

**Southern Cemetery,
Manchester, Lancashire
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1424 PRIVATE

S. TREGURTHA

11TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

22ND AUGUST, 1915 Age 25

Speedwell TREGURTHA

Thomas Fabian Speedwell Tregurtha was born at Ballarat East, Victoria in 1888 to parents Thomas & Madeline Tregurtha (nee Daniel). Apparently the name "Speedwell" came from the Speedwell gold mine that Thomas Tregurtha used to manage in the 1880's.

A death was registered in 1905 for Madeline Tregurtha, mother of Thomas Fabian Speedwell Tregurtha. Madeline Tregurtha died on 22nd September, 1905.

Speedwell Tregurtha attended Golden Point State School & Ballarat College.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kalgoorlie, subdivision of Boulder recorded Thomas Fabian Speedwell Tregurtha, Miner, of 7 Dwyer St.

Speedwell Tregurtha was a 25 year old, single, Miner when he enlisted at Black Boy Camp, Western Australia on 16th November, 1914 with the 11th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1424 & his religion was Wesleyan. His next of kin was listed as his father - Thomas Tregurtha, of Dunn Street, Golden Point, Ballarat, Victoria.

Private Speedwell Tregurtha was posted to Depot Company from 16th November, 1914 to 1st January, 1915.

Private Speedwell Tregurtha embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Itonus* (A50) on 22nd February, 1915.

Private Speedwell Tregurtha was taken on strength with 11th Battalion from Reinforcements on 28th April, 1915 at the Dardanelles.

11th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 11th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Western Australia, and with the 9th, 10th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.

The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked for overseas after just two weeks of preliminary training. It arrived in Egypt to continue its training in early December. The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 and so was the first ashore at around 4:30 am. Ten days after the landing, a company from the 11th Battalion mounted the AIF's first raid of the war against Turkish positions at Gaba Tepe. Subsequently, the battalion was heavily involved in defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. In August, it made preparatory attacks at the southern end of the ANZAC position before the battle of Lone Pine. The 11th Battalion continued to serve at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

(Information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Speedwell Tregurtha was wounded in action on 14th May, 1915. He was admitted to the Hospital Ship *Gascon* with a gunshot wound to right leg & compound fracture of femur. Pte Tregurtha was admitted to 15th General Hospital at Alexandria on 20th May, 1915. Pte Tregurtha's Casualty Form – Active Service also records he was admitted to Reception Hospital at Mustapha on 20th May, 1915 & also admitted to 17th General Hospital at Alexandria on 20th May, 1915. Pte Tregurtha was invalided to England on 18th June, 1915 on Hospital Ship *Nevasa*.

Private Speedwell Tregurtha died on 22nd August, 1915 at East Manchester Royal Infirmary, England from wounds received in action at Gallipoli Peninsula – shrapnel wound to thigh.

A death for Speedwell Tregathe, aged 25, was registered in the September quarter, 1915 in the district of Chorlton, Lancashire, England.

Private Speedwell Tregurtha was buried on 25th August, 1915 in Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England – Plot number 391.

A letter was sent to Mr T. Tregurtha, of North Creswick, Victoria, dated 29th May which reads:

“With reference to the report of the regrettable loss of your son, the late No. 1424, Private S. Tregurtha, 11th Battalion, I am now in receipt of advice from Australian Imperial Force Headquarters, London, dated 21st February, 1919, as follows:-

- *“In the Southern Cemetery at Manchester there were buried in common graves nine deceased members of the Australian Imperial Force. The remains of these have now been exhumed from the common graves and in each case have been re-interred in separate single graves in virgin soil in a site specially set aside as an Australian plot. The work was successfully carried out last week under the supervision of a senior Non-commissioned Officer from these Headquarters, and the new graves have since been marked by the provision of the standard oak cross enamelled white with black lettering. Photographs of the new graves will be taken at an early date and sent to you for transmission to the next-of-kin.”*

Your son is now buried in Grave No. 175, Section Q.”

