

**Sutton Road Cemetery,  
Southend-On-Sea, Essex, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**286 PRIVATE**

**W. F. SCOTT**

**30TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**30TH JULY, 1916 Age 20**

*Deeply Mourned By*

*His Loving Father*

*Sisters And Brothers*

## William Francis SCOTT

William Francis Scott was born on 20th September,\*\* 1896 at Balmain, Sydney, New South Wales to parents William Francis and Emily Scott (nee Beyer).

[Note: The NSW Tramways recorded his date of birth as 20th February, 1896, however a "Volunteer Sheet – Naval Force for Reinforcements, A.I.F" completed by William Francis Scott on 21st June, 1915 recorded his date birth as 20th September, 1896]

Emily Scott, mother of William Francis Scott, died on 31st August, 1903 at Balmain, Sydney, NSW.

William Francis Scott was educated at Christian Brothers, North Sydney, NSW.

William Francis Scott commenced working with NSW Tramways as an electrical junior on 20th January, 1913 in Sydney, NSW. On 1st May, 1914 he was transferred to the Electrical Branch of the NSW Railways at Everleigh. He was released from duty at NSW Railways on 30th April, 1915 to join the Expeditionary Forces.

A "*Volunteer Sheet – Naval Force for Reinforcements, A.I.F.*" completed by William Francis Scott on 21st June, 1915 recorded his present address as Naval Depot, Rushcutters's Bay, Sydney. His nearest relative was listed as William F. Scott, 1 Taro St., Milsons Point, Nth Sydney. William Scott stated he was last employed by Railway Workshops as an Electrician. He described his Naval experience as "*Three years Naval Cadets; 1 year Naval Reserve, on service since beginning of war.*"

William Francis Scott was a 19 year old, single, Electrician from Roslyn Gardens, Rushcutters Bay, NSW (address as per Embarkation Roll, however his Application for Enrolment for Active Service form recorded his address as 1 Tara St, North Sydney, NSW) when he enlisted on 19th July, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 286 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Francis Scott, of Roslyn Gardens, Rushcutters Bay, NSW. William Francis Scott stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been serving in R.A.N.R. (Royal Australian Naval Reserve) for over 4 years.

Private William Francis Scott was posted to "A" Company, 30th Battalion on 2nd August, 1915 after his recruit training.

Private William Francis Scott embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 9th November, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion "A" Company & disembarked at Suez on 11th December, 1915.

Private William Francis Scott was admitted to 8th Field Ambulance at Ferry Post on 25th January, 1916. He was transferred to No.2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station at Ismailia on 3rd February, 1916 with a sprained ankle & was discharged to duty on 3rd February, 1916.

Private William Francis Scott was written up for Talking in the Ranks on 1st June, 1916 at Moascar. He was awarded 1 days' Field Punishment No. 2 on 2nd June, 1916.

Private William Francis Scott embarked from Alexandria on 16th June, 1916 on Troopship *Hororata* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916.

Private William Francis Scott was wounded in action in France on 20th July, 1916. He was admitted to 1st Casualty Clearing Station on 20th July, 1916 with "*G.S.W. Arm severe. Arm blown off.*" Private Scott was admitted to 8th Stationary Hospital at Wimereux on 22nd July, 1916 then transferred to Boulogne on 23rd July, 1916 & embarked for England on Hospital Ship *St Denis*.

### 30th Battalion

The 30th Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Liverpool in New South Wales on 5 August 1915. Most of its recruits hailed from the Newcastle region and other parts of country New South Wales, but almost an entire company was composed of former RAN ratings from Victoria.

The 8th Brigade joined the newly raised 5th Australian Division in Egypt and proceeded to France, destined for the Western Front, in June 1916. The 30th Battalion's first major battle was at Fromelles on 19 July 1916. It was tasked

with providing carrying parties for supplies and ammunition but was soon drawn into the vicious fighting. Following Fromelles, the battalion was rotated in and out of the front line along with others in the brigade, but played no major offensive role for the rest of the year.....

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

### War Diary – 30th Battalion

19th July, 1916:

Strength 29 Officers 927 O.Rs

Issued Battalion Order No. 6

6 pm - Attack on German Trenches about 2000x N.W. of FROMELLES which was preceded by a 7 hours Artillery preparation commenced at this hour and in a short time the 31st & 32nd Bns had occupied German trenches on left of our attack, 30th Bn engaged as follows:- A Coy digging trench across No Mans Lan to connect our front line with German line. B Coy carrying Engineer stores for the fighting troops. C Coy carrying ammunition forward for same & D Coy repairing Communications & finding escorts to Prisoners & parties for regulating trench traffic etc.

