

**Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds,
West Yorkshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



CAPTAIN

C. PATTERSON

3RD BN. LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS

19TH JANUARY, 1915 Age 39

Charles PATTERSON

Charles Patterson was born at Daylesford, Victoria, Australia on 27th February, 1875 to parents George Eugene Patterson & Annie Marks Patterson (nee McCarthy).

Charles Patterson enlisted at Langwarrin, Victoria for service in the Boer War. He was posted to 1st Victorian Mounted Infantry & was issued a Service number of 4.

Newspaper item – The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 July, 1899:

MEETING AT PRESTON

Under the auspices of the Australasian Federation League and the local branch of the Australian Native's Association a meeting for the purpose of discussing the amendments in the Commonwealth Bill and urging the acceptance of the bill generally was held at the Preston Shire-hall last evening.

....

Mr Charles Patterson, president of the local branch of the Australian Natives Association, moved:.....

Newspaper item –Ovens and Murray Advertiser, Beechworth, Victoria – 21 October, 1899:

Some gruesome jocularly was manifested at the meeting of the metropolitan committee of the A.N.A. on Friday night, when Mr. Charles Patterson tendered his resignation as a member in consequence of having been selected as one of the Australian contingent to go to the Transvaal. "I'll give you my card," said Mr. Apps, whose connection with the undertaking business lent a point to the remark that was promptly observed by the meeting. In referring to the departure of Mr. Patterson, Mr. Balfour, the chairman, spoke in terms of praise of the volunteer, and expressed the hope that he would soon return and receive the congratulations of his fellow-natives. Three cheers were given for Mr. Patterson.

Newspaper item – The Leader, Victoria – 14 October, 1899:

"FIVE FROM PRESTON IS PRETTY GOOD"

The Three Musketeers

"Three Musketeers" in the persons of Messrs Chas. Patterson, Steve Prowse and Fred Michell - all Preston boys - called at this office in a high state of jubilation on Thursday, having been picked the day before to go with the Victorian contingent and fight for the liberties of their fellow Britishers in the Transvaal. Had it been another Queen's Jubilee they couldn't have been in better spirits over it. They have each promised to act as "special war correspondents to the Leader" while away, so our readers should be well supplied with first-hand information from the seat of war - if it ever gets that far. The above named gentlemen belong to the Mounted Rifles. Messrs F. Hull and G. Emery, infantrymen, also of Preston have also been chosen to go with the contingent. Five from Preston is pretty good".

First Victorian Contingent – South Africa; 1st Victorian Mounted Rifles – Murray page no. 223:

N.C.O.'s AND MEN.			
1. Healy, John Walton ..	..	a/Coy. Sergeant-Major	Reg. Sergeant-Major, 8.4.00
→ 4. Patterson, Charles ..	..	Sergeant	
3. Wallace, Peter J. C. ..	..	"	Coy. Sergeant-Major, 14.4.00
5. Geary, Edward ..	..	"
2. Grant, Neil ..	..	"
52. Hennessy, Victor J. ..	..	Corporal	Sergeant, 11.2.00



Sergeant Charles Patterson (*The Leader*, Victoria – 4 November, 1899)

Sergeant Charles Patterson sailed on *Medic* on 28th October, 1899.

Newspaper item – *The Leader*, Victoria - 12 January, 1900:

OUR BOYS

LIFE ON BOARD THE MEDIC

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION AT CAPE TOWN

We are in receipt of the following letter from Charlie Patterson, who along with his four Preston comrades left with the first Victorian Contingent to fight for the flag of old England in South Africa :-

2/12/99

"When we Preston boys promised to write to you now and again we did not realise the contract we had taken on, for the chances to write are limited; but we will do our best to keep your readers posted of our movements, though writing is necessarily done under difficulties.

"Of our journey out, you will know all about by now ... the sports on board were very successful, including all sorts of events, some of them causing great amusement, for instance, the obstacle race through bags, wind-sails, life-buoys, nets and ropes, combined with the rolling of the ship gave everybody much fun ...

"We, the Tasmanians, West Australians and Victorians formed a committee of four from each contingent and got up a concert - I had the honour of being appointed chairman. Our efforts, judged by after remarks were immensely appreciated by the audience, all the officers being present. The Victorian Rifles were represented by Private Hull (of Preston) who sang "Juanita" ...

"On landing at Cape Town, we marched and led horses to Maitland Camp on 26/11/99. The New Zealanders, 6th Inneskillings 44 and Royal Horse artillery were there and all the Australians camped with them. The 6th came along with us and helped us pitch camp. We were glad of this as we had been up all the previous night, packing and loading wagons, getting stores from hold, and after a small breakfast, we marched through heat and dust carrying rifles 4 miles to camp, so the assistance relieved us a great deal".

"We stayed at Maitland until yesterday ... all buckles and anything bright were painted khaki colour, and black caps issued instead of red ones. Non-comms stripes and officer's stars and distinctive marks were taken off ... this is because the Boers are picking off the officers ...

"The "Three Musketeers" (Prowse, Michel and myself) are together in this compartment, all in good health and anxious to push along ...

"It is pretty warm and hard to write. I am writing now on a tin of Australian meat which will be for our dinner and tea. In conclusion, Prowse, Michel and your humble scribe send our best wishes for a Merry Xmas and hope by that time the cables may tell you that the V.M.R. are with the party which is to fulfil Sir Redvers Bulver's 45 promise to be in Pretoria by Christmas Day".

Newspaper Item – *The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 May, 1900:

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

SERGEANT CHARLES PATTERSON

Writing from Houdenhock, a township about 20 miles north of Bloemfontein, on the 24th ult., Sergeant Charles Patterson, of the first Victorian contingent, said:— "We left Bloemfontein on the 20th, and have been here for three days now after relieving Kitchener's horse. All the first and second Victorian contingents are here under Colonel Price. We are right at the front again—the most prominent post along this line, and they say we are like the thin end of a wedge into the Boer position. This is easily known by the amount of duties we have, for nearly every man is kept going. We have to send out very strong outposts at night, and then reinforce them early in the morning; also plenty of patrols. I had charge of our first dismounted detached party of 10 men here posted at sunset, and with 10 men had to send a patrol of two men on every two hours, starting at 8 p.m., and lasting till 4 a.m. The patrol had to go to the front, then on left flank, and get into communication with an infantry patrol from there. The sentry of the latter fired on my first two men. Thought they were Boers. Said he challenged. No one hit though. We were very busy at Bloemfontein getting re-equipped. It was a starvation camp, because up till the day before we left we could buy absolutely nothing but bread, and that was no good. So we had only rations to depend upon. None of us would do well if we had to depend upon rations. For my part, every penny I've drawn out here I've spent in tucker, and all my little clique have done the same. We're jolly sick of camp life. Bloemfontein camp was the worst we've had yet. The first couple of days were all right. Then it rained for days, and we had no shelter, but we got at night into the tents of the second V.M.R. Then we got bivouac blankets to make tents of. But the mud was awful. You can just liken it to a very dirty pig-sty—slushy mud, and plenty of it, for it was ankle-deep every step one took."

Newspaper item *The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 July, 1900:

A report has been received by the Defence Department that Sergeant Patterson, of the first Victorian contingent, who had been attacked by rheumatism had been invalided to England.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Cape Town, South Africa. C 1900

"Goodbye Sgt Patterson VMT"

Figure on the right holding his horse is probably Sergeant Charles Patterson of the 1st Victorian Mounted Infantry Company.

