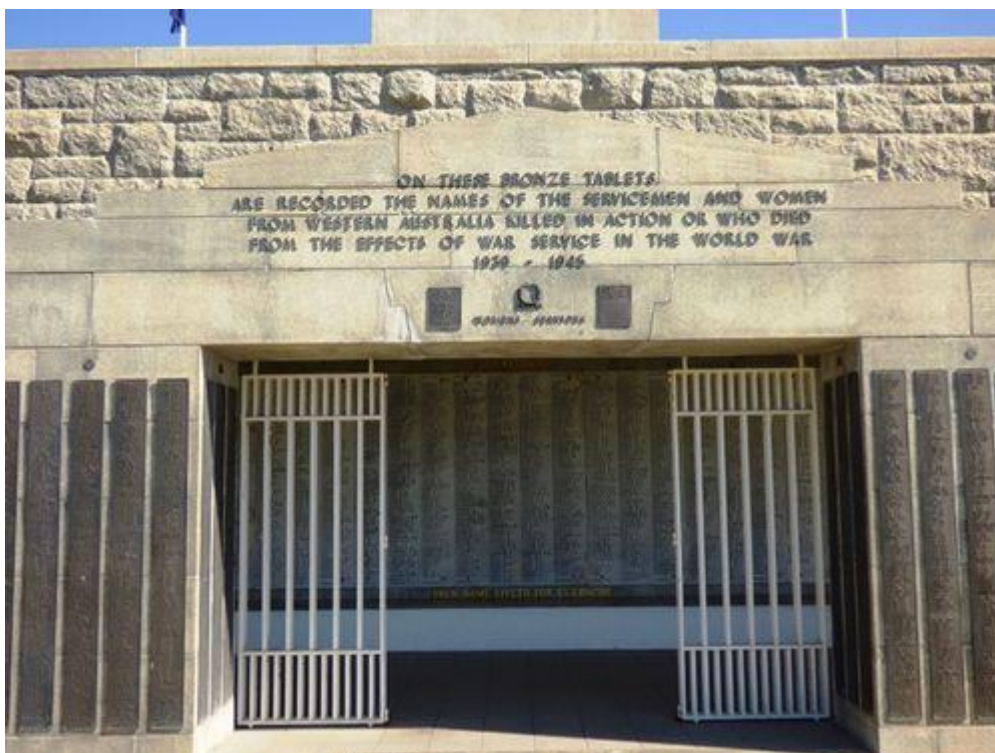
F. N. Patience is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost 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)