As the action progressed most of B, C & D Coys were retained as reinforcements to the fighting troops, making the maintenance of supplies a difficult matter and portion of the 29th Bn had to be used for this purpose.

About 4 am a strong enemy counter attack on our left compelled a retirement to our original front line where our troops were organised in the event of a counter attack being pressed forward.

20th July, 1916:

10am – 29th Bn occupied our trenches action having ended & 30th Bn retired & bivouacked at CROIX BLANCHE as Reserve to the 29th.

After concentration & roll call our losses were found to be as follows:-

KILLED	Lieut Mitchell “ Parker “ Lees	C Co C “ A “	and 51 O.R’s
WOUNDED	Major Beardsmore Lieut Orpen Captain Allen Lieut Fullerton “ Havslan Capt Wark	A “ A “ A “ C “ C “ C “	
MISSING			68 O.R.s

Strength 20 Officers 585 O.Rs

*(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private William Francis Scott was admitted to H. M. Queen Mary’s Royal Naval Hospital, Southend-On-Sea, England on 24th July, 1916. The Hospital Admissions form recorded “admitted with very septic stump following amputation & near the shoulder (left arm). Arm became increasingly septic & patient died of Septicaemia.”

Private William Francis Scott died at 2.15 am on 30th July, 1916 at H. M. Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, England from wounds received in action in France – G.S.W. (Gunshot wound/s) to Left Arm (amputated).

A death for William F. Scott, aged 20, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Rochford, Essex, England.

Private William Francis Scott was buried in Municipal Cemetery, Sultan Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, England – Grave No. 5975.

Private William Francis Scott's burial place is now recorded as Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, England – Plot number B. 3442 and he now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

[Note: There are seven WW1 Australian Soldiers buried in Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, England.

Originally five Soldiers were buried in 1916 in Municipal Cemetery, Sultan Road. The five were exhumed from Municipal Cemetery, Sultan Road at a later date & re-interred in separate graves in Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-On-Sea.

Private Emery & Sergeant Naylor were originally recorded as being buried in Grave No. 3492 in Sultan Road Cemetery. Private Scott was originally recorded as being buried in Grave No. 5975 in Municipal Cemetery, Sultan Road. Private Spooner & Sergeant Yelverton were originally recorded as being buried in Grave No. 1169 in Municipal Cemetery, Sultan Road.

Of the five that were exhumed only one soldier has a copy of a letter in his Service Record file that was sent to next-of-kin advising of the exhumation. This is a transcript of the letter that was sent to Private Emery's father on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 1919: "*With reference to my communication of the 6th March, 1917, regarding the burial of your son, the late No. 3540, Private H. E. Emery, 59th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice from A.I.F. Headquarters, London, to the effect that the remains of your son have been exhumed from Common Grave No. 3492 and re-interred in Separate Single Grave No. 3439 in Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-on-Sea, England. This work is carried out with the utmost care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain.*"

The two soldiers that were buried in 1917 were buried in Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-On-Sea undisturbed.]

Newspaper item – Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative, NSW – 7 June, 1917:

### **Private Scott's Death**

#### **LETTER FROM A COMRADE**

*Mr. W. F. Scott, of Sydney, owner and manager of the Mt. Scott Silver Mine, Leadville, and well known in the Mudgee, Gulgong and Leadville districts, has received the following letter from Sergeant F. Hamilton describing the circumstances of the heroic death of his son, Private W. F. Scott. The letter was written in France on October 8: —*

*"Dear Sir, — Yours of the 7/8/16 to hand, and I will endeavor to the best of my ability to give you the particulars required. I was extremely sorry to hear of the death from wounds of your son, Private, W. F. Scott, who was a member of the naval unit of which I was the sergeant. Will was well liked by all the boys, and it was a sad death to us when news of his death came through. We had been in France about a month or five weeks when we were sent into action, which took place on July 19. The job allotted to our company was that of connecting our trenches with those of the enemy, by means of a sap which had to be dug under very heavy shell and machine gun fire. This was a very hazardous under- taking, in which we lost a great number of men, your son being wounded about three o'clock in the morning. He was working away, laughing and talking in his bright and usual manner, when a shell shattered his right arm. He showed splendid courage, and refused assistance back to the dressing station in our trenches, where, so I am informed by the doctor, he was one of the bravest who passed through. I might mention that while coming across No Man's Land, Bill picked up a comrade, who was wandering about blind, and led him in, although he must have been suffering great pain himself. He was removed to England, and I never heard from him until the sad news came through. On behalf of the remaining members of this unit, I pray you, dear sir, to accept the condolences and deepest sympathy to yourself and family in your sad bereavement. He died doing his duty as a soldier and a man."*

