

**Hollybrook Memorial,
Southampton, Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



11101 DRIVER

H. E. PENNEY

AUSTRALIAN ARMY SERVICE CORPS

21ST DECEMBER, 1917

Henry Ernest PENNEY

Henry Ernest Penney was born on 26th July, 1880 at Aberdeen*, South Australia to parents John Knott Penney & Sarah Amelia Penney (nee Cooper). His birth was registered in the district of Burra, South Australia.

(*According to information supplied by his mother for the Roll of Honour – Henry Ernest Penney was born in Adelaide, South Australia, however Henry listed his place of birth as Burra, South Australia on his Attestation Papers. Aberdeen was a subdivision near Burra Burra Mine)

Henry Ernest Penney attended school at Currie Steet, Adelaide, South Australia.

Henry Ernest Penney married Annie Mitchell in Adelaide, South Australia on 3rd July, 1907.

John Knott Penney, father of Henry Ernest Penney, died on 4th December, 1913 at 35 Hughes St, Mile End, South Australia.

Annie Penney, wife of Henry Ernest Penney, died on 10th June, 1915, aged 39 years.

Henry Ernest Penney was a 35 year old, widower (no children), Yard Foreman (His mother listed "Blacksmith" as his other training in information provided for the Roll of Honour) from 35 Hughes Street, Mile End, South Australia when he enlisted on 2nd February, 1916 in Adelaide, South Australia with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs S. A. Penney, Hughes Street, Mile End, South Australia. Henry Penney stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been an apprentice for 6 years as a Shoe Smith.

Private Henry Ernest Penney was posted to "E" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 2nd February, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "C" Company, 1st Depot Battalion on 16th February, 1916 then transferred back to E" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion on 21st February, 1916. Private Penney was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 32nd Infantry at Mitcham on 1st March, 1916. On 16th March, 1916 he was transferred to A.S.C. (Army Service Corps) then on 20th March, 1916 he was transferred to 25th A.S.C. He was ranked as Driver from 1st April, 1916.

Driver Henry Ernest Penney, Service number 11101, embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Afric (A19)* on 9th June, 1916 with the 3rd Divisional Train, A.S.C. (Army Service Corps). (Note: Driver Penney is listed on two Embarkation Rolls – one listed he embarked with No. 4 Company, 3rd Divisional Train while the other Embarkation Roll recorded he embarked with 25th Company, 3rd Divisional Train. His Statement of Service form listed he was with 25th A.S.C., 3rd Divisional Train) & disembarked at Southampton, England on 24th July, 1916.

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

Transport, supply and maintenance

Originally the Australian Army had two main service corps: the Ordnance Corps and the Service Corps. Ordnance was generally responsible for machinery and ammunition. It organised the supply and storage of ammunition and the repair and maintenance of machinery, vehicles and weapons. The Army Service Corps was responsible for the transport and provision of supplies and rations other than machinery or ammunition; this included the delivery of mail to the troops. This corps also provided additional transport resources for moving troops.

(Information from the Australian War Memorial)

Driver Henry Ernest Penney was admitted to Fargo Hospital, Wiltshire, England on 15th August, 1916 with a Perineal Abscess. He was transferred to Bulford Hospital, Wiltshire on 19th August, 1916 with V.D. Driver Penney was discharged on 9th September, 1916. Total number VD days – 22.

Driver Henry Ernest Penney was admitted to Bulford Military Hospital on 9th October, 1916 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined). He was admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford on 9th October, 1916 with VD. This was later deleted to read "*Stricture not V.D.*" Private Penney was discharged to Depot on 16th April, 1917.

