

**Hollybrook Cemetery,
Southampton, Hampshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5369 PRIVATE

R. F. SANDERSON

AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

1ST MARCH, 1919 Age 37

Reginald Frederick (Fred) SANDERSON

Reginald Frederick Sanderson was born on 17th December, 1882 at Bombay, India to parents John Barnes Sanderson & Mary Sanderson (nee Collins). (Reginald listed his place of birth as HMTS Jumna, Calcutta, India on his Attestation Papers). He was baptised on 10th January, 1883 at St. Andrews Church, Madras, India. John Barnes was recorded on the Baptism Register as a Sub. Conductor and Sub. Engineer, Madras P.W.D.

Reginald Frederick Sanderson joined Western Australian Government Railways (W.A.G.R.) on 25th October, 1900, aged 18 years, as a Cleaner at Mid Junction. He transferred to Northam on 8th June, 1903 then on to Beverley on 23rd September, 1905. Reginald Sanderson was transferred back to Northam on 8th January, 1906 then back Beverley on 4th August, 1906. He was transferred back to Northam on 18th November, 1907.

Reginald Frederick Sanderson married May Alice Burrows on 30th June, 1909 at Boulder, Western Australia.

Reginald Sanderson was transferred back to Bunbury with W.A.G.R. on 29th July, 1910 as a Cleaner. He was designated Fireman at Bunbury from 28th September, 1910; 2nd Fireman on 3rd April, 1911 & 1st Class Fireman at Bunbury on 24th December, 1911. Reginald Sanderson was transferred to Bridgetown on 15th October, 1912.

The 1912 & 1913 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Swan, subdivision of Bunbury, Western Australia recorded Reginald Frederick Sanderson, Fireman & his wife – May Alice Sanderson, both from Tuart Street, South Bunbury.

Reginald Sanderson was transferred to Geraldton with W.A.G.R. on 2nd December, 1914.

Reginald Frederick Sanderson was a 33 year old, married, Engine Driver (Government Railways) from 82 Dyer Street, Boulder City, Western Australia when he enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 15th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5369 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. A. Sanderson, of 82 Dyer Street, Boulder City, Western Australia. Reginald Sanderson stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with "A" Company, 3rd Battalion Guildford, Western Australia for 2 ½ years.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was posted to 29th Depot on 15th September, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to Artillery on 22nd September, 1915 as Gunner.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 27th September, 1915 with the 3rd Field Artillery Brigade - 10th Reinforcements.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson joined M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 19th November, 1915. He was taken on strength of 8th Battery from 11th Reinforcements (as stated on Casualty Form – Active Service) at Heliopolis on 19th November, 1915.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson was transferred to 4th Artillery Division on 27th February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 21st Howitzer Brigade on 3rd March, 1916 at Tel-el-Kebir & posted to Headquarters.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 25th March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 1st April, 1916. Gunner Sanderson was attached to 21st Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters in France on 15th May, 1916. He was transferred to 3rd Field Ambulance & attached to 21st Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters in the Field on 19th September, 1916.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson reported sick on 31st December, 1916. He was admitted to 8th Field Ambulance then transferred to D.R.S. (Divisional Rest Station) on 31st December, 1916. Gunner Sanderson was admitted to New Zealand Stationary Hospital at Amiens on 3rd January, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train. He embarked from Rouen, France on 8th January, 1917 with P.U.O. (Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin) for England on Hospital Ship *St David*.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson was admitted to 3rd Australian General Hospital at Brighton, England on 8th January, 1917 with Laryngitis (slight). The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Rather a severe case. Voice now*

clear again." He was discharged to Furlo from 1st March, 1917 until 16th March, 1917 & was then to report to Perham Downs.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire, England on 17th March, 1917 & was medically classified as B1 A (fit for light duty). He was marched out from No. 1 Command Depot on 12th April, 1917 & was marched in to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 13th April, 1917. Gunner Sanderson was medically classified as B1 A2 (fit for Overseas Training Camp in 3 – 4 weeks) on 14th April, 1917. He was medically classified on 23rd April, 1917 as B1 A4 (fit for Overseas Training Camp when passed dentally fit.)