Private William Francis Scott was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Scott's father – Mr W. F. Scott, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent (no record in his Service File of when it was sent) & Plaque signed for as receipt on 4th August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Francis Scott – service number 286, aged 20, of 30th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Francis and Emily Scott, of "Fernleigh," 27 Glover St., Mosman, Sydney, New South Wales.

Private W. F. Scott is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 117.

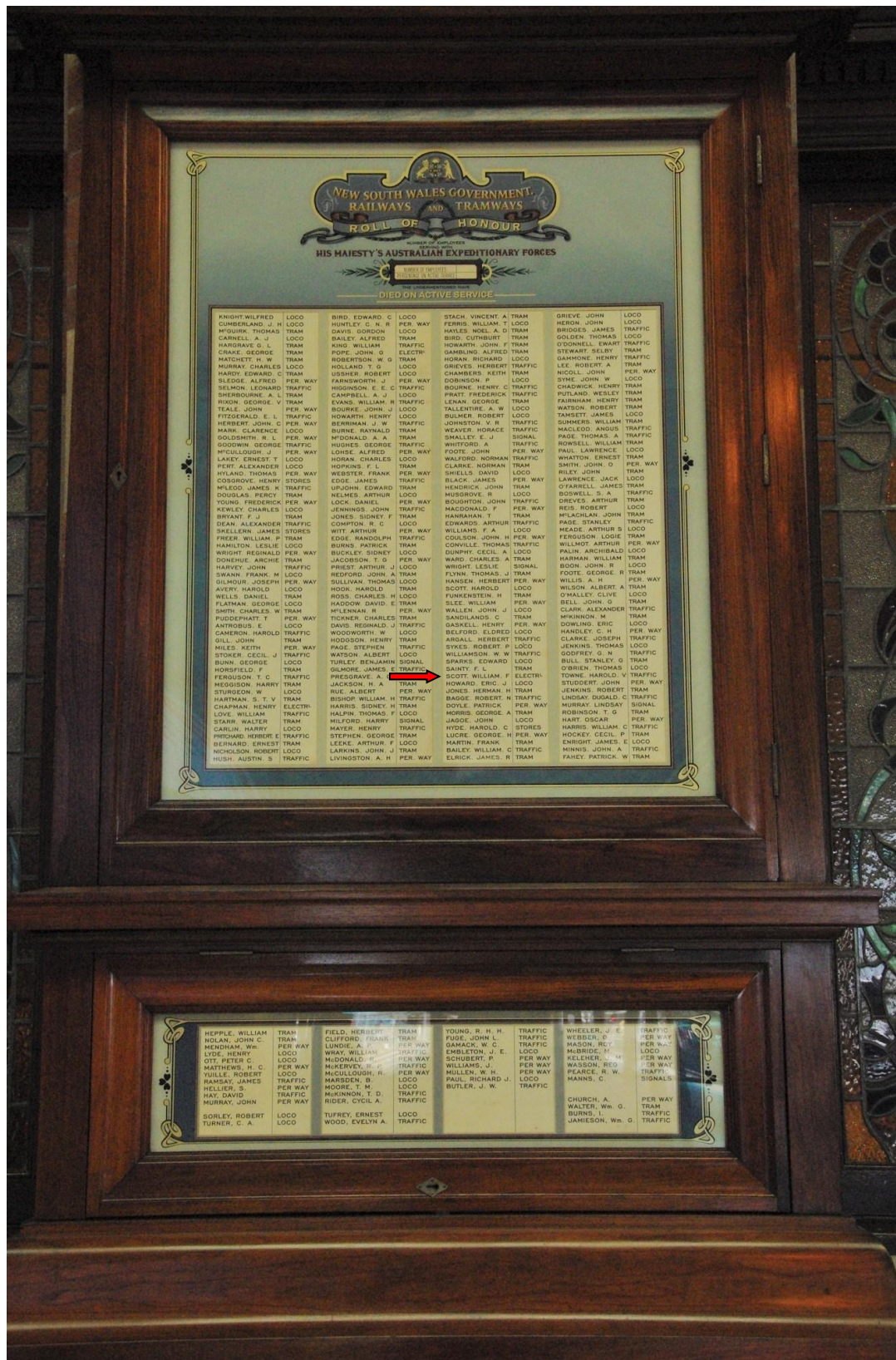


*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

William F. Scott is remembered on the NSW Government Railways & Tramways Roll of Honour, located at Country Trains Concourse, Eddy Avenue, Haymarket, Sydney, NSW.



**NSW Government Railways & Tramways Roll of Honour** (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Peter F. Williams)



STOKER, CECIL, J	TRAFFIC	WATSON, ALBERT	LOCO	WILLIAMSON, W. W.	TRAFFIC	GOUFRET, G. N.	TRAFFIC
BUNN, GEORGE	LOCO	TURLEY, BENJAMIN	SIGNAL	SPARKS, EDWARD	LOCO	BULL, STANLEY, G.	TRAM
HORSFIELD, F.	TRAM	GILMORE, JAMES, E.	TRAFFIC	SAINTY, F. L.	TRAM	O'BRIEN, THOMAS	LOCO
FERGUSON, T. C.	TRAFFIC	PRESGRAVE, A. G.	TRAM	SCOTT, WILLIAM, F.	ELECTR	TOWNE, HAROLD, V.	TRAFFIC
MEGGISON, HARRY	TRAM	JACKSON, H. A.	TRAM	HOWARD, ERIC, J.	LOCO	STUDDERT, JOHN	PER. WAY
STURGEON, W.	LOCO	RUE, ALBERT	PER. WAY	JONES, HERMAN, H.	TRAM	JENKINS, ROBERT	TRAM
HARTMAN, S. T. V.	TRAM	BISHOP, WILLIAM, H.	TRAFFIC	BAGGE, ROBERT, N.	TRAFFIC	LINDSAY, DUGALD, C.	TRAFFIC
