

**Hartshill Cemetery,
Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1510 LANCE CPL.

A. W. PETTIGREW

4TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

4TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 23

Honourable, Brave & True

A Willing Sacrifice

Andrew Wilson (Andy) PETTIGREW

Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was born at Balmain, Sydney, New South Wales in 1893 to parents Alexander Ferguson Pettigrew and Mary Wilson Pettigrew.

Alexander Ferguson Pettigrew, father of Andrew Wilson Pettigrew, died in 1899. His death was registered in district of Newtown, Sydney, NSW.

Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was a 22 year old, single, Compositor from Surrey Fair, Rockdale, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 14th December, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1613 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Pettigrew, “Hypathia”, Kingsland Road, Bexley, NSW. Andrew Pettigrew stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with New South Wales Scottish Rifles Regiment (now disbanded).

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was posted to 3rd Reinforcements of 4th Battalion on 14th December, 1914 for recruit training.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Seang Choon (A49)* on 11th February, 1915 with the 4th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was transferred to “A” Company, 4th Battalion & allotted a Service number of 1510 on 30th April (?) 1915.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew embarked from Alexandria on 5th April, 1915 on Troopship *Lake Michigan* to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) – Gallipoli Campaign.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew joined 4th Battalion at Gallipoli on 2nd May, 1915 from Hold Party.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was admitted to 4th Field Ambulance at Gallipoli Peninsula on 14th June, 1915 with Gastritis. He was returned to duty on 16th June, 1915.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was wounded in action at Gallipoli. He was admitted to HMS *Ascania* on 7th August, 1915 with shrapnel wounds to neck & ribs. Private Pettigrew was transferred to Cairo on 11th August, 1915. He was admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis on 11th August, 1915 & transferred to No. 3 Auxiliary Hospital the same day.

4th Battalion

The 4th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions it was recruited from New South Wales and, together with these other battalions, formed the 1st Brigade.

The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. The battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves. The commander of the 4th Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel A. J. O. Thompson, was killed the next day. At ANZAC, the battalion took part in the defence of the beachhead and in August, along with the rest of the 1st Brigade, led the charge at Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Mrs Pettigrew, Surry Fair, Rockdale, NSW, was advised by Secretary Defence on 20th August, 1915 that her son Private A. W. Pettigrew had been admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis on August 11th with bullet wound to neck.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was admitted to Helouan Convalescent Hospital on 1st September, 1915 & discharged to Zeitoun on 19th September, 1915 for active service.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew embarked from Alexandria on 20th October, 1915 on H.T. *Franconia* to rejoin his Unit after being classified "A" (fit for active service). He re-joined his Unit at Anzac on 30th October, 1915 from wounded.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was awarded 2 days Field Punishment on 6th December, 1915 for wilful neglect of arms & accoutrements on active service on 5th December, 1915.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew disembarked at Alexandria on 29th December, 1915 ex Mudros from H. T. *Simla* (after the evacuation of Gallipoli).

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was awarded 28 days Field Punishment No. 2 for being Absent without Leave on 22nd January, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir.

Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was to be Lance Corporal from 15th March, 1916.

Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew embarked from Alexandria on 23rd March, 1916 on H.T. *Simla* & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th March, 1916.

Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was wounded in action in France on 24th July, 1916. He was admitted to 1st Australian Field Ambulance on 24th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to thigh then transferred the same day to 6th M.A.C. Lance Corporal Pettigrew was transferred & admitted to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 25th July, 1916 then transferred to No. 16 Ambulance Train. He was admitted to No. 1 Australian General Hospital at Rouen, France on 26th July, 1916 & embarked for England on 28th July, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Western Australia*.

4th Battalion

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army, principally in the Somme Valley in France and around Ypres in Belgium. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. Later the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, before returning to the Somme for winter.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 4th Battalion

Pozieres 24th July, 1916:

Heavy shelling continued & many losses in C & D. Difficulty in sending forward water, food, S.A.A., tools, sand-bags etc. In afternoon relieved C & D by B & A Cos respectively.

Conference of C.O.'s at Bde H.Q. 22.00 Divisional Operation Order received for an attack by 1st Bde on morning of 26th. Bde detailed orders not then written & Bn C.O.'s dismissed. Later at 2415 an urgent message again summoned C.O.'s to Bde H.Q. on account to the operation to take place in the morning of 25th.....