Pte S. Tregurtha requested in his Will that in the event of his death “I give the whole of property and effects to T. Tregurtha, Summ St., Ballarat” – his father.

A War Pension was granted to Thomas Tregurtha (C/- Mrs Floyd, 8 Dunn St., Ballarat), father of the late Pte Thomas Fabian Speedwell Tregurtha, No. 1424, 2nd Reinforcements, 11th Battalion, in the sum of £26 per annum from 2nd August, 1915. This amount was reduced from £ to 15/- per fortnight from 26th April, 1917.

Pte Speedwell Tregurtha was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Tregurtha’s father – Mr Thomas Tregurtha, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Speedwell Tregurtha – service number 1424, aged 25, of 11th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Thomas and Madeline Tregurtha, of “Zennor”, Mervyn St., Chilwell, Geelong, Victoria, Australia. Born at Ballarat East.

Mr Mark Victor Tregurtha, of 32 Hotham Street, Preston, Melbourne, Victoria, brother of late Speedwell Tregurtha, wrote to Central Army Records Office in June, 1967 to apply for the Gallipoli Commemorative Medal and Lapel Badge in respect of his brother’s service & who was wounded at Gallipoli. Mr M. V. Tregurtha stated he was the only living relative.

Private S. Tregurtha is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 64.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

T. F. S. Tregurtha is also remembered on the Ballarat Avenue of Honour (1917-1919) where almost 4,000 trees were planted to represent the number of men and women from the Ballarat district who served in World War 1. The trees were planted at intervals of 12 metres along 22 kms of the Ballarat-Burrenbeet Road. Tree No. 2607 is in memory of T. F. S. Tregurtha. It was planted on 20th July, 1918 by Cr. F. Stapley, Lord Mayor. Tree No. 2609 was planted for M. V. Tregurtha, his brother, of 5th Pioneers, on the same day by Ald. W. W. Cabena.