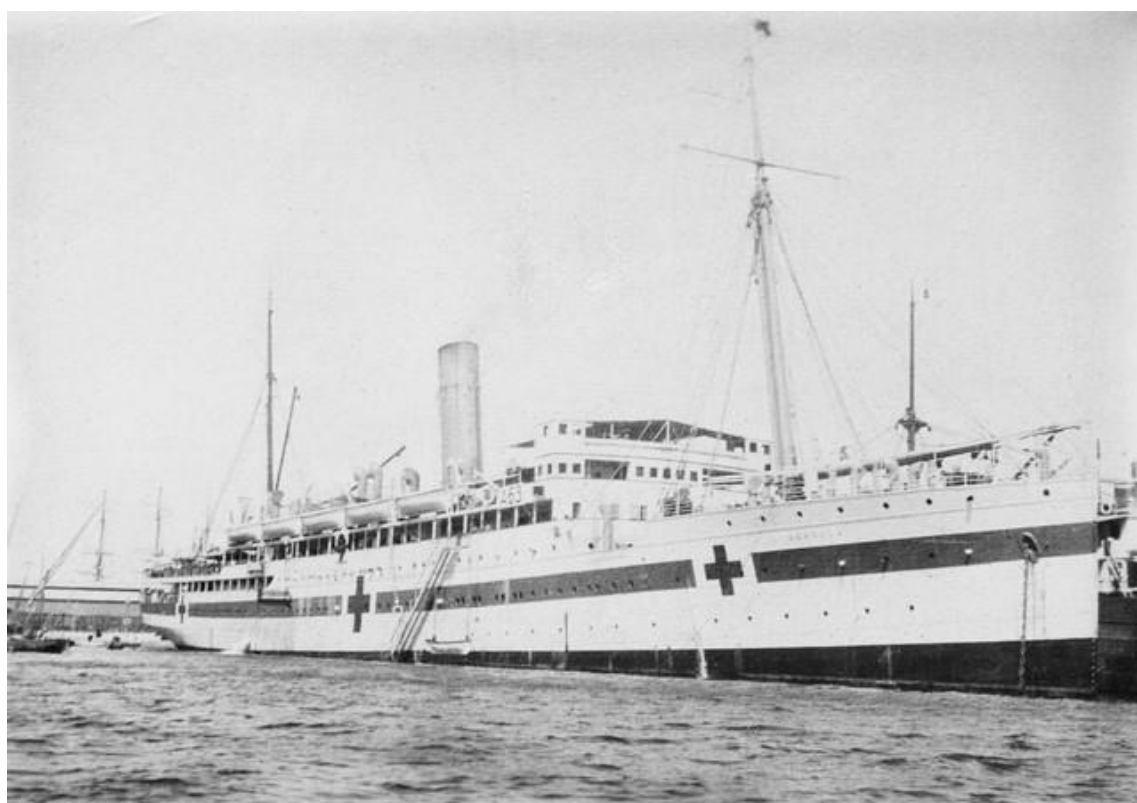
Driver Henry Ernest Penney was marched in to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, Dorset on 16th April, 1917 from 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire.

Driver Henry Ernest Penney was re-admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford on 29th June, 1917 with Urethral Stricture – no V.D. He was transferred to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex on 5th September, 1917 with Urethral Stricture. Driver Penney was reported to be dangerously ill on 21st July, 1917. He was reported to be seriously ill on 28th September, 1917.

A Medical Report was completed on Driver Henry Ernest Penney on 8th October, 1917 at 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex. His disability was recorded as “Urethral Stricture, Epididymitis, Cystitis” which had originated in Australia probably in May, 1916. The Medical Board found that Private Penney was permanently unfit for General & Home Service. He was medically classified as C3.

Driver Henry Ernest Penney was returned to Australia on Hospital Ship No. 1, embarking from England on 25th November, 1917.

Driver Henry Ernest Penney died on 21st December, 1917 at Sea on board No.1 Australian Hospital Ship *Karoola*, on route to Australia, from Septic Cystitis & Nephritis.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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No.1 Australian Hospital Ship *Karoola*

Driver Henry Ernest Penney was one of seven passengers to die aboard Hospital Ship *Karoola* on her voyage from UK to Australia.

No. 1 AUSTRALIAN HOSPITAL SHIP,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

SUBJECT.

M. E. I. R. O. H. E. M. E.

From O. C. Troops, No. 1, Australian Hospital Ship
"Karoola,"

To D. G. M. S., AUSTRALIA.

10th January, 1918.

REPORT ON VOYAGE FROM MELBOURNE TO U.K. AND U.K. TO
MELBOURNE, PERIOD 12/9/'17 TO 10/1/'18.