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson was marched in to H & D (Hardening & Drafting) Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 5th May, 1917 from Hurdcott. He was marched out to R.B.A.A. (Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery) at Larkhill, Wiltshire on 14th May, 1917.

Gunner Reginald Frederick Sanderson was transferred to A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) Details at Parkhouse, Wiltshire on 24th June, 1917 (Authority AIF 9148 (R)). He was taken on strength of A.A.M.C. at Larkhill on 24th June, 1917 from 8th F.A.B.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was taken on strength of 59th Company Reinforcements on 12th September, 1917. He proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 15th September, 1917 from A.R.O.D. (Australian Railway Operating Division) Depot at Bordon. Private Sanderson was taken on strength of 59th R.O.C. (Railway Operating Group) on 7th October, 1917 as Sapper.

Sapper Reginald Frederick Sanderson was transferred from 59th Coy to 15th A.L.R.O. (Australian Light Railway Operating) Company on 20th November, 1917. He was taken on strength of 15 A.L.R.O. Company on 21st November, 1917. Private Sanderson was detached to 5th N.Z. L.R.O.C. (Light Railway Operating Company) on 21st November, 1917. He rejoined his Unit on 14th February, 1918.

Sapper Reginald Frederick Sanderson reported sick on 19th February, 1918. He was admitted to 48th Field Ambulance on 19th February, 1918 then transferred to 37th D.R.S. (Divisional Rest Station) on the same day with Bronchitis. Sapper Sanderson was discharged to duty on 27th February, 1918 & rejoined No. 1 R.O. C. on the same day. He was detached to 4th Army on 27th February, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from detachment on 3rd April, 1918.

Sapper Reginald Frederick Sanderson was transferred to 3rd Field Ambulance on 13th July, 1918. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) on 15th July, 1918 & marched out to his Unit on 20th July, 1918. Private Sanderson was taken on strength of 3rd Field Ambulance on 23rd July, 1918 from 1st Australia L. R. Operating Company.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was on Leave to UK from 12th September, 1918 & rejoined his Unit from Leave on 1st October, 1918.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson proceeded as Guard to 1st A.D. Dump on 5th November, 1918. He rejoined his Unit from Divisional Dump on 23rd December, 1918.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was marched out from France on 12th February, 1919 ready for R.T.A. (Return to Australia). He was admitted to 40th Stationary Hospital at Harfleur on 20th February, 1919 – seriously ill with Broncho Pneumonia. Private Sanderson was invalided to England on 27th February, 1919 on Hospital Ship *Aberdonian* with Influenza & Broncho Pneumonia.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was admitted to University War Hospital, Southampton, Hampshire, England on 28th February, 1919 with Pneumonia – seriously ill.

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson died at 9 pm on 1st March, 1919 at University War Hospital, Southampton, Hampshire, England from Pneumonia. A Report of Death of 5369 Private R. F. Sanderson, 3rd Field Ambulance was sent to Officer in charge Records, A.I.F., 130 Horseferry Rd, Westminster, London, England which reads: "*Onset of disease 24.2.19. Patient was en route from Belgium, reported sick at Le Havre admitted Base Hospital. Admitted University War Hospital, Southampton 28.2.19 with acute Pneumonia on both sides of Chest, and in spite of every*

care and treatment succumbed at 9 pm 1.3.19. Cause of death Pneumonia. Death attributable to disease contracted on Service during present War."

A death for Reginald F. Sanderson, aged 37, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Southampton, Hampshire, England.



Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was buried on 5th March, 1919 in Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Hampshire, England – Plot number B. 01. 38 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson - *Coffin was Elm. The deceased soldier was accorded a Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Australian Flag, and conveyed to the graveside, surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent from:- Miss Busbridge, Mrs Collins and Miss Sanderson. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev: Birch officiated. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of Relatives and Friends present at the Funeral – Mr Pat Collins, Mis S. C. Sanderson, Mr Busbridge & Miss Busbridge,

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson contains a letter from M. J. Kerr, V.A.D. for Matron, University War Hospital, Southampton which reads: *"Re Reginald Sanderson – he was admitted to this Hospital in a dangerously ill condition on the last day of February. His relatives were immediately wired for and his uncle from London visited him. He wrote some letters after being admitted and was quite conscious until almost the end. He appeared to suffer very little pain and died from heart failure."*

Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Sanderson's widow – Mrs M. A. Sanderson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson – service number 5369, aged 37, of 3rd Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of John & Mary Barnes.

Private R. F. Sanderson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 183.



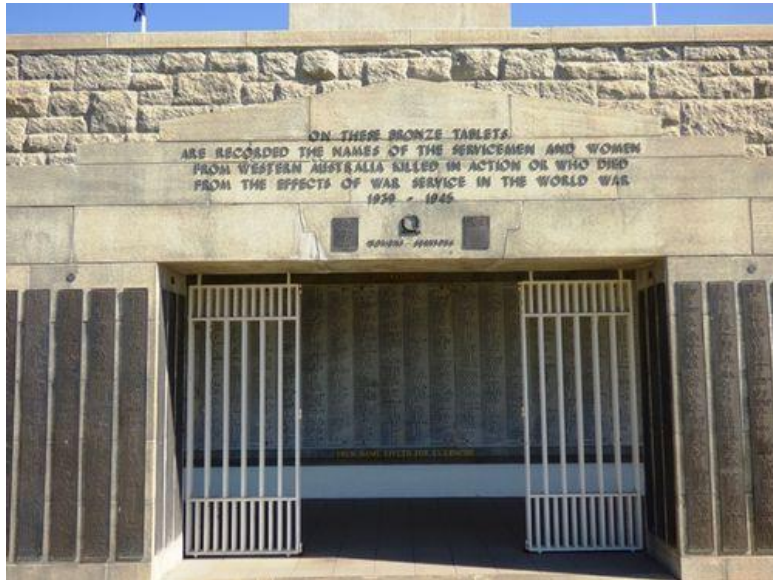
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

R. F. Sanderson 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

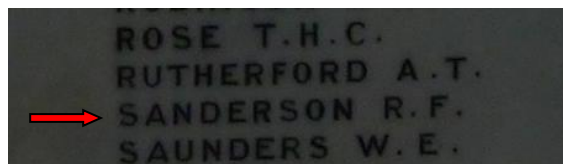


The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

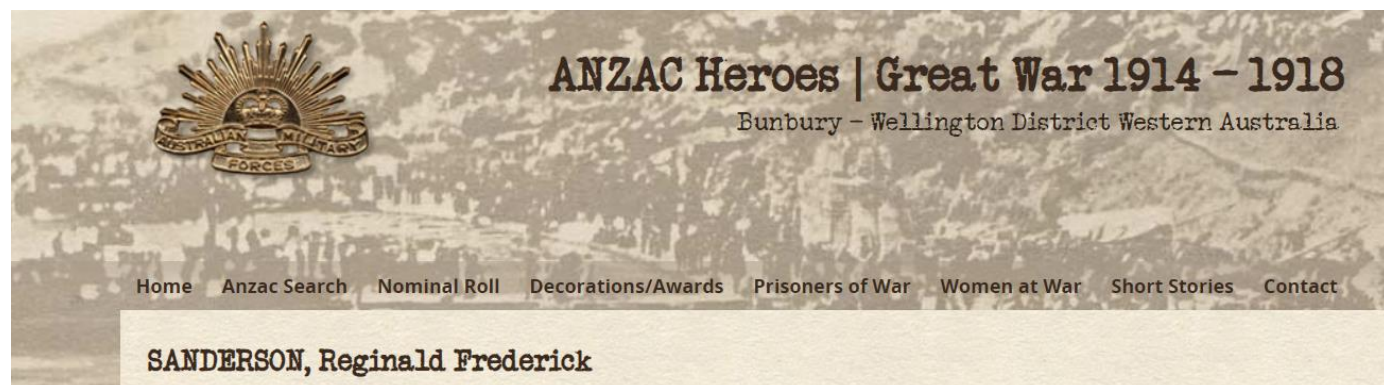
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(Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)



Reginald Frederick Sanderson is remembered on the Anzac Heroes of Great War 1914 – 1918 Bunbury-Wellington District, Western Australia website.