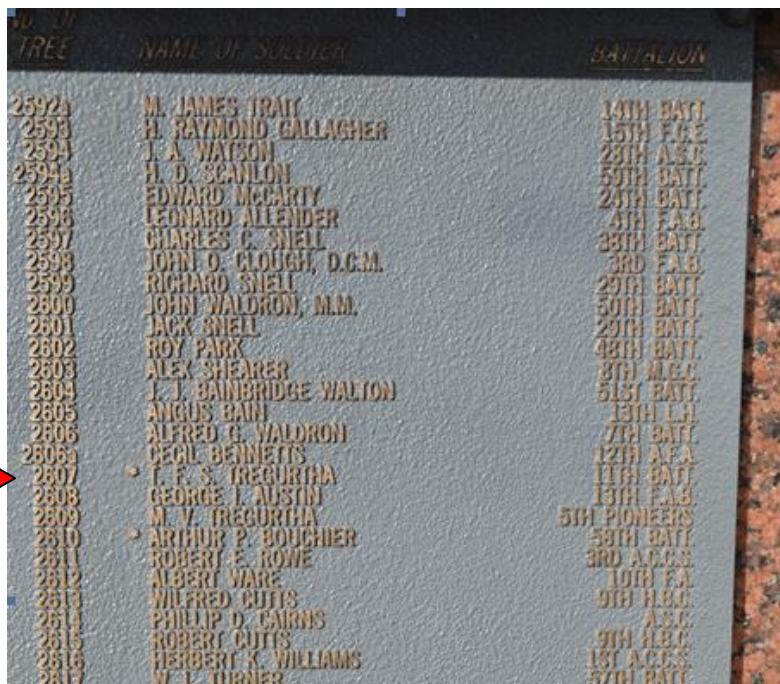
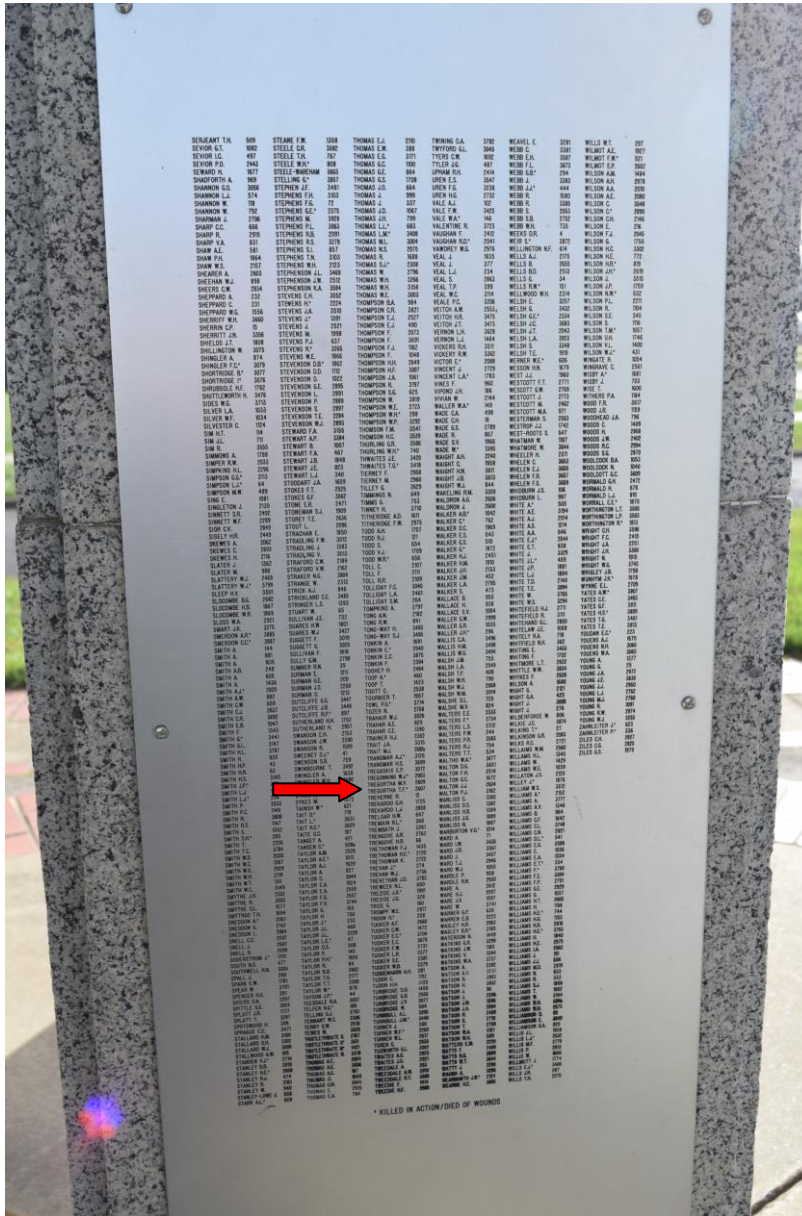
Ballarat Avenue of Honour (Photo from Victorian War Heritage Inventory)