Charles Patterson gained a Commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers on 19th May, 1900 from the ranks of Victorian Bushmen.

Annie Marks Patterson, mother of Charles Patterson, died on 19th September, 1904 at Murray Road, Preston, Victoria. She was buried in Daylesford Cemetery, Victoria.

Charles Patterson served as Assistant Adjutant from 1st September, 1905 until 11th June, 1907. (as listed on Record of Services form which also included he spoke Cape Dutch & had commanded a Section of Mounted Infantry on Active Service from 10th February, 1900 to 10th May, 1900 in South Africa. The form recorded he had passed Signalling - Special Aldershot on 29th December, 1903 & Musketry – Hythe Irish Command on 9th July, 1904.)

Hart's Annual Army List, 1908 recorded Charles Patterson, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, as Lieutenant. He was appointed 2nd Lieutenant on 19th May, 1900 & Lieutenant on 10th July, 1901.

Charles Patterson was promoted to Captain "D" – headquarters No. G. 5 Irish Command Orders 25/06 & "C" – Scottish Command Order No. 125/08. (as per Record of Service form).

The 1911 England Census recorded Charles Patterson as a 36 year old, single, Captain with 1st Lancashire Fusiliers at Multan, India.

Information from The Australian Boer War Memorial:

Service and life after the Boer War:

After the War Charlie resumed duties with the Lancashire Fusiliers, being sent to Ireland for an extended period. This was his mother's birth country and he happily saw service there for several years and in the process caught up with his family. In September he was made a 1st Lieutenant and served under General Pole-Carew. Five months later was presented to the King at Buckingham Palace. In 1909 Charlie left Ireland and was attached to the Intelligence Department at Regimental Headquarters and was on the staff of General Lyttleton at the War Office. Upon elevated to Captain Charlie was stationed at Fleetwood Camp beside the Irish Sea. In June 1911 he was sent to Sringar in Kashmir and the Moulton in West Pakistan. In November 1913 he was stationed in Moscow at St Petersburg and in December had been sent to Finland. By mid 1914 he had been reassigned to duties in England where he was preparing to leave with his men for France when accidentally critically injured. Initially hospitalised locally, he was transferred to the 2nd Northern General Military Hospital in Leeds where he lingered for 9 weeks before passing away on 19 January 1915. Two hundred soldiers lined the road by the hospital then followed the funeral carriages. A firing party of sixteen men walked ahead of the hearse with arms reversed and six local officer volunteered to act as bearers. Charlie's close friend Alan Beeton from the 18th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers wrote a lengthy 'Appreciation' commenting on Charlie's talent for making friends, being able to command men without pomp and being aware of the role a soldier's women folk played in supporting their men in the fields of war. Alan Beeton noted that Charlie had continued to correspond with several Boers he had known in South African concentration camps during his time there. Charlie acknowledged they were all men together, fighting under orders and for what they believed in and continued to treat this group of men with respect after the conclusion of the war. Charlie never married and always kept a part of his birth place, Daylesford, in his heart owning several large blocks of land in the town at the time of his death.

Medals: Queen's South Africa Medal with three clasps, King's South Africa Medal with two clasps

Captain Charles Patterson died on 19th January, 1915 at Leeds Military Hospital, England. According to information supplied by his sister in a letter in 1918, Captain Patterson died of injuries suffered in an accident at Hull with his regiment making preparations to go to the Front. According to *The Australian Boer War Memorial* Captain Charles Patterson died from "internal injuries suffered in accident on Hull docks when supervising loading of supplies to head to France." (Note: A few English newspaper reports recorded that he died as a result of being injured in a cycling accident 2 months previous).

A death for Charles Patterson, aged 39, was registered in the March quarter, 1915 in the district of Leeds, Yorkshire West Riding, England.

Captain Charles Patterson was buried in Lawnswood Cemetery, West Yorkshire, England – Screen Wall W. 571. He has a Private headstone & he is also remembered on the CWGC Screen Wall in Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds.

Newspaper Item – Newcastle Journal, England 22 January, 1915:

OBITUARY

CAPTAIN CHARLES PATTERSON

Many Northumberland people will learn with regret of the death in Leeds Hospital of Captain Charles Patterson, Lancashire Fusiliers. Captain Patterson, who was born in Melbourne, was a son of Mr George Patterson, a native of Alnwick, who has had a successful career in Australia. Deceased was a nephew of the late Hon. Sir J. P. Patterson, Prime Minister of Victoria, who was also a native of Alnwick, and was also related to Madame Melba. At the outbreak of the Boer War he volunteered, and went out with the 1st Australian Contingent. He had also three brothers serving, one of whom now holds a staff appointment with the Australian Force in Egypt. Captain Patterson wore the Queen's Medal with three clasps and the King's Medal with four clasps. He took part in the advance on Kimberley, and was at the actions of Karee Siding, Houtnek, Vet River, Zand River, and Colesberg. For services in the field, notably in the covering of the retreat of the Wiltshires at Hobkerk's Farm, he was promoted to a commission on May 19, 1900. He had served with his regiments, the Lancashire Fusiliers, at the home station and in India, and spent some time in Germany for the purpose of learning the language.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar:

Patterson, Charles, of the Wellington Barracks, Elton Bury, Lancashire, died 19 January, 1915 at Northern Hospital, Leeds. Administration London 23 February to George Patterson, retired Auctioneer. Effects £339 14s. 2d.

The Medal Index Card for Captain Charles Patterson, of Lancashire Fusiliers, has the date of death as 20th January, 1915 & is marked "*ineligible for medals.*"

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Captain Charles Patterson, aged 39, of 3rd Battalion, Lancashire Fusiliers. He was the son of the late George & Annie Patterson, of Daylesford, Victoria, Australia.

Captain Charles Patterson is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



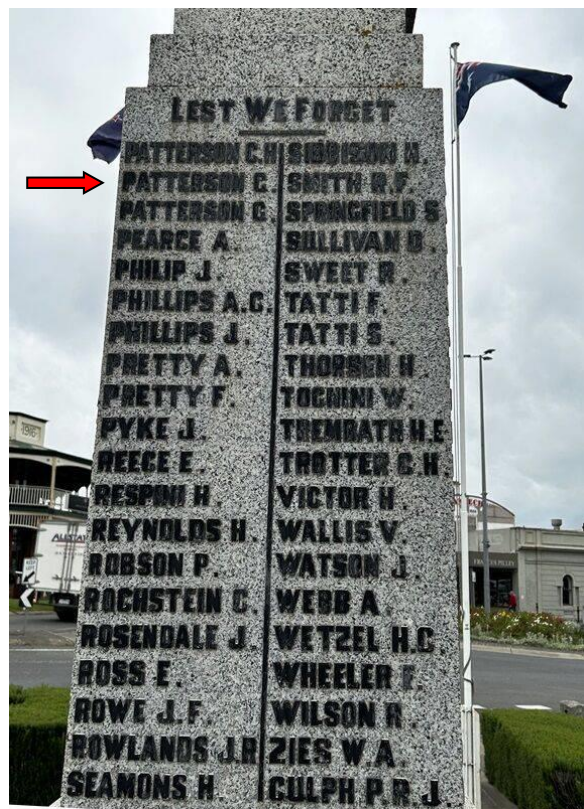
Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)

C. Patterson is remembered on the Christ Church Honour Roll, located in Christ Church, Central Springs Road & Camp Street, Daylesford, Victoria.