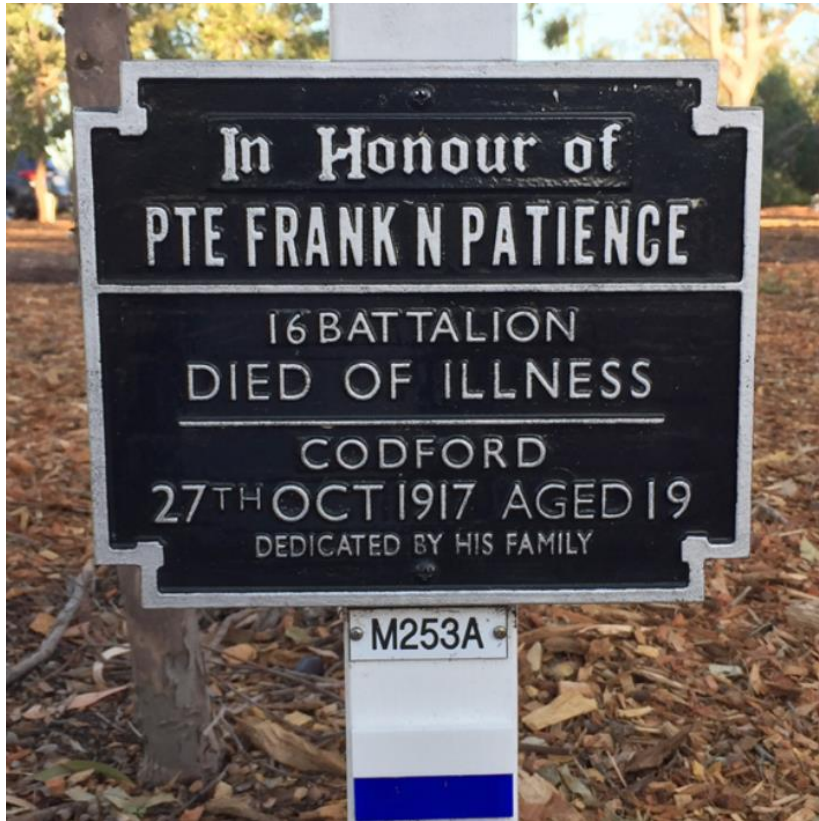




16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

Frank N. Patience is remembered with a Memorial Plaque (M253A) on the Kings Park Honour Avenues. At the base of each commemorative tree is a plaque inscribed with details of the deceased: name, age, unit in which they served, nature of death, place of death, and who dedicated the plaque. Honour Avenue memorials commemorate service personnel who are listed at the State War Memorial, Kings Park. These soldiers enlisted in Western Australia, died overseas on active service, and were either buried overseas or have no known graves.





(Photos from Kings Park Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority)

Private F. N. Patience is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 80.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(64 pages of Private Frank Nicholas Patience'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



Newspaper Reports

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

Private Frank Nicholas Patience, the young son of Mr Joseph J. Patience, of Georgina, has died abroad of pneumonia (says a Geraldton exchange). The young fellow had not quite attained his 20th year. Much sympathy with his parents is expressed by a very large circle of friends in this district.

(The Daily News, Perth Western Australia, Saturday 10th November, 1917)

W.A. CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Patience, Frank Nicholas, Georgina.

(The Daily News, Perth Western Australia, Monday 3rd December, 1917)

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN HEROES



PTE F. N. PATIENCE

(Died of pneumonia. Parents reside at Georgina)

(Western Mail, Perth, Western Australia, Friday 7th 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 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 F. N. Patience 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)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford





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

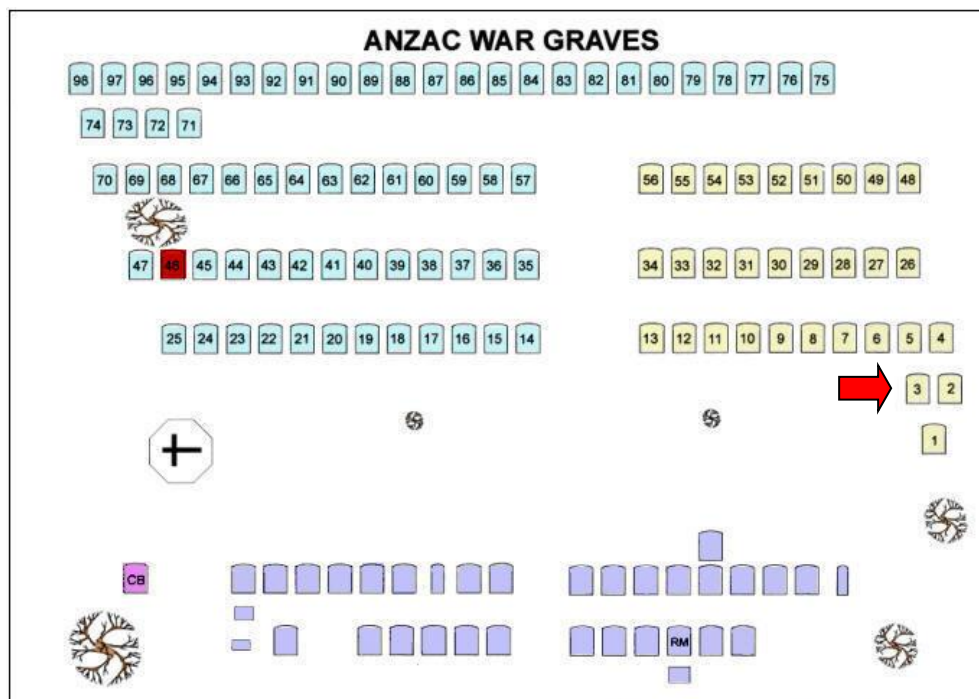
Photo of Private F. N. Patience's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's New Churchyard, Codford, Wiltshire, England. Also known as Codford Anzac War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Headstone Photos courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Private F. N. Patience is located in Row with Two Graves (Right hand side) Grave Plot # 3 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (CWGC Reference - Grave # 21)



- Australian Soldiers
- New Zealand Soldiers
- UK Soldier
- Welsh Soldier
- Local Burials

Codford War Graves map adapted from Brian Marshall courtesy of Romy Wyeth