SMITH R.	308	SWENSON S.B.	759	TRANGMAR R.L.	3787	WALTHO W.A.*	3877	WILLIAMS T.H.	1429
SMITH H.P.	43	SWINBOURNE T.	3492	TRANGMAR H.S.	3699	WALTON D.G.	3651	WILLIAMS W.	1038
SMITH H.R.	63	SWINGLER A.	1638	TREGASKIS E.P.	3072	WALTON F.H.	2514	WILLIAMS W.E.	2120
SMITH H.S.	3145	SWINGLER W.H.	3680	TREGONNING W.J.*	2003	WALTON G.C.	1672	WILLATON J.S.	1876
SMITH J.P.*	225	SWINNERTON B.A.	3840	TREGURTHA M.V.	2609	WALTON J.J.	2604	WILLEY J.*	3512
SMITH L.J.	1365	SYKES L.	1373	TREGURTHA T.F.*	2607	WALTON P.J.	1382	WILLIAM W.S.	2152
SMITH L.J.*	256	SYKES M.	621	TREHERNE R.	12	WANLISS C.	1380	WILLIAMS A.*	3777
SMITH P.	2533	TAINSH W.*	719	TREKARDO G.H.	1725	WANLISS D.S.	1382	WILLIAMS A.	1346
SMITH P.C.	1149	TAIT D.*	719	TREKARDO L.J.	2958	WANLISS H.B.	1384	WILLIAMS A.V.	964
SMITH R.	3808	TAIT L.*	3631	TRELOAR H.W.	647	WANLISS J.G.	1889	WILLIAMS B.	1642
SMITH R.S.	1147	TAIT R.E.*	3629	TREMAIN R.L.*	368	WANLISS N.	1887	WILLIAMS C.F.	3748
SMITH S.	1352	TAITE O.C.	187	TREMBATH J.	3261	WARDURTON V.G.*	1014	WILLIAMS C.L.	2821
SMITH S.H.*	285	TANGEY A.	421	TRENGOVE A.R.	2763	WARD A.	71	WILLIAMS C.N.	541
SMITH S.H.*	2226	TANSEN C.*	508	TRENGOVE H.R.	66	WARD I.W.	3435	WILLIAMS D.L.*	541
SMITH T.	3184	TANSEN C.*	508	TRETHOWAN F.J.	1435	WARD J.R.	3561	WILLIAMS E.G.	2588
SMITH T.C.	3184	TAYLOR A.M.	2528	TRETHOWAN H.E.*	2720	WARD J.R.	3437	WILLIAMS E.	1036
SMITH W.D.	2030	TAYLOR A.E.*	1013	TRETHOWAN K.	2722	WARD J.	2946	WILLIAMS E.A.	1554
SMITH W.C.	1367	TAYLOR A.J.	1938	TREVAN J.*	274	WARD T.J.	2946	WILLIAMS E.A.	334
SMITH W.G.	2028	TAYLOR A.	827	TREVAN W.J.	2736	WARD W.J.	1055	WILLIAMS E.T.*	3760
SMITH W.H.	219	TAYLOR C.	3044	TREVETHAN J.D.	3783	WARDLE P.	958	WILLIAMS F.*	3304
SMITH W.H.	130	TAYLOR C.	1924	TREWEEK N.L.	650	WARDLE R.M.	2930	WILLIAMS F.P.	2701
SMITH W.I.	3149	TAYLOR E.A.	2559	TREZISE J.A.*	1991	WARE A.	2612	WILLIAMS G.E.	2929
SMITH W.C.	2332	TAYLOR E.A.	2557	TREZISE J.G.	328	WARE H.J.	2207	WILLIAMS G.	1037
SMYTHE J.H.	3293	TAYLOR F.G.	3144	TRICE G.	160	WARE J.V.	1597	WILLIAMS G.	2665
SMYTHE R.	1677	TAYLOR F.V.	3144	TROMPF W.E.	2817	WARE W.	3741	WILLIAMS H.T.	1856
SMYTHO S.L.	1694	TAYLOR G.	155	TROON H.*	258	WARNER G.P.	635	WILLIAMS H.	744
SMYTHO T.H.	2061	TAYLOR H.	760	TUCKER A.F.	2660	WARREN E.B.	2223	WILLIAMS H.E.*	1153
SNEDDON A.*	2142	TAYLOR J.*	235	TUCKER C.W.	1472	WASLEY H.R.	2063	WILLIAMS H.G.	2816
SNEDDON G.	2084	TAYLOR J.L.	468	TUCKER E.C.*	3704	WASLEY R.R.*	3185	WILLIAMS H.K.	3763