Christ Church Memorial Window & Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)

C. Patterson is remembered on the Daylesford War Memorial, located at Burke Square, Daylesford, Victoria.



Daylesford War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Fiona Morrison)

Captain Charles Patterson is remembered with a tree on the Avenue of Honour located at Raglan Street, Midland Highway, Daylesford, Victoria.

The Daylesford Avenue of Honour was originally planted with 80 sycamore trees along Raglan Street in September 1918 to commemorate the First World War. Additional trees were added at a later date.

(The Argus (Melbourne) 4 Sep 1918)

DAYLESFORD HONOR AVENUE.

OPENING CEREMONY SATURDAY NEXT.

The following is the order in which the trees for planting in the Honor Avenue on Saturday next were drawn. Mrs H. M. S. Cox has generously donated two additional trees to commence the Avenue—one in honor of General Sir W. Birdwood and the other to Admiral Sir David Beatty, having been decided upon by the committee at its last meeting. Notification has been given to relatives where practicable, stating the number of the tree allotted to the sons, etc., and the subscribing public are invited to be present on Saturday next at 1.30 p.m., when the ceremony of dedicating the trees will commence :—

General Sir William Birdwood	Admiral Sir David Beatty
1 W. G. Patterson, Col.	2 R. Lilley
3 Chas. Patterson, Capt.	4 H. Respini
5 E. D. Patterson	6 Dr F. Green
7 Jas. Campbell	8 A. Chaplain
9 F. T. Guest	10 W. G. Graham
11 F. Pretty	12 Roy Graham
13 A. Pretty	14 T. Graham

(Daylesford Advocate, Yandoit, Glenlyon and Eganstown Chronicle, Victoria – 30 July, 1918)



Daylesford Avenue of Honour

(Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Western Front Association Central Victorian Branch)

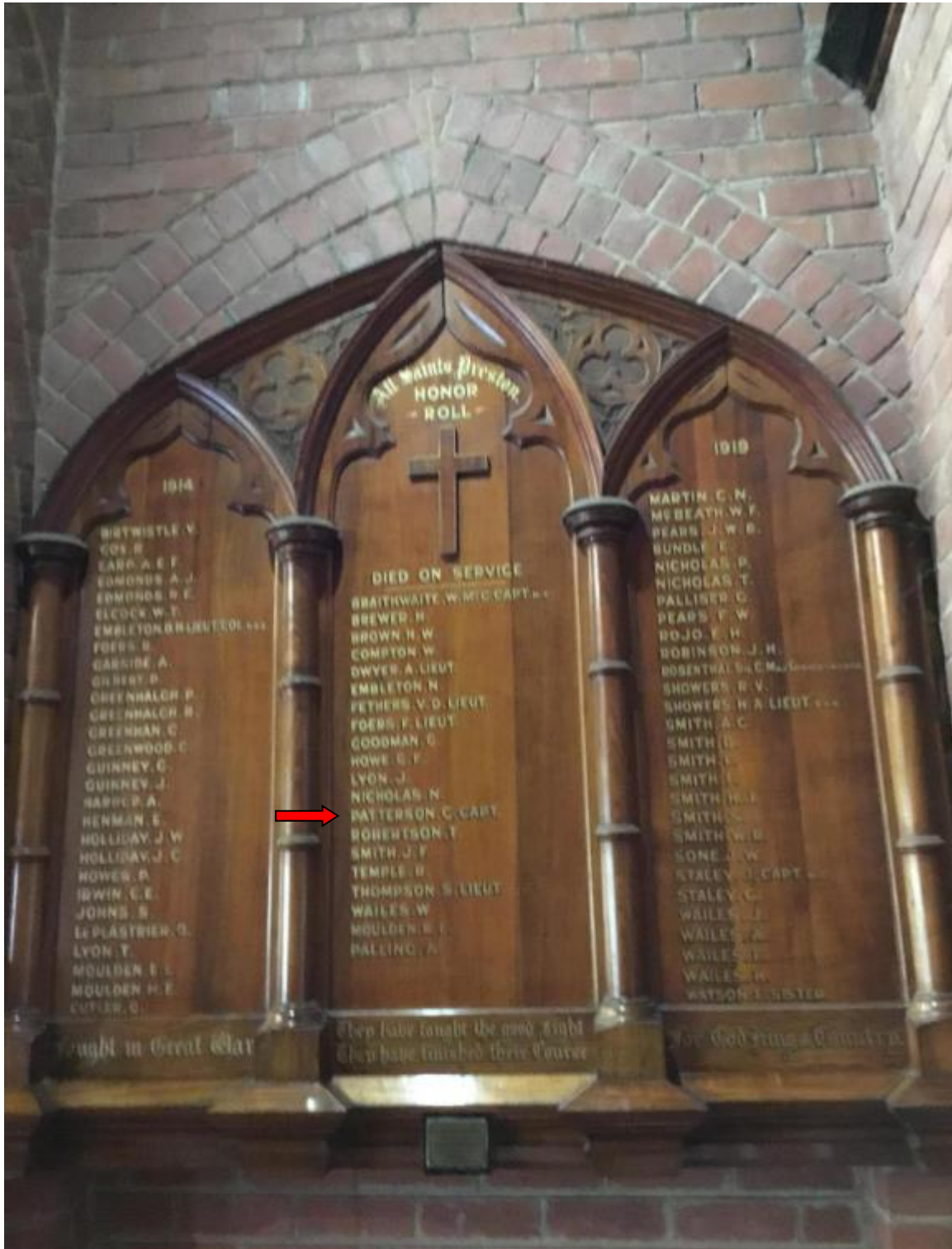
C. Patterson is remembered on Preston War Memorial, located at Municipal Offices, High Street, Preston, Victoria.



Preston War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)

PRESTON HONOR BOARD					
THOSE WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE					
ALLAN, W. C.	COSTELLOE, L.	GASTON, T. W.	JEFFREYS, L. C.	M'EACHEN, A. N.	RIDCWELL, J. E.
ATKINS, W.	CRAMOND, A. K.	GEORGE, J.	JOSELIN, C. R.	M'KIMMIE, C.	ROBERTSON, T. P.
BARKER, A.	CRAMOND, D. R.	GILBERT, S. H.	JORDAN, A. C.	M'LEAN, J. J.	ROBINSON, T. C.
BOWERS, H. J.	CUMMING, C. D.	GOODMAN, G.	KIELY, E.	M'INTOSH, J. C.	ROBSON, J. C.
BOWLES, H.	CUMMING, N. H.	HAMILTON, C. A. J.	LEMKEA, A.	MEHEGAN, F.	SIMPSON, J.
BRAITHWAITE, W. M.	DAVIS, W. J.	HARLTON, A.	LOCKE, J. L.	MEHEGAN, T. W. J.	SMITH, J. C.
BREWER, J. H.	DRAEGER, C.	HEALY, L. A.	LONG, H.	NEWELL, R.	SMITH, J. F.
BROWN, H. W.	DUNEAU, J.	HENDRIE, L.	LONG, J.	NICHOLLS, N.	SWAN, J. H.
CASHMAN, T. J.	DWYER, A. V.	HENRY, L.	LOWE, H. C.	O'BREE, S. P.	TEMPLE, R. D.
CHAMPION, J.	FITZGERALD, J. P.	HEWZARS, A.	LYNCH, M.	O'BRIEN, A.	THOMSON, S. A.
CLANCY, T. R.	FOERS, F.	HILL, R.	LYONS, L.	O'TOOLE, L.	TICHE, J. N.
CRUICKSHANK, L. C.	FREEMAN, A.	HORWOOD, E.	M'CANN, J.	PALLING, A.	WAILLES, W.
CROFTON, W.	GAMBLE, J. S.	HORWOOD, R. W.	M'DONALD, W.	PATTERSON, C.	WALLER, C. H.
CROFTON, L. A.	CANNAWAY, B.	HOWE, C. F.	M'DOWELL, A. H.	PERRY, R. C.	WHITEOAK, H.
CROFTON, C. F.	CASCOYNE, T. J.	HOWEY, G.	M'DOWELL, N.	RALSTON, R.	WINNETT, W. L.
					YOUNG, D.