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2. PATIENTS CARRIED:-

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No deaths occurred on the voyage from Capetown to England, but the following patients died on the voyage from U.K. to Australia:-

No. 2530 Private Morris, J.R., 39th Battalion,
Disease, Endocarditis.

No. 5585, Private Freier, H., 26th Battalion.
Disease, Cerebral Abscess and Meningitis.

No. 2350, Private Daniels, J., 12th Battalion,
Disease, Carcinoma of Stomach.

No. 1506, Munition Worker Davie, A.H.
Disease, Cancer of Mouth.

No. 11106, Driver Penney, H., 25th A. S. C.,
Disease, Septic Cystitis and Nephritis.

No. 883, 2nd Air Mechanic Hansman, E., Flying Corps,
Disease, Lymphatic Leukaemia.

No. 2210, Sapper Swanson, D., 5th Field Engineers.
Disease, Tumor of Bladder.

There is no mention in the Service Record file of Driver Henry Ernest Penney of him being buried at Sea. It is assumed he was buried at Sea as he is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England as he has no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Driver Henry Ernest Penney 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 Penney's widowed mother – Mrs S. A. Penney, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent February, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver Henry Ernest Penney – service number 11101, of Australian Army Service Corps. No family details are listed.

Driver H. E. Penney is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 181.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. E. Penney is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.

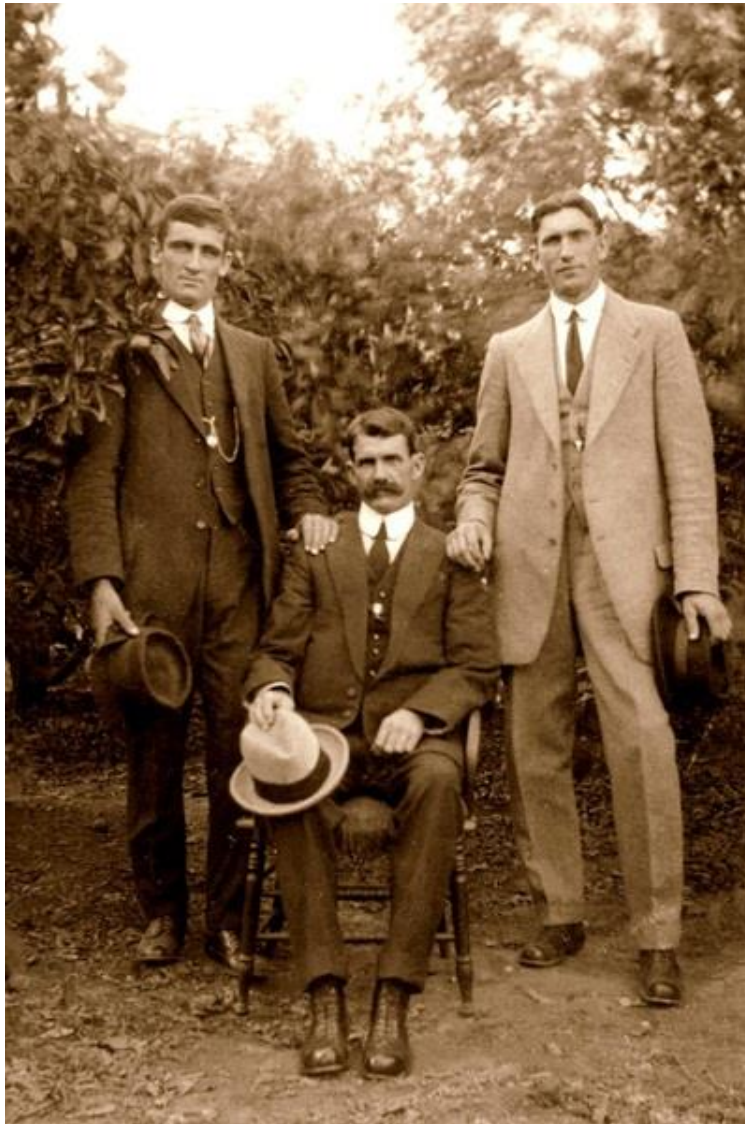


National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

(31 pages of Driver Henry Ernest Penney'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