SNEDDON L.	2597	TAYLOR J.L.	2228	TUCKER E.C.*	3678	WATERSON N.	1449	WILLIAMS H.E.*	1840
SNELL C.C.	2601	TAYLOR J.L.	47	TUCKER F.W.	2731	WATKINS G.R.	3298	WILLIAMS H.	1840
SNELL J.	2599	TAYLOR L.E.*	508	TUCKER L.R.	2377	WATKINS J.W.	1185	WILLIAMS H.E.	2876
SNELL R.	1701	TAYLOR O.S.	145	TUCKER S.E.	2381	WATKINS V.	1394	WILLIAMS I.A.	2562
SOODERSTROM J.*	677	TAYLOR P.	1926	TUCKER W.B.	2579	WATKINS W.A.	3737	WILLIAMS J.	191
SOUTH N.S.	3353	TAYLOR P.H.*	84	TUDDENHARN A.H.	281	WATSON A.	2392	WILLIAMS J.J.	686
SOUTHWELL R.N.	250	TAYLOR R.	3862	TUDOR C.	192	WATSON A.V.	3231	WILLIAMS M.D.	2819
SPALL J.	1781	TAYLOR R.B.	2177	TUDOR H.H.	3139	WATSON A.V.	3231	WILLIAMS N.	633
SPARK E.W.	3701	TAYLOR T.O.	2300	TUNBRIDGE D.B.	1458	WATSON B.	3803	WILLIAMS R.	333
SPEAR W.	351	TAYLOR T.T.	878	TUNBRIDGE G.B.	2936	WATSON H.	3832	WILLIAMS S.J.	1856
SPENCER H.S.	2297	TAYLOR W.*	44	TUNBRIDGE J.V.	2677	WATSON J.	96	WILLIAMS T.	1002
SPRIERS O.A.	3824	TAYSON J.P.*	3037	TUNBRIDGE W.	504	WATSON J.	2396	WILLIAMS T.	1002
SPITTLE S.E.	1727	TEESDALE R.A.	189	TUNBRIDGE W.	504	WATSON J.M.	2894	WILLIAMS W.	344
SPLATT J.R.	3287	TELFER R.G.*	2761	TUNBRIDGE W.	504	WATSON J.A.	2488	WILLIAMS W.H.	3896
SPLATT T.	398	TELLING S.J.	2306	TURNBULL A.L.	3090	WATSON R.	2488	WILLIAMS W.J.	2573
SPOTSWOOD H.	3471	TENNANT W.C.	2518	TURNBULL J.M.*	3440	WATSON R.	2710	WILLIAMSON D.	89
SPRAGUE E.E.	3100	TERRY S.W.	3625	TURNER J.	530	WATSON S.	2758	WILLIAMSON E.	3848
STALLARD H.M.	3102	TERES W.	3625	TURNER J.	530	WATSON T.	3781	WILLIAMSON E.	3848
STALLARD S.H.	3098	THRTLETHWAITE G.	365	TURNER W.F.*	2289	WATSON T.	3781	WILLIAMSON E.A.	820
STALLARD W.J.	105	THRTLETHWAITE G.*	1421	TURNER W.L.	2617	WATSON W.A.	589	WILLIS J.L.	1532
STALLWOOD A.W.	2774	THRTLETHWAITE W.	3578	TUXEN C.	2936	WATSON W.J.	2220	WILLIS L.J.*	2779
STANDER V.J.*	2910	THRTLETHWAITE W.	3578	TUXWORTH G.L.	3901	WATTERS E.M.	2488	WILLIS M.F.	2913
STANLEY D.R.	2808	THOMAS A.E.	3826	TWATES A.S.	2921	WATTS F.	2689	WILLIS P.	1656
STANLEY H.E.*	414	THOMAS A.E.	3826	TWATES J.D.	263	WATTS R.G.	3644	WILLIS W.	1774
STANLEY R.J.	2781	THOMAS A.E.	3826	TWEDDALE A.	263	WATTS W.T.	2290	WILLMOTT J.	3400
STANLEY R.	949	THOMAS G.	167	TWEDDALE A.W.	3810	WATTY J.	3296	WILLS E.A.*	287
STANLEY W.	949	THOMAS G.	167	TWEDDALE R.Y.	3810	WAUGH A.	3296	WILLS J.R.	277
STANLEY-LOWE J.	688	THOMAS G.H.	2325	TWEDDIE F.	144	WEAVER J.W.*	3486	WILLS T.H.	2270
STARK A.L.*	808	THOMAS C.	1325	TWEDDIE H.F.	2888	WEAVER H.E.	3486		
		THOMAS E.A.	784						