Captain C. Patterson is remembered on the All Saint's Anglican Church Honor Roll, located in All Saint's Anglican Church, High Street, Preston, Victoria.



Preston All Saint's Anglican Church Honor Roll (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Edward Fleming)

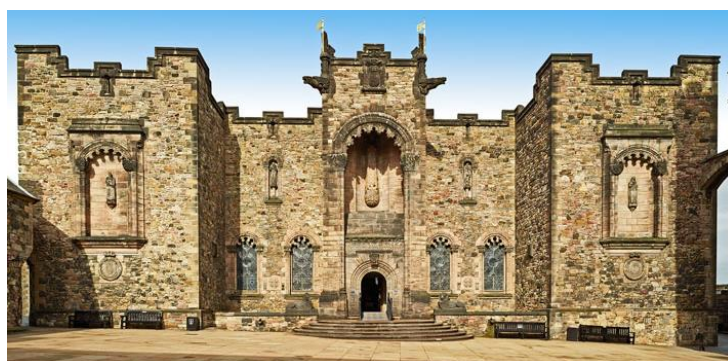
Captain Charles Patterson is remembered in Darebin's Great War – In Memoriam document.

Darebin's Great War – In Memoriam



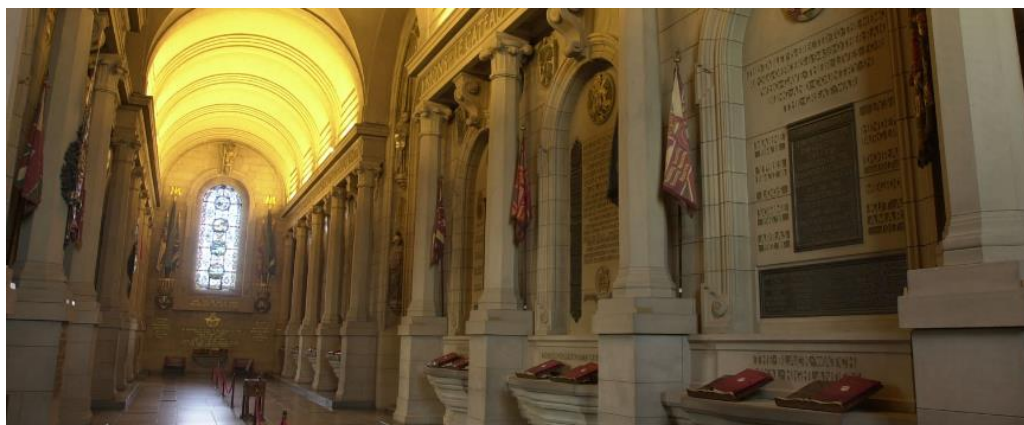
Captain Charles Patterson is remembered in the Roll of Honour books held in the Hall of Honour inside The Scottish National War Memorial. The north side of the Hall of Honour is divided by columns into bays, each dedicated to a different regiment and enhanced with battle honours and consecrated colours. On the broad shelf in front of each of the bays, the names of the dead are listed in leather-bound books. (Note: The Scottish National War Memorial has his date of death as 20 January, 1915)

Era	WW1
Surname	PATTERSON
Forename	Charles
Rank	Capt
Service number	
Decoration	
Place of birth	
Date of death	20 January 1915
Theatre of death	
Cause of death	Died
SNWM roll	SCOTS SERVING IN BRIGADE OF GUARDS AND ENGLISH REGIMENTS
Unit name	THE LANCASHIRE FUSILIERS



The Scottish National War Memorial & the Hall of Honour & the Roll of Honour books.

(Photos from The Scottish National War Memorial)



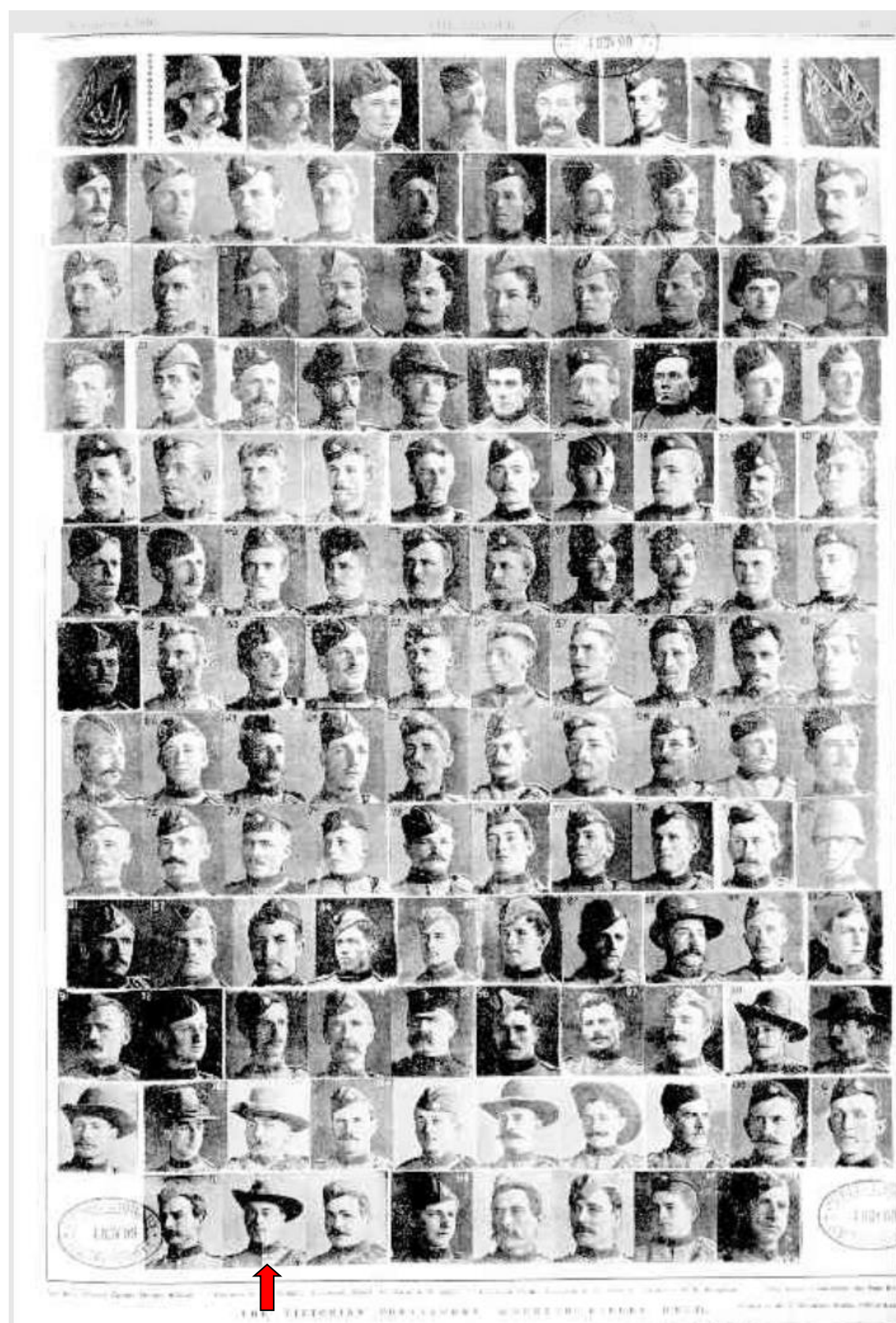
Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Commemorative Roll)