CHAPMAN, HENRY	ELECTR	HARRIS, SIDNEY, H.	TRAM	DOYLE, PATRICK	PER. WAY	MURRAY, LINDSAY	SIGNAL
LOVE, WILLIAM	TRAFFIC	HALPIN, THOMAS, F.	LOCO	MORRIS, GEORGE, A.	LOCO	ROBINSON, T. G.	TRAM
STARR, WALTER	TRAM	MILFORD, HARRY	SIGNAL	JAGOE, JOHN	STOCS	HART, OSCAR	PER. WAY
CARLIN, HARRY	TRAM	MAYER, HENRY	TRAFFIC	HYDE, HAROLD, C.	LOCO	HARRIS, WILLIAM, C.	TRAFFIC
PRITCHARD, HERBERT, E.	TRAFFIC	STEPHEN, GEORGE	TRAM	LCURE, GEORGE, H.	PER. WAY	HOCKEY, CECIL, P.	TRAM
BERNARD, ERNEST	TRAM	LEEKE, ARTHUR, F.	LOCO	MARTIN, FRANK	TRAM	ENRIGHT, JAMES, E.	LOCO
NICHOLSON, ROBERT	LOCO	LARKINS, JOHN, J.	TRAM	BAILEY, WILLIAM, C.	TRAFFIC	MINNIS, JOHN, A.	TRAFFIC
HUSH, AUSTIN, S.	TRAFFIC	LIVINGSTON, A. H.	PER. WAY	ELRICK, JAMES, R.	TRAM	FAHEY, PATRICK, W.	TRAM

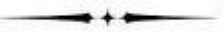
(37 pages of Private William Francis Scott's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



**Private William Francis Scott**

*(Photo courtesy of Family of William Francis Scott)*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **PRIVATE W. F. SCOTT**

Mr William F. Scott, of Elizabeth Bay, has received a cable announcing the death of his son, Private W. F. Scott, who was killed in the trenches on the British western front. Twelve months prior to his departure, last November, he served with the Naval Brigade, Rushcutter Bay, and left with the naval unit for Egypt. He was 20 years of age, and was engaged as an electrical engineer in the Railway Department. Mr Scott has an elder son at the front.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 8 August, 1916)*