* KILLED IN ACTION/DIED OF WOUNDS

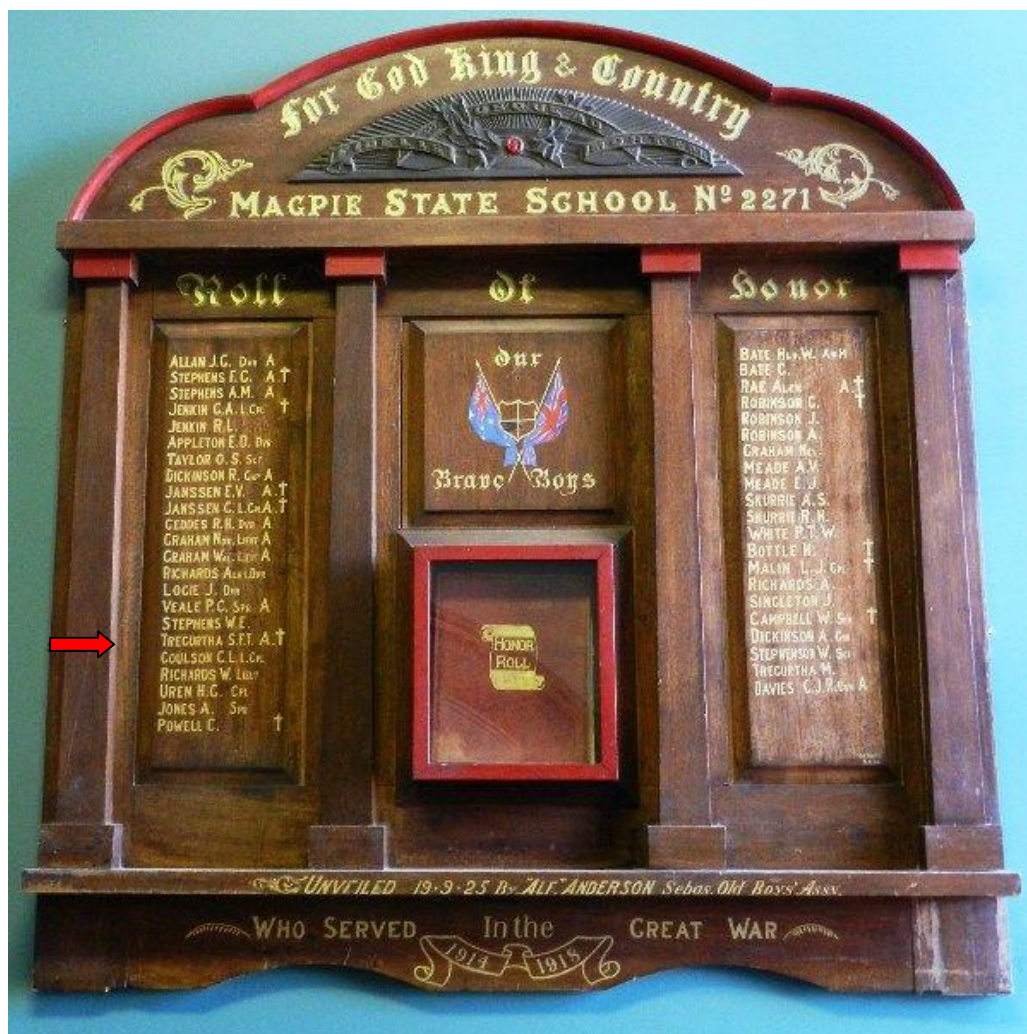
Ballarat Avenue of Honour - Panel with names in alphabetical order

(Photos courtesy of Carol's Headstones/War Memorials)



Ballarat Avenue of Honour - Panel with names in tree order

S. F. T. Tregurtha is named on the Magpie State School Honour Roll for the First World War which is located at Magpie Public School, 61 Dowcra Street, Magpie, Ballarat City, Victoria.