Charles Patterson

(Photo from The Australian Boer War Memorial)

Newspaper Notices



THE VICTORIAN CONTINGENT (MOUNTED RIFLES UNIT)



112 – Sergeant Patterson, Preston

November 4, 1899.

able to get away on account of private business.

Captain J. G. Johnson, of C Battery field artillery brigade, was appointed lieutenant in January, 1889, and captain in July, 1895.

THE VICTORIAN CONTINGENT.—KEY TO THE PORTRAITS.

MOUNTED RIFLE UNIT.

1. Private D. Ross (S.), Byaduk.
2. Private T. Stock (S.), Sandford.
3. Private S. Robinson (S.), Grassmere.
4. Private R. Lyle (S.), Bacchus Marsh.

107. Private A. Conlon (S.), Clifton Hills.
108. Private L. Inglis (S.), Koonwarra.
109. Private H. M. Kirwin (S.), Moe.
110. Private P. Valence (S.), Bacchus Marsh.
111. Private A. Kushow (S.), Dunolly.
112. Sergeant Patterson (S.), Preston.
113. Private D. McCanley (S.), Linton.
114. Private G. S. Williamson (S.), ...
115. Private Lethlean, Rangers, K...
116. Private Winson, Rangers, K...
117. Private H. J. Kortum (S.), Elm...
118. Bugler E. Thomas (S.), Ballarat.

(The Leader, Victoria – 4 November, 1899)

CAPTAIN CHARLES PATTERSON

DIES IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Wednesday Night

Captain Charles Patterson, of the 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, has died at Leeds Military Hospital.

Captain Patterson was a native of Melbourne.

(Evening News, Sydney, NSW – 21 January, 1915)

AN AUSTRALIAN KILLED

LONDON, January 20.

The death from wounds is announced of Captain Charles Patterson, of the 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, formerly of Melbourne. He died in the Leeds Military Hospital.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 January, 1915)

OFFICER'S DEATH IN LEEDS INFIRMARY

Following a cycling accident at Hull, where he was with the Lancashire Fusiliers, preparing for the front, the death has occurred at the Leeds Infirmary of Captain Charles Patterson, son of Mr George Patterson, of Melbourne, and nephew of the late Hon. Sir J. B. Patterson, Premier of Victoria, both natives of Alnwick.

Captain Patterson, who was 40 years of age, got his commission for distinguished service in the Boer War with the Victoria Mounted Rifles. He was cousin of Madame Melba.

(Yorkshire Evening Post, Leeds, Yorkshire, England – 21 January, 1915)

FATAL ACCIDENT TO OFFICER AT HULL

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM)

Captain Charles Patterson, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, has died in Leeds Hospital as the result of an accident while on military duty in Hull. He was a native of Melbourne, a nephew of the late Hon. Sir J. B. Patterson, Prime Minister of Victoria, and cousin of Madam Melba. He served with the Victoria Mounted Rifles in South Africa, having both the King's and Queen's Medals. He was given a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1900.

(Hull Daily Mail, Hull, Yorkshire, England – 21 January, 1915)

DEATHS

PATTERSON – On the 19th Jan., at the Military Hospital, Leeds, Captain Charles Patterson, 1st Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, aged 39, son of Mrs George Patterson, of Melbourne, Australia. Australian papers, please copy.

(London Evening Standard, England – 22 January, 1915)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

THE LATE CAPT. C. PATTERSON

Captain Charles Patterson, Lancashire Fusiliers, has died in Leeds Hospital as the result of an accident. Cycling to headquarters at Hull about two months ago, he fell, and was seriously injured by his revolver. The son of a Border man, and nephew of the late Premier of Victoria, Captain Patterson served in the South African War with the Victoria Mounted Rifles, and was given a commission for distinguished service. The officers of his squadron being killed, he rallied the men, who covered the retreat of the Wiltshires by gallant fighting near Hobkerke's Farm. Captain Patterson was forty years old, a fine type of Colonial, and a cousin of Madame Melba, the famous singer.

(*The Scotsman*, Edinburgh, Midlothian, Scotland – 22 January, 1915)

OFFICERS WHO HAVE FALLEN

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Captain Charles Patterson, of the 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, has died in the 2nd Northern General Military Hospital, Leeds, from serious internal injuries which he received in a cycling accident at Hull, where with his regiment he had been preparing for the front. Captain Patterson was a son of Mr George Patterson, who is well known in the Berwickshire district, and nephew of the late Hon. Sir J. B. Patterson, formerly Premier of Victoria. He was 39 years of age.

(*Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer*, Leeds, Yorkshire, England – 22 January, 1915)

THE FAMILY CIRCLE

DEATHS

PATTERSON – On the 20th January, at Beckett Military Hospital, Leeds, England, Captain Charles Paterson, 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, fourth surviving son of George and the late Annie Patterson, formerly of Daylesford, aged 39 years.

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 February, 1915)

DEATHS

PATTERSON – On the 20th January, at Beckett Military Hospital, Leeds, England, Captain Charles Paterson, 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, aged 39 years. (Formerly of Daylesford and Preston)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 February, 1915)

DEATHS

PATTERSON – On the 20th January, at Beckett Military Hospital, Leeds, England, Captain Charles Paterson, 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, formerly of Daylesford and Preston, aged 39.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 February, 1915)

TO-DAY'S WILLS

Lancashire Officer's Estate

Captain Charles Patterson, of the Wellington Barracks, Elton, Bury, late of the 20th Lancashire Fusiliers, a native of Melbourne, one of the first in Melbourne to volunteer for service in the Boer War, a nephew of the late Hon. Sir J. B. Patterson, Prime Minister of Victoria, and cousin of Madame Melba, left £339. Letters of administration have been granted to his father, Mr George Patterson, of Bolton-street, Bury, retired auctioneer, as next of kin.

(Manchester Evening News, Lancashire, England – 26 February, 1915)

LAST CALL ANSWERED



CAPTAIN CHARLES PATTERSON

Many Melbourne residents will remember Captain Charles Patterson, who died in Leeds Hospital (Eng.), on January 20, as a result of an accident while on military duty. He was a son of Mr George Patterson, of Melbourne, and nephew of the late Sir James Patterson, brother of Colonel W. Patterson (now with the Australian forces abroad), and Mr Ambrose Patterson, the artist, Melbourne.