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was admitted to Stoke-Upon-Trent War Hospital, Newcastle, Staffordshire, England on 29th July, 1916 with G.S.W Thigh & Gas Gangrene.

Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew died on 4th August, 1916 at Stoke-Upon-Trent War Hospital, Newcastle, England from wounds received in action in France – G.S.W Leg, Gas Gangrene.

A death for Andrew W. Pettigrew, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, England.

Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was buried in Hartshill Cemetery, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England – Grave Reference 3rd Class No. 4920.

Mrs M. Pettigrew, 61 Pile Street, Marrickville, NSW, was advised by Base Records on 19th April, 1920 that the remains of her son had *“been exhumed from grave No. 4920, Hartshill Cemetery, and re-interred in grave No. 15406, Section Blk 39 of the same Cemetery. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.”*

This is now recorded by CWGC as Grave Reference - 15406 and he now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Mary Pettigrew, “Hypatia” Kingsland Rd, Bexley, mother of the late Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 14th October, 1916.

Mrs M. Pettigrew, Hypatia, Kingsland Rd, Bexley, wrote to the Military Authorities, Melbourne on 22nd September, 1916 with the following *“Having recd by last English Mail all particulars regarding the death & burial of my son L.Cpl A. W. Pettigrew 4th Battalion 3rd Rein. from the Nurse & Chaplain of War Hospital Stoke on Trent Newcastle England I would be glad if you would send me the Military Certificate of his death so that I may get his business affairs settled.”*

Base Records replied on 3rd October, 1916 enclosing a Certificate of report of death of the late No. 1510 Lance Corporal A. W. Pettigrew, 4th Battalion.

Mrs M. Pettigrew, Hypatia, Kingsland Rd, Bexley, wrote to Base Records on 22nd November, 1916 asking for *“a certificate of death of L. Cpl A. W. Pettigrew 1510 4th Battalion as I find I require one for every claim I make.”*

Base Records replied on 1st December, 1916 enclosing a Certificate of report of death of the late No. 1510 Lance Corporal A. W. Pettigrew, 4th Battalion.

Mrs Mary Pettigrew, Hypatia, Kingsland Rd. Bexley, wrote to Base Records on 4th March, 1918 with the following *“The two photographs of my son’s grave L.Cpl A. W. Pettigrew came safely to hand for which I am thankful – please accept the gratitude of his mother.”*

Mrs M. Pettigrew wrote to Base Records on 2nd January, 1920 with the following *“This is to notify that Mrs M. Pettigrew mother of the late A. W. Pettigrew formerly of Hypatia, Kingsland Rd, Bexley had removed to 61 Pile St, Marrickville. Any communication to be addressed to the latter place.”*

Base Records contacted Mrs M. Pettigrew, 61 Pile Street, Marrickville, NSW, on 3rd December, 1920 stating it was noted that she was registered as next-of-kin of the late No.1510 Lance Corporal A. W. Pettigrew, but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & specifically asked if his father was still alive 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.

Mrs M. Pettigrew replied to Base Records on 9th December, 1920 to advise *“I Mary Pettigrew (widow) mother of the above deceased Soldier am the next of kin.”*

Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Corporal Pettigrew’s mother – Mrs M. Pettigrew, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

Mrs D. M. Lee, 43 Wakeford Road, Strathfield, NSW wrote to Medals Section, Central Army Records Office, Albert Park Barracks, Melbourne on 5th May, 1967 to apply for a Gallipoli Medal on behalf of her *“late uncle, Private Andrew Wilson Pettigrew, No. 1613, 4th Battalion, A Company, Infantry, later Lance Corporal No.1510, brother to my mother now deceased.”*

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew – service number 1510, aged 23, of 4th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Alexander Ferguson Pettigrew and Mary Wilson Pettigrew, of 16 Pile St., Marrickville, New South Wales.

Lance Corporal A. W. Pettigrew is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 41.