(59 pages of Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson'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



Reginald Frederick Sanderson – as a young boy.

From Australia's Fighting Sons of the Empire (WA):

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Private Reginald Frederick Sanderson (5369), 37 years of age, was born at Bombay, India, and educated at Perth. He is a son of the late Lieut. John and Mary Sanderson, and on the 30th June, 1909, was married to May Alice Burrows, daughter of Thomas and Emily Burrows, of Boulder. They had one child, Edward B. Sanderson. He enlisted at Geraldton in September, 1915, and went into Blackboy Hill, attached to the Field Artillery. On the 5th October, 1915, he sailed for Egypt, where he transferred to Field Ambulance. Later he was drafted to France and went into the line at Fleurs Baix. He was also in action at Pozieres, Somme, Ypres, etc., remaining with his brigade until the signing of the Armistice. He then contracted influenza in England, and died at Southampton March 1st, 1919. Prior to his enlistment he was a loco. Driver on the W.A.G.R. His brother, Eric Sanderson, was also on active service and was awarded the M.M. in France.

Newspaper Notices

MORE RECRUITS FROM GERALDTON

A further batch of then recruits went down from Geraldton last night to Blackboy Camp. The volunteers who were as follows: R. F. Sanderson.....

(Geraldton Guardian, Western Australia – 4 September, 1915)

DIED ON SERVICE

SANDERSON – On March 1 of influenza (abroad), Private R. F. Sanderson (Fred), late of A.I.F. and W.A.G.R., loving husband and father of May A. and Little Teddie.

There is no death

What seems so is transition.

Inserted by his affectionate wife and little son, Bridgetown.

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 27 March, 1919)

PERSONAL

The sad news was recently received in Bridgetown by Mrs Sanderson that her husband, Private R. F. Sanderson, had died of pneumonia while on active service. Prior to enlistment the private was a member of the railway staff at Bridgetown.

(The Blackwood Times, Greenbushes, Western Australia – 28 March, 1919) & (Western Mail, Perth, W.A. – 4 April, 1919)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

462ND CASUALTY LIST

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Sanderson, Regld. Fredk, (Midland Junction), illness

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 9 April, 1919)

WILLS OF THE WEEK

Letters of Administration -Reginald Frederick Sanderson, late of Geraldton, to May Alice Sanderson, £482 3s. 4d;
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(Sunday Times, Perth, Western Australia – 28 September, 1919)

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)

Private R. F. Sanderson has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone but no inscription.

Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Hampshire, England

Southampton was No 1 Port during the First World War and military hospitals were established in the University buildings, in the Highfield Institution and at Shirley Warren. During the Second World War, 4.5 million tons of military equipment passed through Southampton docks and parts of the prefabricated harbours used at Arromanches during the Normandy invasion were made there. For a while, Southampton was also base to the 14th Major Port Transportation Corps of the United States Army.

Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery contains burials of both wars and a memorial to the missing.

The cemetery has a First World War plot near the main entrance containing most of the 125 graves from this period. Behind this plot is the Hollybrook Memorial which 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. It 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.

Most of the 186 Second World War burials are in a separate war graves plot. 3 of these burials are unidentified seaman of the Merchant Navy.

In addition to the Commonwealth war graves, the cemetery contains 67 war graves of other nationalities, many of them German, of which 2 are unidentified.

(Cemetery information from CWGC)



Chapel at Hollybrook Cemetery *(Photo by Michael Day)*



Hollybrook Cemetery with Hollybrook Memorial at front *(Photo by Michael Day)*



Hollybrook Cemetery (Photo from 2012 – Basher Eyre)



(Photo courtesy of Allan Noble)

Photo of Private R. F. Sanderson's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Hollybrook Cemetery, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