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### **Died of Wounds**

Mr. W. F. Scott (Mount Scott) of 21 Roslyn Gardens, Elizabeth Bay, has received cable advice that his son, Private W. F. Scott, has died of wounds received in action in France. Private Scott, who was in his 20th year, served with the Naval Brigade, and enlisted at the outbreak of war. For 12 months he was at the Naval Depot, Rushcutters Bay, and left for Egypt last November with the naval unit. He was engaged at the Railway electrical workshop, and was a great favorite with his co-workers, and had many friends in Sydney as well as in the Mudgee and Leadville districts. His elder brother, Bert, is now in the trenches in France.

*(Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative, NSW – 10 August, 1916)*

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### **140 DEATHS**

#### **HEAVY CASUALTY LIST**

The 192nd casualty list issued this morning contains 756 names.....

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

#### **DIED – CAUSE NOT STATED**

Pte W. F. SCOTT, Rushcutters Bay

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 12 August, 1916)*

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Private W. F. Scott,



Who died in Chatham Military Hospital from wounds received in France. He served in Sydney with the naval unit before proceeding to the front in November last. He was a son of Mr W. H. Scott, of Roslyn Gardens (formerly of North Sydney), who fought in the New Zealand War, and a grandson of a Waterloo veteran.

*(Sydney Mail, NSW – 23 August, 1916)*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

SCOTT – In ever-loving memory of our dear brother, Private William F. Scott, who died in Chatham Hospital, England, from wounds received in France, July 30, 1916. Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Arthur Lodder.

SCOTT - In loving memory of our dear brother, Private William F. Scott, who died in England, from wounds received in France, July 30, 1916. Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs Harry Willoughby. A young life noble ended.

SCOTT – In proud and loving memory of our darling brother, Private W. F. Scott (Billy), who died in England, July 30, 1916, from wounds received in France. Inserted by ever-sorrowing sisters, brothers, Gladys, Grace, Alex. And Bert (now on act. service).

SCOTT – In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, Private William F. Scott, who died July 30, 1916, from wounds received in France. Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr and Mrs James McNab.

SCOTT – In fond memory of my pal, Private W. F. (Billy) Scott, who died in England from wounds received in France July 30, 1916. Inserted by his fond friend, R. Berthold.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 30 July, 1917)*

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### **On Active Service**

SCOTT – In sad and loving memory of Private W. F. Scott, died in England, July 30, 1916, from wounds received in France. Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, Mrs and Mr H, Willoughby.

SCOTT – In loving memory of our darling brother, Private W. F. Scott (Billy), who died in England from wounds received at Pozieres, July 30, 1916.

Inserted by his ever-sorrowing sisters and brother, Gladys and Grace, Alex. And Bert (on act serv.)

SCOTT – In fond memory of Private W. F. Scott (Billy), who died in England on July 30, 1916, from wounds received in France. Inserted by his pal, Reg. Berthold.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 30 July, 1918)*

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## Rookwood Cemetery

William Francis Scott is remembered on the Scott family Headstone in Rookwood Cemetery, Sydney, NSW – Catholic Section M1; Row M; Plot 1071.