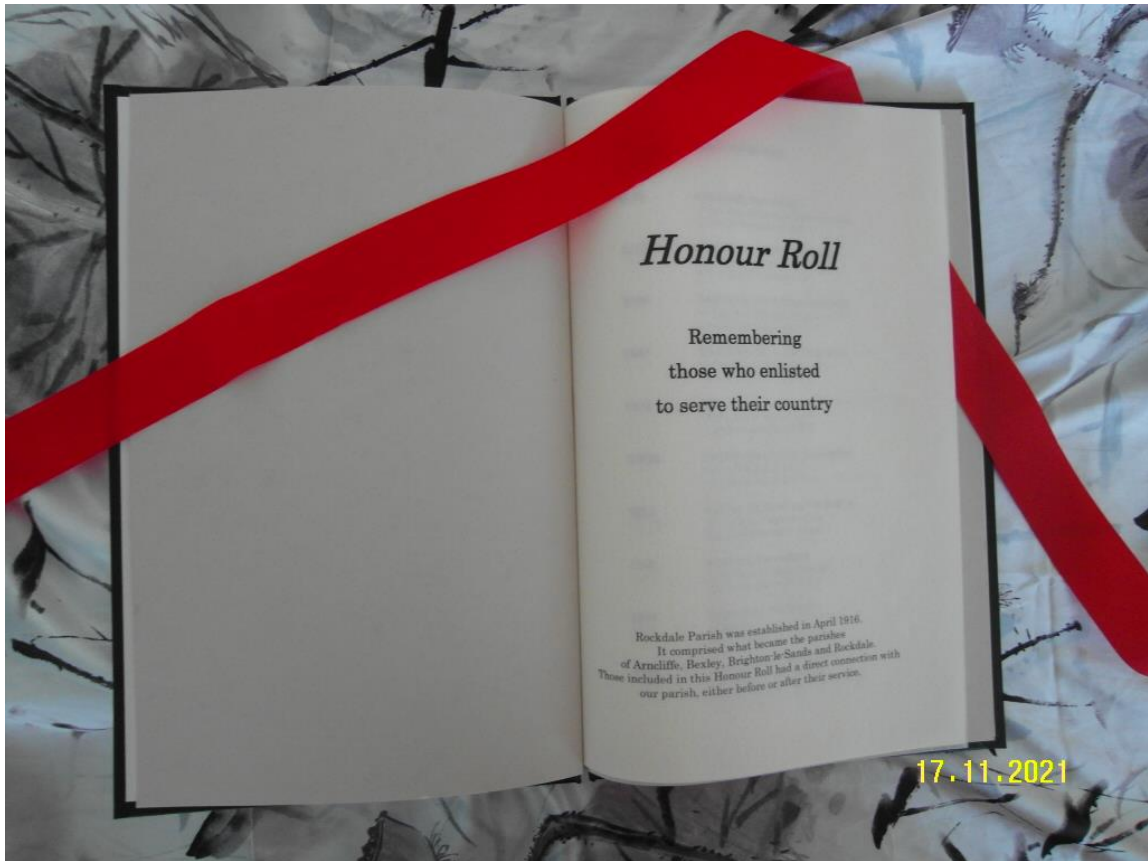
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

A. W. Pettigrew is remembered on the Rockdale Municipal Honour Roll, located in Foyer, Rockdale Town Hall, Princes Highway & Bryant Street, Rockdale, NSW.