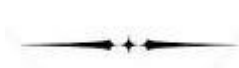




Ern Penney (seated centre) with his cousin William Cooper (left) & brother Vic Penney (right)



Driver Henry Ernest Penney *(Photo from Find a Grave)*



Connected to Driver Henry Ernest Penney:

Younger brother : Alfred George Stanley Penney - Enlisted on 4th August, 1915 as a 26 year old, single, Driver. Embarked on 12th January, 1916 from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Medic* (A7) with 7th Infantry Brigade, 27th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements as Private 3250

Reported Missing - 4th August, 1916. Remembered on Villers Bretonneux Memorial, France.



Newspaper Notices

DEATHS

PENNEY (nee Mitchell) – On the 10th June, at the Adelaide Hospital, the beloved wife of H. E. Penney, of Mile-End, after a long and painful illness, aged 39 years. Melbourne papers please copy.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 June, 1915)

Funeral Notices

PENNEY – THE FRIENDS of Mr HENRY ERNEST PENNEY are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his late WIFE (Annie) will leave the residence of her mother-in-law (Mrs J. Penny), Clifton House, Hughes-street, Mile-End, on SATURDAY, at 2 pm, for the West-terrace Cemetery.

R. T. WALLMANN & SONS, Undertakers

Pulteney-street, City. 'Phone 769

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 June, 1915)

THANKS

Mr H. E. PENNEY, of Mile-End, wishes to sincerely THANK all kind Friends and Relatives for their unremitting kindness and sympathy, letters, cards, and floral tributes in his recent sad bereavement.

(*Daily Herald*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 June, 1915)

INTO CAMP ON WEDNESDAY

Following are the names of the men who enlisted at Adelaide and went into the Exhibition Camp on Wednesday:-
.....H. E. Penney.....

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 3 February, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

PENNY – In loving memory of my dear wife, Annie, who passed away at Adelaide Hospital, June 10, 1915.

Good was her heart, in friendship sound,
Patient in pain, beloved all round;
Always so loving, generous, and kind,
None in this world her equal to find;
To-day as I glance at your picture,
In likeness so loving and true,
Do you know how my heart is aching
And longing, dear Annie, for you.

-Inserted by her loving husband, Driver H. E. Penney, A.I.F., Salisbury Plain, England.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 June, 1917)

Mrs S. Penney, of 35, Hughes-street, Mile-End, has been notified that her son, 11101, Driver H. E. PENNEY, died at sea on the 21st December, on his way home to Australia.

(The Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 12 January, 1918)

OUR FALLEN HEROES

The following further deaths of South Australian soldiers are officially reported:-.....Dvr H. E. Penney, Mile-End (Dec. 21, at sea).

(Southern Cross, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 January, 1918)

380th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Died of Illness

11101, Dvr H. E. PENNEY, Mile-End, at sea, 21/12/17 (pr. r. dang. sick)

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

PENNEY – In loving memory of the wife of the late 11101, Driver H. E. Penney, who died June 10th, 1915.

Sleep on, dear Anne, we would not wake thee,
For sorrow and trouble would darken thy brow,
How sweet is thy rest, with the birds singing o'er thee,
No grief, pain, or sorrow can come to thee now.

-Inserted by loving mother-in-law, Blanche, and Vic, Mile-End.

(The Express and Telegraph, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 June, 1918)

THEIR NAME LIVETH FOR EVERMORE

PENNEY – Dvr H. E. Penney, of 25th Battalion, who died on 21st December, 1917.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 December, 1925)

**Similar Notices - "*Their Name Liveth For Evermore*" were also placed in 1926, 1927 & 1928

Henry Ernest Penney is remembered on his wife's headstone in West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia.



West Terrace Cemetery, Adelaide (Photo from Find a Grave – Catherine@SA)



(Headstone Photos from Find a Grave – Catherine@SA)



Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

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.

Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England

The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

The Hollybrook Memorial commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces* whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters (*Officers and men of the Commonwealth's navies who have no grave but the sea are commemorated on memorials elsewhere). The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial. Almost one third of the names on the memorial are those of officers and men of the South African Native Labour Corps, who died when the troop transport Mendi sank in the Channel following a collision on 21 February 1917. Other vessels sunk with significant loss of life were: HS Anglia, a hospital ship sunk by mine off Dover on 17 November 1915. SS Citta Di Palermo, an Italian transport carrying Commonwealth troops, sunk by mine off Brindisi on 8 January 1916. In rescuing survivors, two Royal Naval Otranto drifters were themselves mined and blown up. HMTs Donegal and Warilda, ambulance transports torpedoed and sunk between Le Havre and Southampton on 17 April 1917 and 3 August 1918. HS Glenart Castle, a hospital ship torpedoed and sunk off Lundy on 26 February 1918. SS Galway Castle, torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on 12 September 1918. RMS Leinster, the Irish mail boat, torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Sea on 10 October 1918. Among those commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial is Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, who died when the battle cruiser HMS Hampshire was mined and sunk off Scapa Flow on 5 June 1916.

The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

(Information & photos from CWGC)





Cross of Sacrifice

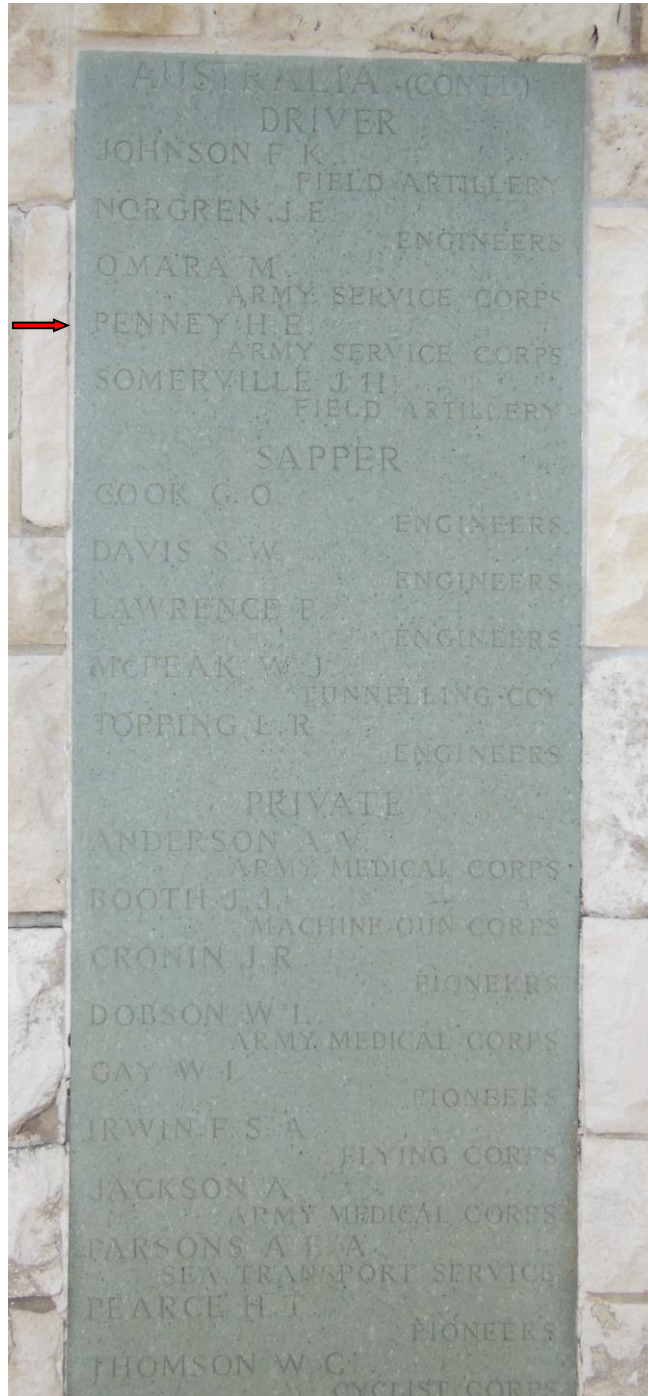


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice *(Photo from CWGC)*



CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial *(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Driver H. E. Penney's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