*(Rookwood Cemetery photos from Find a Grave)*

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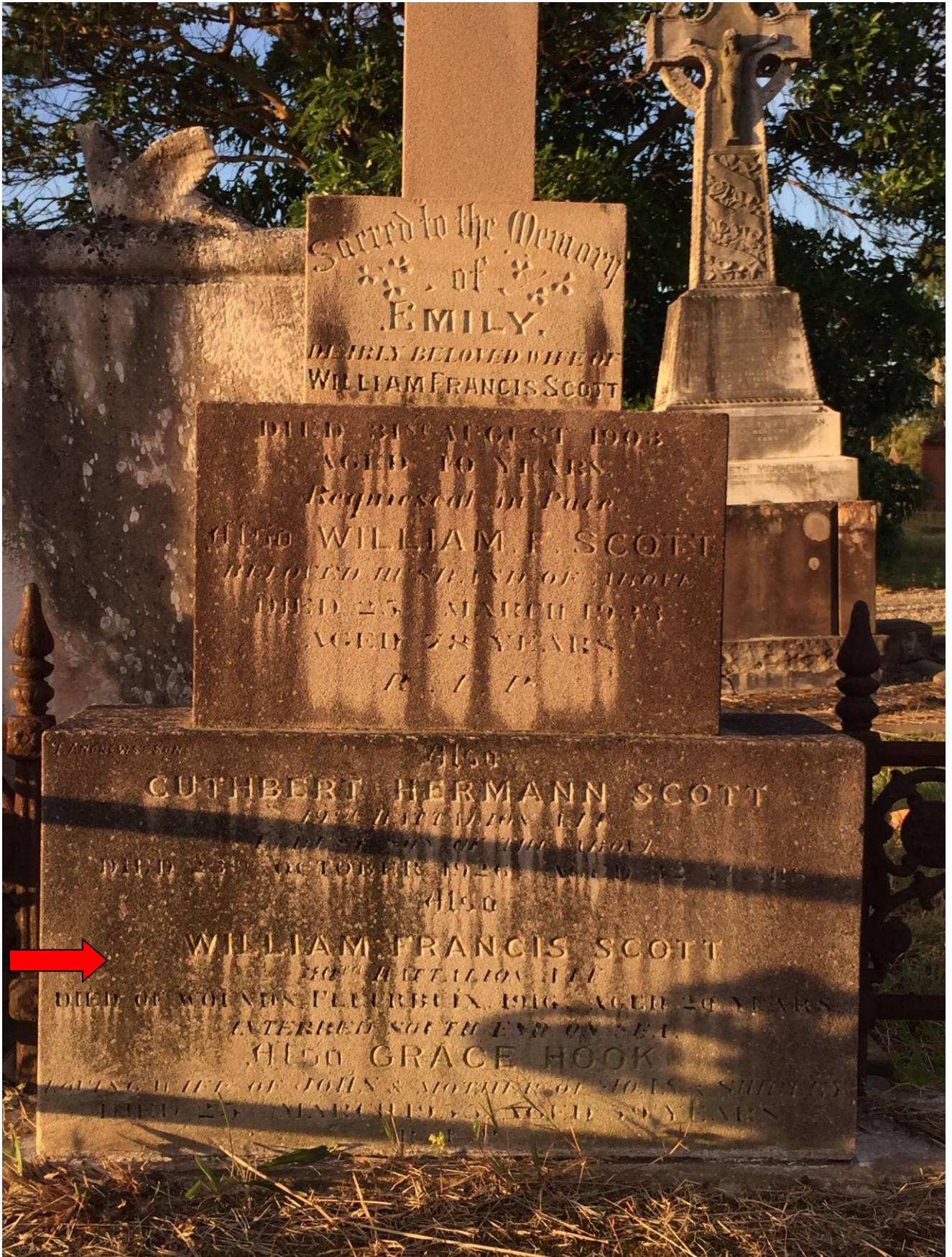
*WILLIAM FRANCIS SCOTT*

*30th Battalion, A.I.F.*

*Died of Wounds Fleurbaix 1916 Aged 20 Years*

*Interred South End On Sea*





Sacred to the Memory  
of  
EMILY,  
DEARLY BELOVED WIFE OF  
WILLIAM FRANCIS SCOTT

DIED 31st AUGUST 1903  
AGED 10 YEARS  
*Requiescat in Pace*  
ALSO WILLIAM F. SCOTT  
DELOVED HUSBAND OF ABOVE  
DIED 25 MARCH 1903  
AGED 28 YEARS  
R. I. P.

ANDREWS SON  
ALSO  
CUTHBERT HERMANN SCOTT  
19th BATTALION I.I.F.  
DELOVED SON OF THE ABOVE  
DIED 23rd OCTOBER 1926 AGED 32 YEARS  
ALSO



WILLIAM FRANCIS SCOTT  
30th BATTALION I.I.F.  
DIED OF WOUNDS FLEURBAUX 1916 AGED 20 YEARS  
INTERRED SOUTH END OF S.E. 1.  
ALSO GRACE HOOK  
YOUNG WIFE OF JOHN & MOTHER OF JOHN & SHEILA  
DIED 25 MARCH 1903 AGED 29 YEARS  
R. I. P.

### 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 W. F. Scott has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

*Deeply Mourned By His Loving Father, Sisters And Brothers*

### **Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, England**

This cemetery contains 127 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war and 152 burials of the 1939-45 war, including 1 unidentified seaman of the Merchant Navy. In addition there are 4 Foreign National war burials here. There are 2 small Screen Wall memorial panels naming those of the 1914-1918 war whose graves are not marked by headstones.