He was among the first Victorians to volunteer for service in the South African war, and at the conclusion of that campaign joined the 20th Lancashire Fusiliers. Captain Patterson, who was regarded as a most promising officer, was in his 39th year.

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 March, 1915) & (*Weekly Times*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 April, 1915)

CHARLES PATTERSON

AN APPRECIATION

The following appreciation of a Daylesford native, the late Captain Charles Patterson, a son of Mr George Patterson, an ex-Mayor of the Borough, now residing in Melbourne, appeared recently in a book published annually in connection with the Royal Lancashire Fusiliers, England :

“Captain Patterson was one of those rare people who are at home wherever they go, and are never out of their element. His inexhaustible interest in people of all kinds, no matter of what age, sex, nationality, or station, was the spontaneous outcome of his enterprising and friendly nature. He was quite unconscious of it, but it amounted to a genius for making friends.

He was superlatively generous, and wherever a helping hand could be extended, his was there. He excelled in the part of the good fairy, and surely played it more often than will ever be known. But, in spite of his innate love of intercourse with his fellows, he was in a sense self-contained. Perhaps it was part of his extreme self-reliance. He took on his friends' burdens, but never shared his own with anyone, always showing a brave and cheerful front.

Certainly he was too critical and reflective to lack the “inward-turning eye,” but what that eye saw was probably never revealed to anyone ; this lent a certain unfathomable quality to his cheery personality - a background impenetrable.

He regarded the formalities and conventions of English society with amusement, but not without sympathy, and he never allowed them to assume an importance which would have been unnatural to him with his Australian upbringing. Realism was innate in him, and he went straight for the things that mattered, so getting the best out of life and out of those with whom he came into contact, for he always appealed to their most human side. He had a resourceful and eager mind, always ready to learn and quick to appreciate. He was a delightful companion, for with his original point of view and power of racy expression, it was impossible to be dull with him. Not that he had irrepressibly high spirits - on the contrary, his was rather a cheerful and humorous manner, without which he would never allow himself to appear. One was conscious of discipline and self-control somewhere behind it all, but tempered and mellowed by extreme tact and kindness.

He understood that “the Colonel's lady and Judy O.Grady were sisters under their skins,” and was as popular in West Kensington as in those parts which are more remote from Hammersmith. For years he corresponded with Boers he had known in South African concentration camps. Among the Paris students - especially the Scandinavian group - he had many friends. He had a varied acquaintance in Brussels, and he used to stay with a Herr Over-Policeman somebody in Dresden - to quote only a few of the more variegated types of his friends. And his friends were legion - as many as his acquaintances were few - for he had a way of turning acquaintances into friends at first sight.

As he was secretive in his troubles, so, when his illness struck him, he sent out no signals of distress, but set his teeth and fought his disease with grim courage never admitting that he was beaten. Perhaps he knew otherwise, but he would not let go his dogged cheerfulness, and at the last the ghost of his old voice, turned to a crooning whisper, lisped his determination to pull through.”

(*Daylesford Advocate, Yandoit, Glenlyon and Eganstown Chronicle*, Victoria – 27 February, 1917)

IN MEMORY OF HER SOLDIER BROTHERS

Mr. A. G. Stewart, Town Clerk of the Borough, has received the following letter from Mrs. S. Braithwaite, of "Worethalernton," Preston, a daughter of the late Mr. George Patterson, a former councillor and mayor of the borough, and brother of the late Sir James Patterson, one time Premier of Victoria:

"Dear Mr. Stewart - I saw an account in the newspaper that trees are to be planted in the Daylesford district and named after men who have gone to the war from there. I enclose cheque for £1, as I understand the cost of each tree is ten shillings, and I would like trees planted in the names of my two brothers who have died. They were both born in and spent their boyhood in Daylesford. and had been soldiers for many years. Both served in the South African War. Another brother, Francis Harold Patterson, has enlisted, but has not yet gone to the front. When he has served I will have a tree planted in his name. Colonel William George Patterson, born at Daylesford on 2nd September, 1862, joined the Victorian Mounted Rifles in 1891. On gaining his commission he became Adjutant in 1894; gained his captaincy in 1896; and his majority in 1900. In 1902 he saw active service in the South African war. From 1902 to 1907 he was D.A.Q.M.G. for Victoria and occupied a similar position in South Australia from 1907 to 1910. He became staff officer to the Inspector General in 1910, and was appointed to the Administrative and Instructional Staff in 1911 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. In 1906 he visited England and was for six months attached to the 32nd Brigade, 2nd Division Aldershot Army Corps. He subsequently visited India, and was attached to the 4th Division at India in the departments of the D.A. A.G. and A.Q.M.G. On the outbreak of war he was transferred to the Australian Imperial Force, and sailed with the 1st Division as Quartermaster General. He was at the landing of the Australians at Gallipoli. He was invalided home, and died at the Base Hospital, St. Kilda Road, on 19th Mav, 1916.

Captain Charles Patterson was born at Davlesford on February 27th, 1875 and later joined the Victorian Mounted Rifles. He went to South Africa with the First Contingent as sergeant, and remained on active service until the end of the war. He was offered a commission in the Lancashire Fusiliers, and after the war he served with his regiment at home stations and in India, and spent some time in Germany. He took part in the advance on Kimberley, was at the actions of Karee Siding, Boutrick, Vet River, Land River, and Colesberg. He wore the Queen's Medal with three clasps, and the King's with four clasps. He visited England with the Victorian Mounted Rifles on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee in 1897. On the outbreak of war he was at Hull with his regiment preparatory to going to the front. He received an injury while on duty on the dock, from which he died in Leeds Hospital (military) on January 20th, 1915.

(Daylesford Advocate, Yandoit, Glenlyon and Eganstown Chronicle, Victoria – 16 July, 1918) &

(Kyneton Guardian, Victoria – 18 July, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Captain Charles Patterson does have a Private Headstone in Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds, England & is also remembered on the CWGC Screen Wall in Lawnswood Cemetery, Leeds, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Nicp)

Lawnswood Cemetery, West Yorkshire, England

During the First World War, the major hospitals in Leeds were the 2nd Northern General with 1,800 beds and the East Leeds War Hospital with 1,900. Leeds was also one of the principal hospital centres in Yorkshire during the Second World War.

Leeds (Lawnswood) Cemetery was opened in 1875 and contains 138 burials of the First World War, 88 of them forming a war graves plot in Section W. As these graves could not be marked individually, the names of the dead are recorded on a screen wall. The rest of the First World War burials and all of the 67 Second World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery. A further screen wall bears the names of 105 casualties of both wars buried in Leeds General Cemetery, where their graves could no longer be maintained.

In all, there are now 222 First World War casualties and 91 from the Second World War commemorated in the cemetery.

The memorial to 94 Second World War casualties whose remains were cremated at Leeds (Lawnswood) Crematorium is in the central hall of the Columbarium.