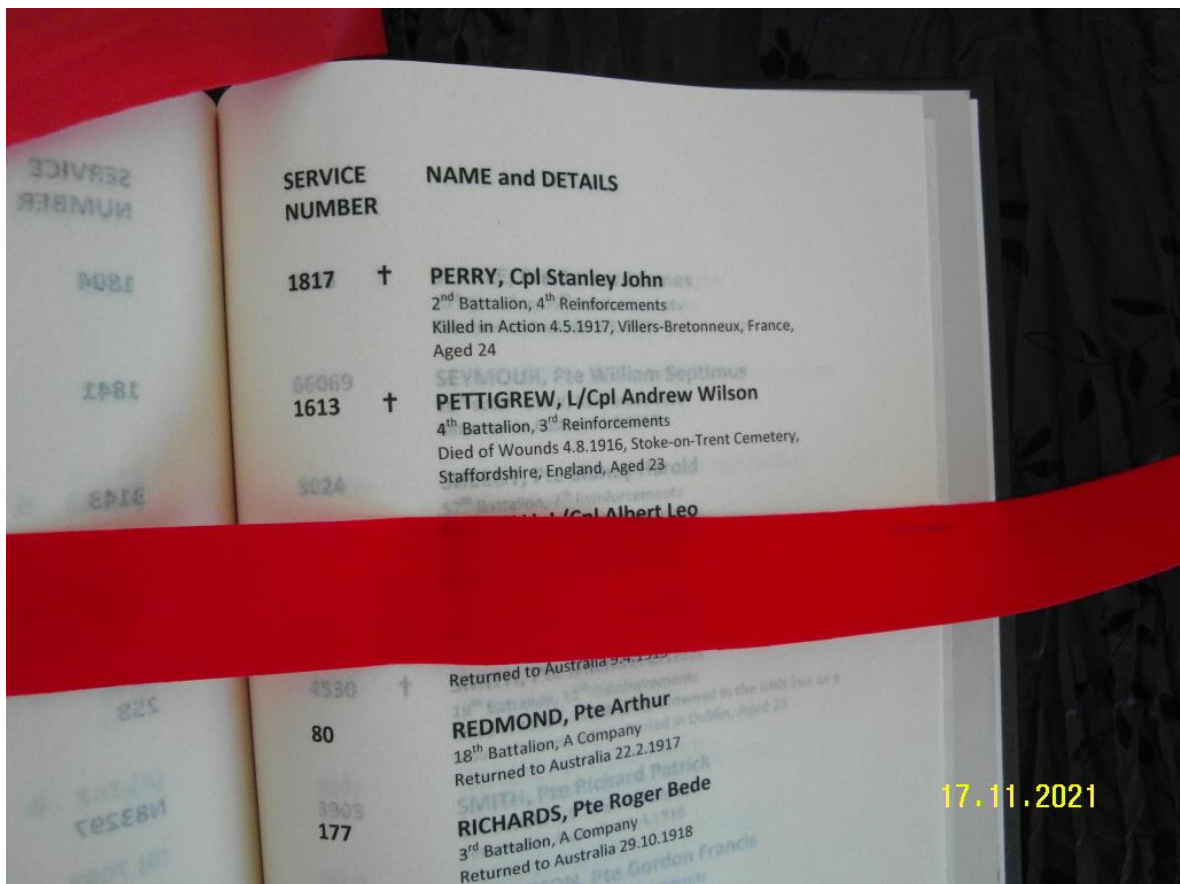


Rockdale Municipal Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia)

Andrew Wilson Pettigrew is remembered in St. Mary Mackillop's Parish (Rockdale City) Honour Roll.



(Photos courtesy of St Mary MacKillop's Parish, Rockdale City)



(55 pages of Lance Corporal Andrew Wilson Pettigrew'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



Newspaper Notices

A RECHABITE FOR THE FRONT

Another St. George resident is off to the front, and on Tuesday night last, at White's Hall, Kogarah, Private A. W. Pettigrew, of 3rd Australian Reinforcements, was presented with a gold mounted fountain pen, by his brother members of Kogarah Rechabite Tent. Bro. C. W. S. Read, C.R., made the presentation. In wishing the recipient good luck and a safe return he eulogised Private Pettigrew for his loyalty in responding to the nation's urgent call for volunteers. The soldier, in returning thanks, promised to do his duty and uphold our nation's name and honor. Harmonious items were rendered and refreshments partaken of, during which Bro. Pettigrew 's health was toasted with musical honors. The departing soldier has been a member of Kogarah Tent for years, and has always displayed a keen interest in its advancement.

(The St George Call, Kogarah, NSW – 13 February, 1915)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

SEVENTY-FIRST LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

WOUNDED

Fourth Battalion

A. W. Pettigrew (Rockdale)

(Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, NSW – 31 August, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

PETTIGREW – Died of wounds received in France, August 4, 1916, L.cpl. A. W. Pettigrew (Andy). Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sisters and brother, Kingsland-road, Bexley.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 19 August, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LISTS Nos. 202 to 204

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of Wounds

L. Cpl A. W. PETTIGREW (Bexley), 4/8/16

(Australian Town and Country Journal, Sydney, NSW – 6 September, 1916)

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF RECHABITES

The Independent Order of Rechabites, Kogarah Tent, No. 109. will unveil a Roll of Honour at the Kogarah School of Arts, Bown's Road, to-day (Saturday), 16th inst., at 8 pm. A musical programme will also be submitted.