Magpie State School Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Tim Fitzgerald)

(60 pages of Pte Speedwell Tregurtha'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

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

58th CASUALTY LIST

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

WOUNDED

S. Tregurtha

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 2 August, 1915)

DEATHS

On Active Service

TREGURTHA – Died in the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, England of wounds received at the Dardanelles, Private Thomas Fabian Speedwell Tregurtha, elder son of Thomas Tregurtha, Ballarat; only brother of Mark Victor Tregurtha, military training camp, Seymour; grandson of Mrs Mark Daniel, Geelong; nephew of Emily Eltis, Chewton; loved cousin of Madeline Archbold and Mervyn Eltis; aged 27.

Our brave "Speed."

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 August, 1915)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

SEVENTY-FIRST CASUALTY LIST

DEATHS

S. Tregurtha, 11th Battalion (Ballarat, Victoria), died of wounds at Manchester Royal Infirmary, previously reported wounded.

(Western Mail, Perth, W.A. – 3 September, 1915)

KILLED IN ACTION

TREGURTHA – Private Thomas Fabian Speedwell Tregurtha, of 2nd Reinforcements, 11th Battalion, 3rd Brigade (Western Australia), A.I.F., died at Royal Infirmary, Manchester, in August, 1915, from wounds received at Dardanelles on May 9, 1915; elder son of Thomas Tregurtha, Ballarat; only brother of Mark Victor Tregurtha, military training camp, Seymour; grandson of Mrs Mark Daniel, Geelong; nephew of Emily Eltis, Chewton; loved cousin of Madeline B. C. Archbold (Chewton) and Mervyn Eltis.

Our brave "Speed."

His was the will to do, the soul to dare

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 September, 1915)

Pte T. F. Speedwell Tregurtha is remembered on the family headstone in Geelong Eastern Cemetery, East Geelong, Victoria. The headstone is of his maternal grandparents – Mark & Jane Daniel, their daughter & Speedwell's mother – Madeline Tregurtha (nee Daniel), then Speedwell Tregurtha & Thomas Tregurtha his father.



And Our Loved Son

Pte. T. F. Speedwll Tregurtha

11th Batt. A.I.F.

Died of Wounds received at Gallipoli.

22nd August 1915

Aged 27 Years

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)

Pte S. Tregurtha does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England

During the First World War, Manchester contained between thirty and forty war hospitals, including the 2nd Western General Hospital and the Nell Lane Military Hospital for prisoners of war. Many of those buried in the cemeteries and churchyards of the city died in these hospitals. During the Second World War, there was a Royal Air Force Station at Heaton Park, Manchester.

Manchester Southern Cemetery contains burials of both wars, the majority of them scattered. There are also separate plots for First and Second World War burials, but in neither case are the graves marked individually; instead, each plot has a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried there. Each plot has a Cross of Sacrifice. In all, 803 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War, including 1 unidentified, and 475 from the Second World War, including 3 unidentified, are now commemorated in the cemetery; there is also 1 non-war service grave.

The Screen Wall in the Second World War plot also bears the names of 177 servicemen and women whose remains were cremated. Further memorials in this plot commemorate 17 Polish servicemen buried there, and a number of casualties of both wars buried in other cemeteries and churchyards in the Manchester area whose graves could no longer be maintained.

Casualties buried in the following cemeteries and churchyards are now alternatively commemorated on Screen Wall Memorials in Manchester Southern Cemetery:

Ashton-under-Lyne (St Michael) Churchyard Extension
Birch-in-Rusholme (St James) Churchyard
Bury (Brunswick) United Methodist Cemetery
Cheetham Hill (St Luke) Churchyard
Eccles (St Mary) Churchyard
Eccleston (St Thomas) Churchyard Extension
Edgeworth Congregational Chapelyard
Hey (or Lees) (St. John the Baptist) Churchyard Extension
Manchester General Cemetery
Newton Heath (All Saints) Church Cemetery
Openshaw (St Barnabas) Churchyard
Swinton Unitarian Chapelyard.