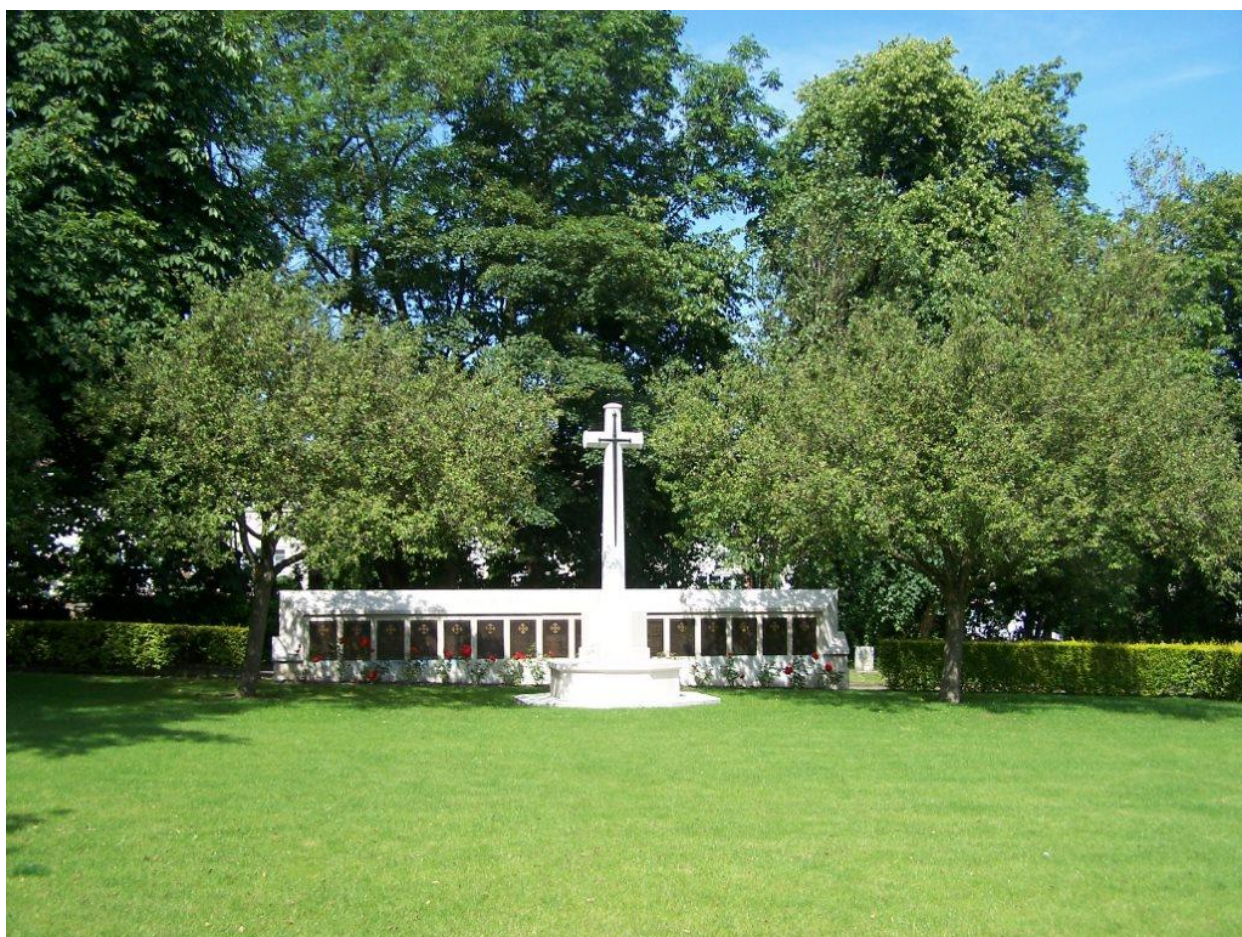
(Information from CWGC)



Entrance to Lawnswood Cemetery *(Photo from Find a Grave – Photoman81)*



CWGC Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Walls (Photo from War Memorials Online – Ynyr Owen)



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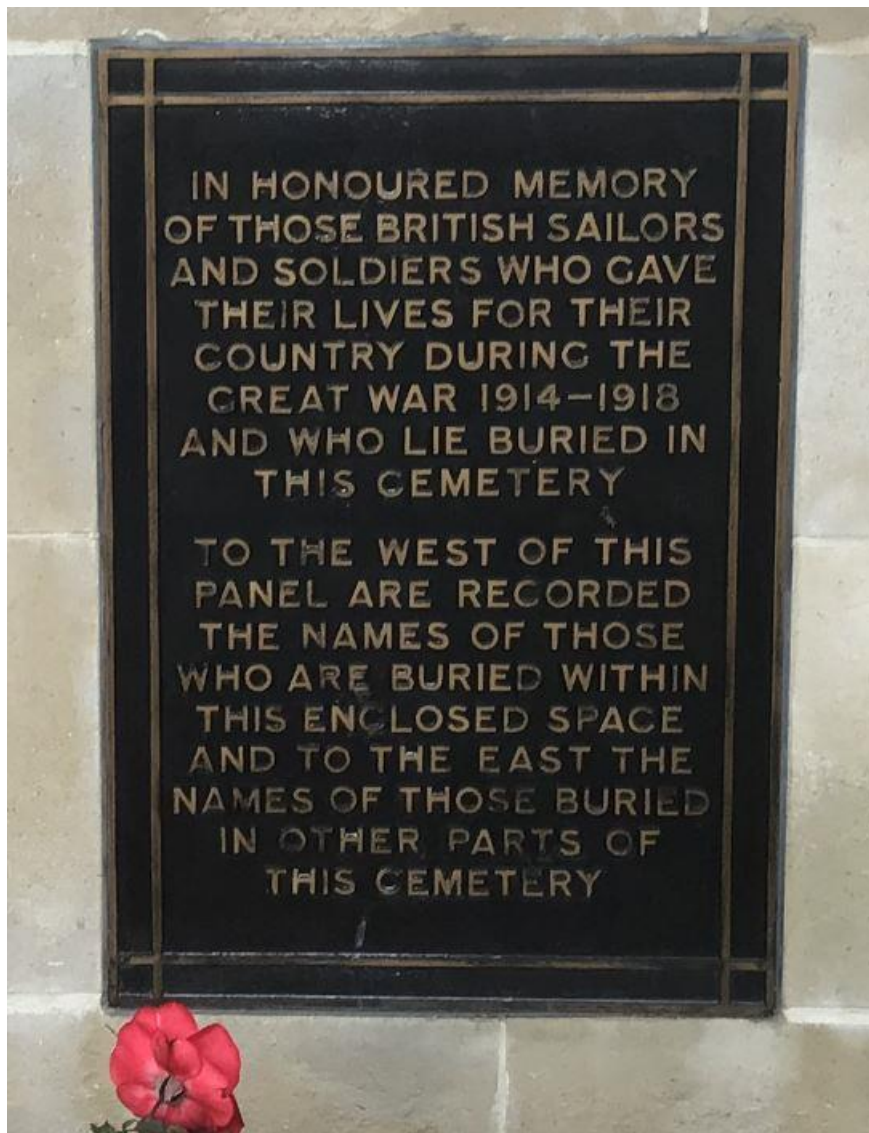
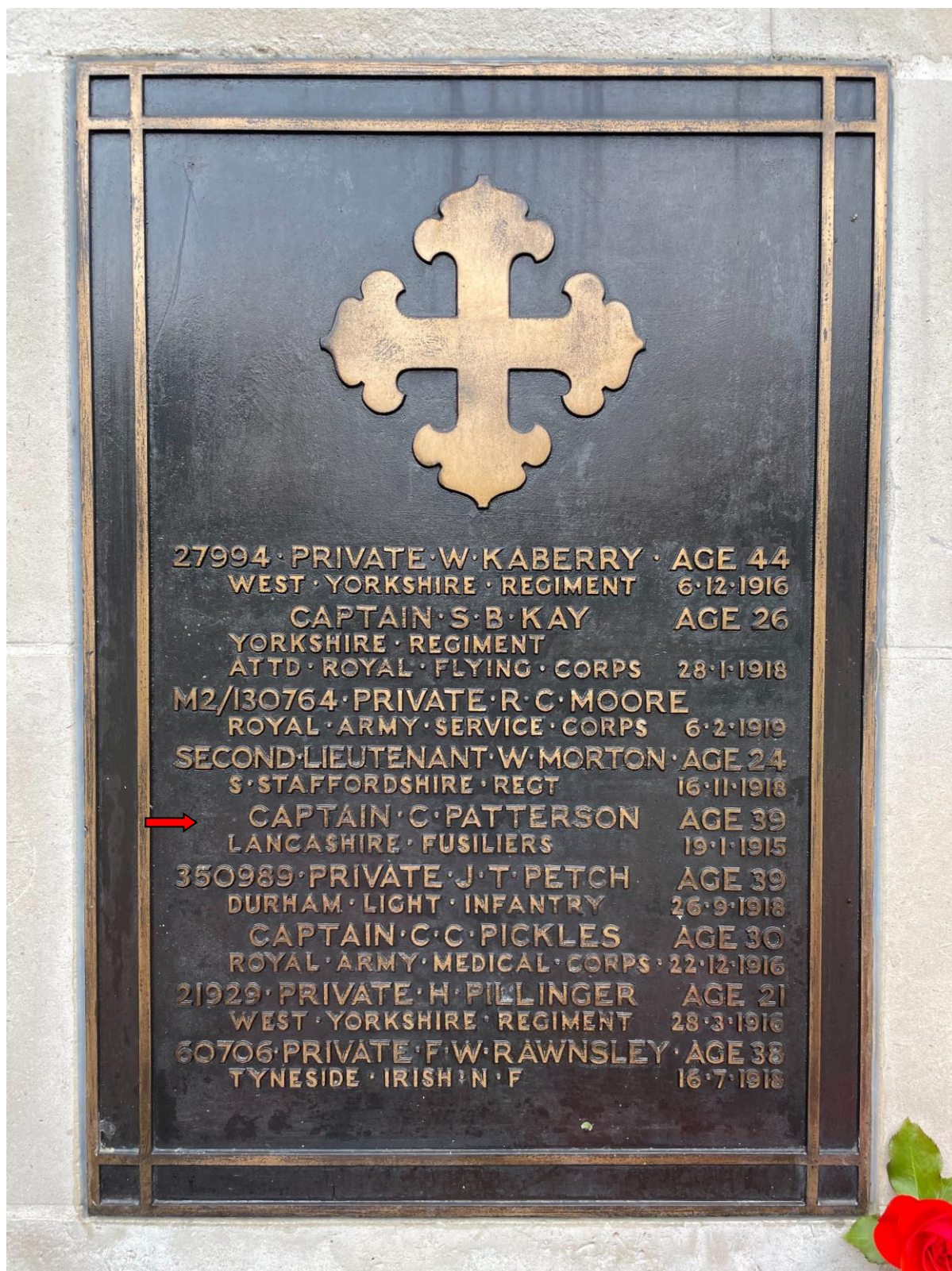