The enlisted members of the Order are – Brothers A. W. Pettigrew (killed in action).....

(The St George Call, Kogarah, NSW – 16 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR

PETTIGREW – In loving memory of L.Cpl. A. W. Pettigrew (Andy), who died of wounds received in France, August 4th, 1916.

Greatly loved and sadly missed.

Inserted by his loving mother and sisters.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 4 August, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOR

PETTIGREW – In loving memory of Lance-Corporal. A. W. Pettigrew (Andy), A Company, 4th Battalion, who died of wounds received at Pozieres, 4th August, 1916. An Anzac

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 3 August, 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. 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)

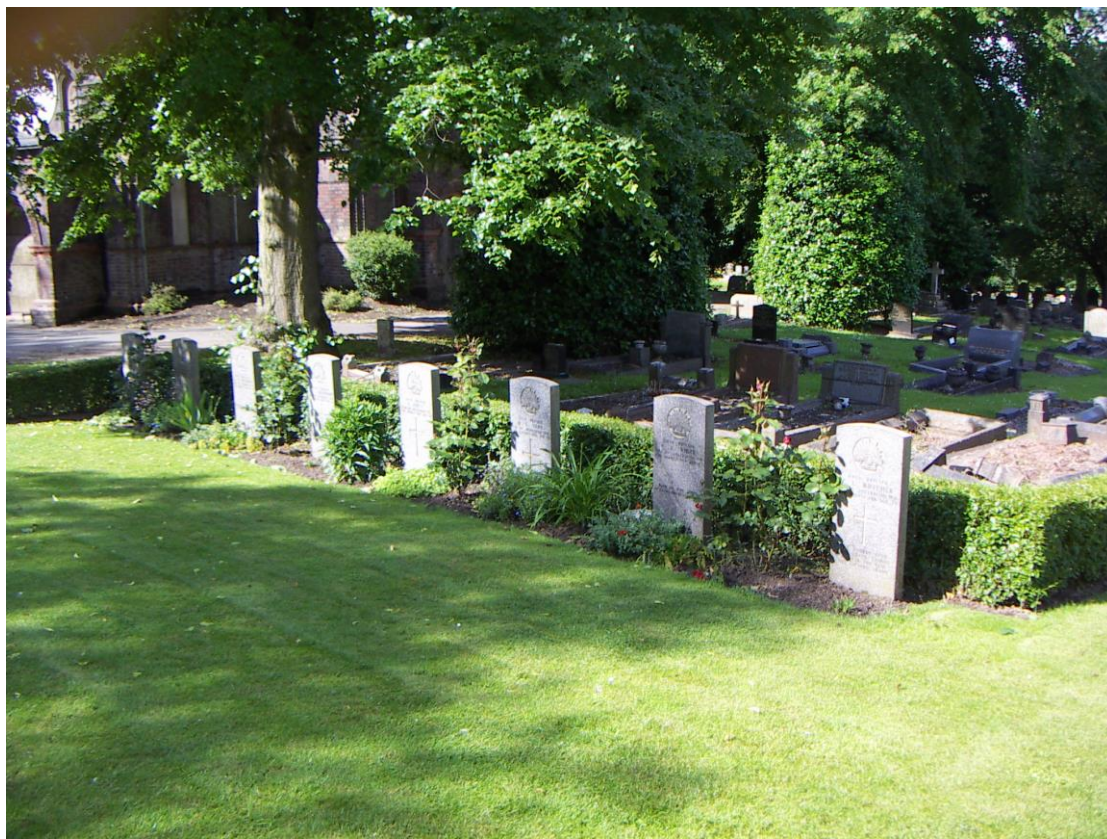
Lance Corporal A. W. Pettigrew does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Hartshill Cemetery, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England

Hartshill Cemetery, Stoke-on-Trent contains 151 Commonwealth War Graves Commission War Graves – 91 from World War 1 & 60 from World War 2. There are 8 Australian WW1 Graves in this Cemetery.