(Information & photos from CWGC)

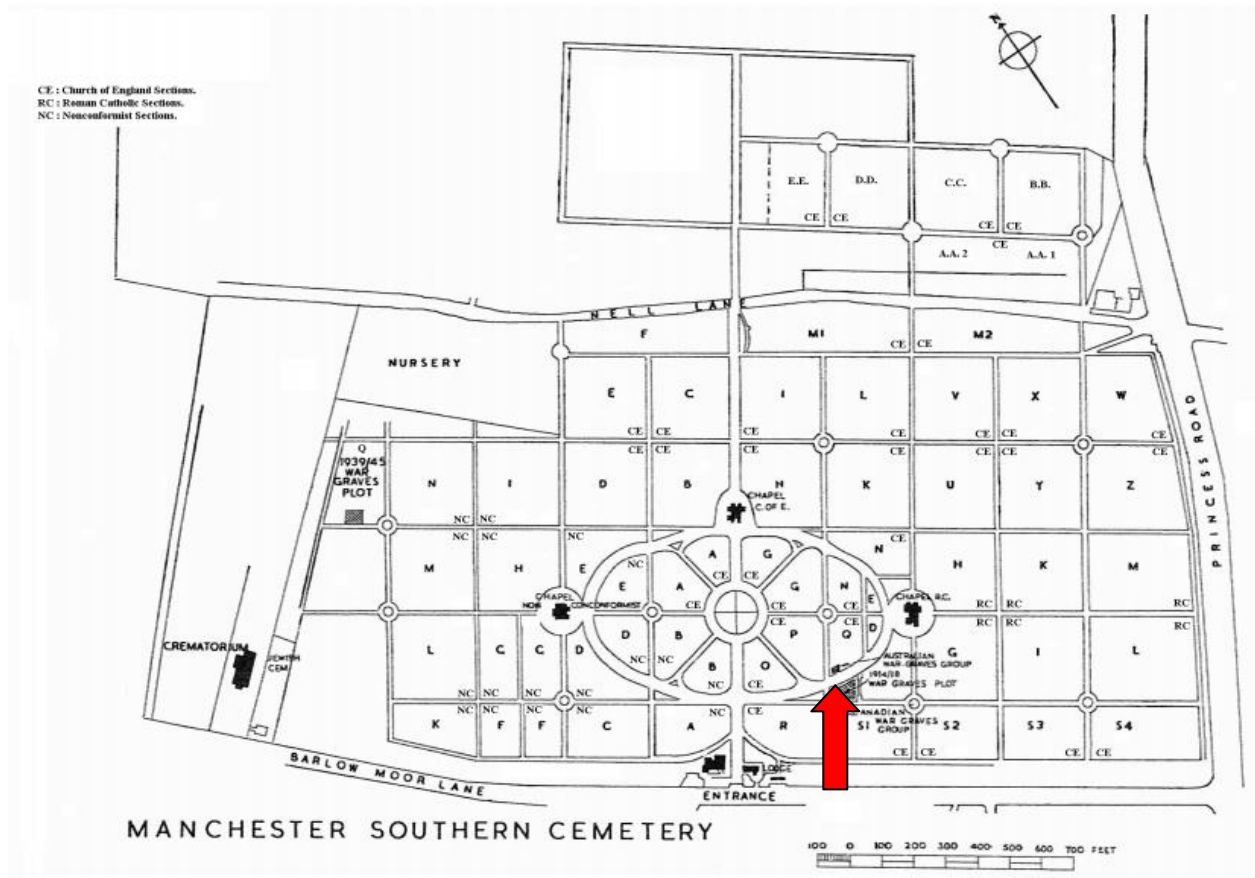


Southern Cemetery, Manchester – showing the 14 Australian War Graves from WW1

Photo of Pte S. Tregurtha's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Mike Berrell)



Southern Cemetery, Manchester (Australian War Graves Group marked with arrow)