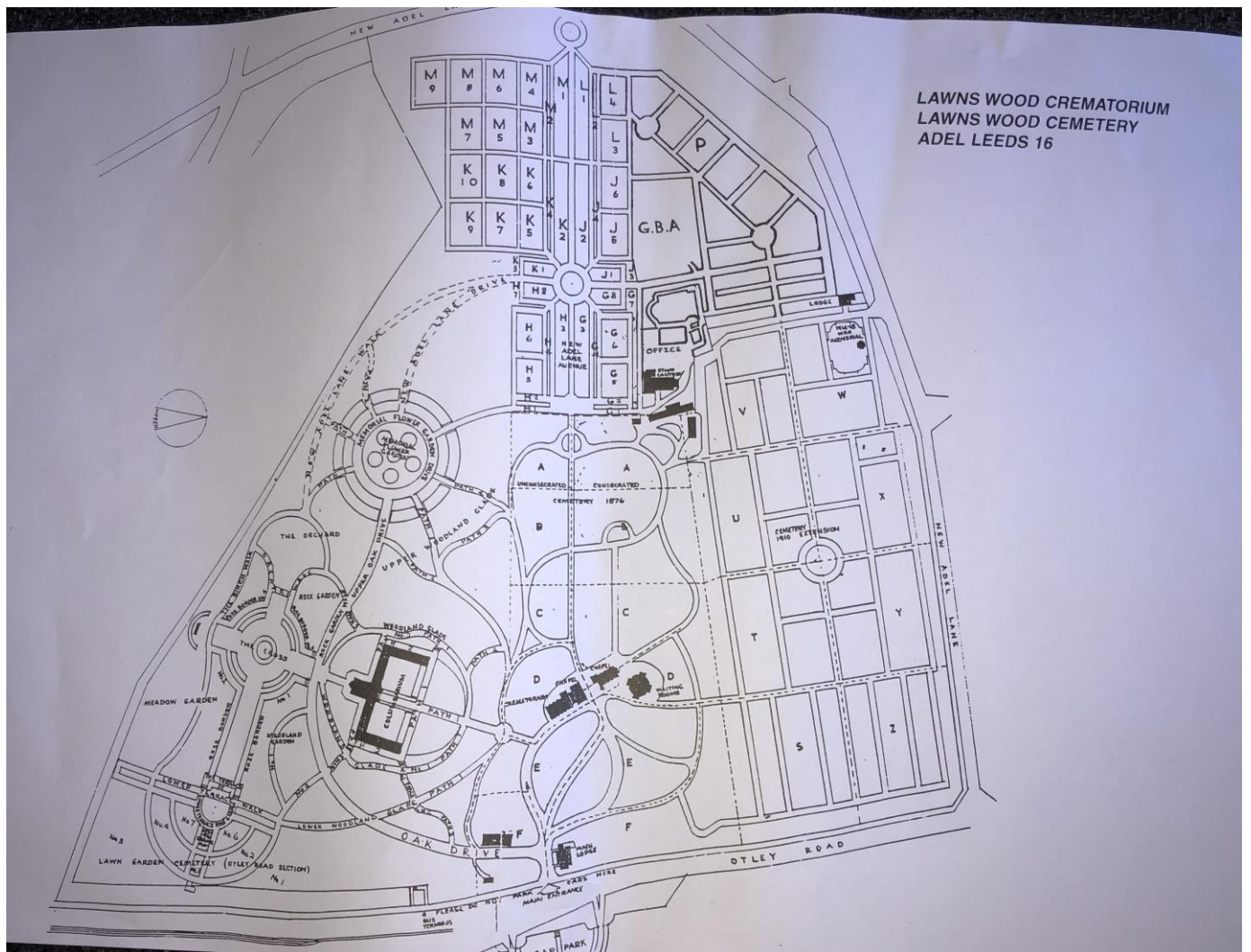
Photo of Captain C. Patterson's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Lawnswood Cemetery, West Yorkshire, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Emma T)



(Photo from CWGC)



Map of Lawnswood Crematory (Photo from Find a Grave – Ben McBean)