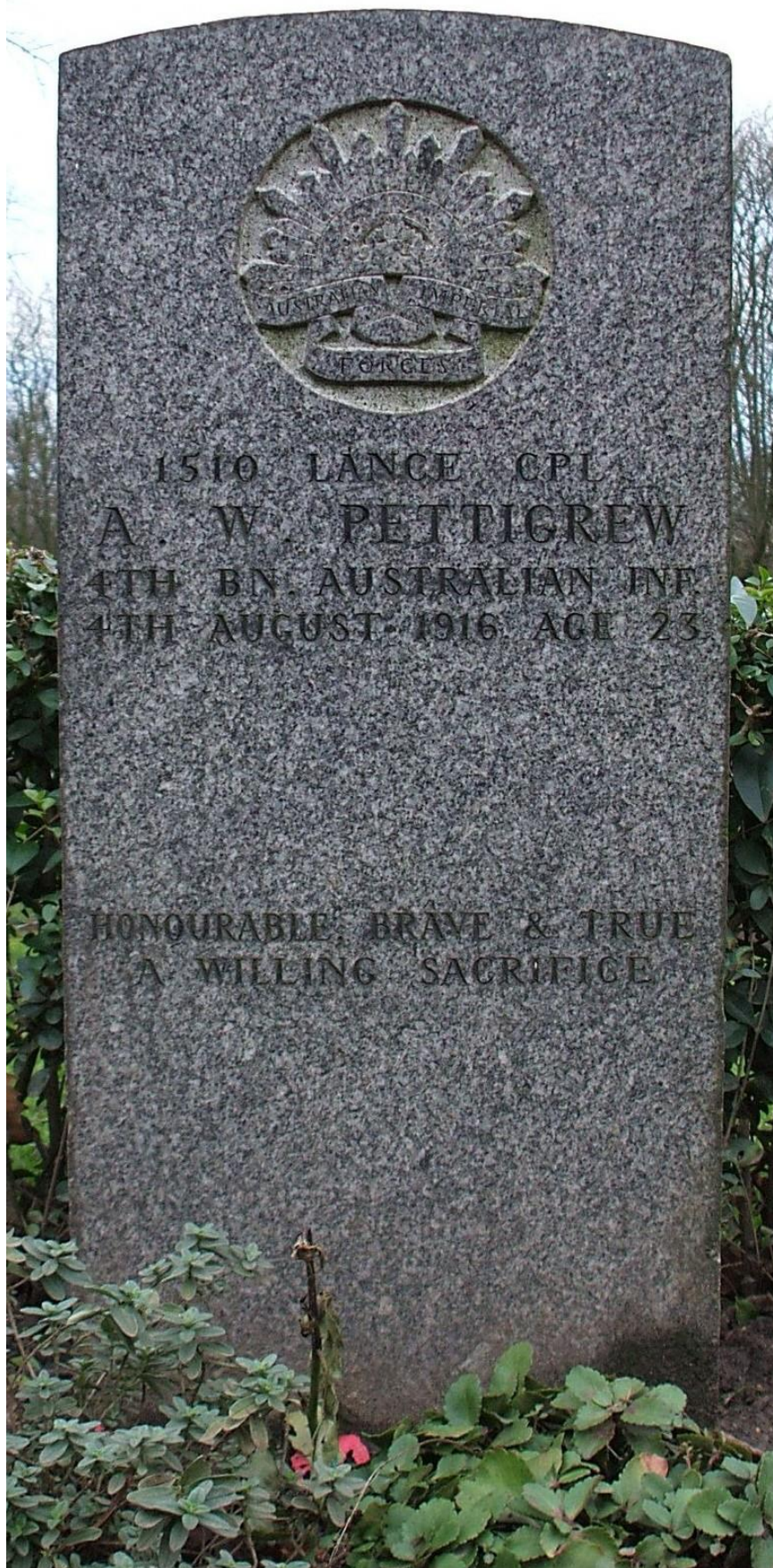


8 Australian War Graves in Hartshill Cemetery, Stoke-on-Trent

(Photo above by ken perkins 2017 – Find a Grave; below by Callan Chevin)



Photo of Lance Corporal A. W. Pettigrew's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Hartshill Cemetery, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England.



(Photo by Alf -28th61st)