*(Information from CWGC)*



*(Photo from Find a Grave – Hawk Moth)*



*(Photo from CWGC)*

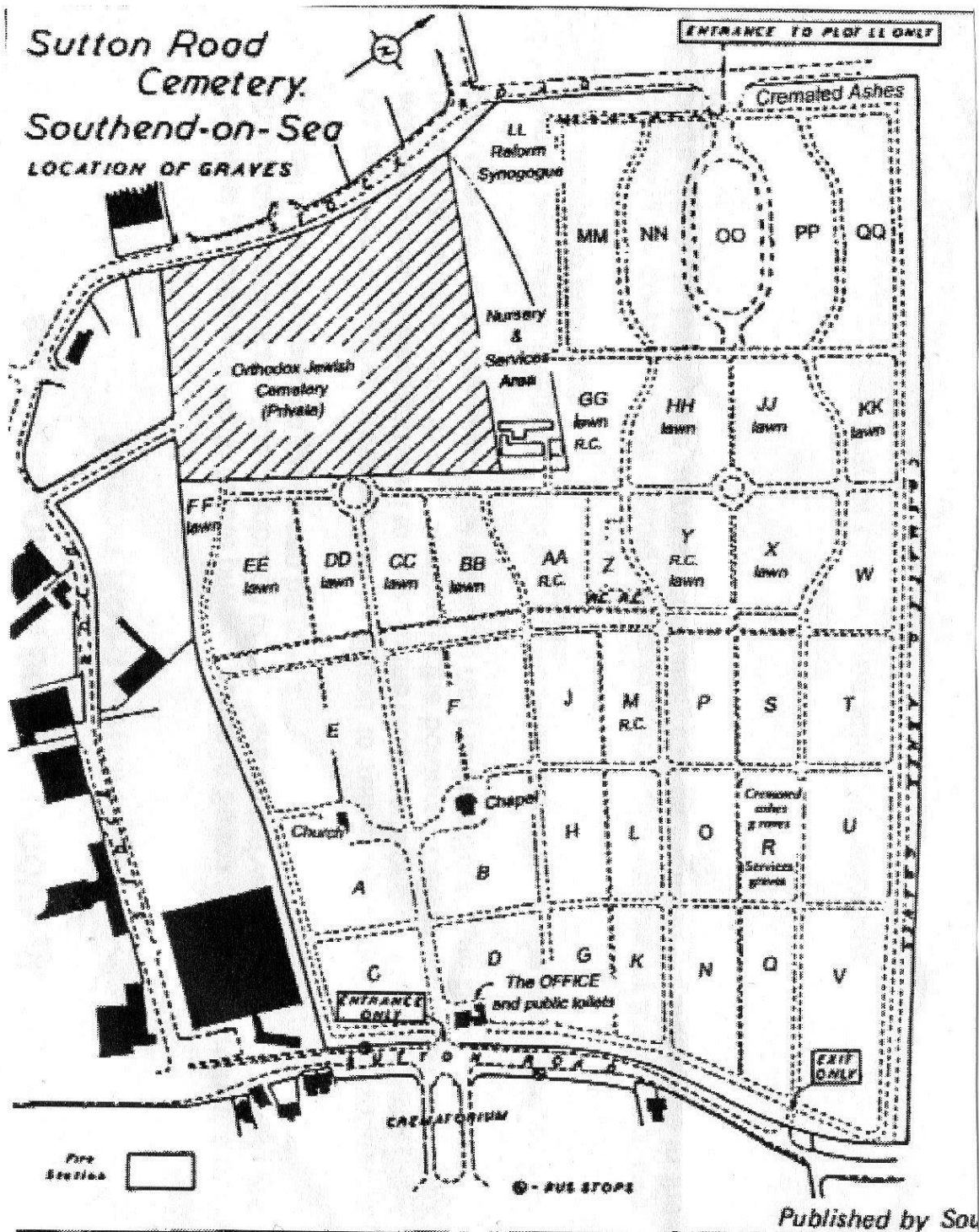


**Row of 7 Australian WW1 Headstones** *(Photo courtesy of Geoffrey Gillon)*

Photo of Private W. F. Scott's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Sutton Road Cemetery, Southend-On-Sea, Essex, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Geoffrey Gillon)*



(Find a Grave – J Keefe)