

**Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery,
East Sussex, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3492 PRIVATE

J. F. TURNBULL

6TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH SEPTEMBER, 1916 Age 24

*In Loving Remembrance
Of One Who Fell
Fighting For You And Me*

James Falconer TURNBULL

James Falconer Dickens Turnbull was born at Brunswick, Victoria in 1892 to parents James Keith & Catherine Turnbull (nee Rose).

James Falconer Turnbull attended Yarra Park State School, Richmond, Victoria.

James Keith Turnbull, father of James Falconer Turnbull, died on 10th August, 1911 in Melbourne, Victoria.

The 1914, 1915 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Fawkner, subdivision of Albert Park, Victoria listed James Falconer Turnbull, Packer, of 35 Kerferd Road, Albert Park.

James Falconer Turnbull was a 23 year old, single, Storeman & Packer from 45 Howe Crescent, Albert Park, Victoria when he enlisted on 2nd August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3492 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Catherine Turnbull, of 45 Howe Crescent, Albert Park, Victoria.

Private James Falconer Turnbull was posted to “E” Company, 8th Depot Battalion on 16th August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 8th Battalion at Flemington on 16th September, 1915.

Private James Falconer Turnbull embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on 11th October, 1915 on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) with the 8th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements.

Private James Falconer Turnbull was transferred from 8th Battalion to 6th Battalion on 22nd February, 1916. He was taken on strength of 6th Battalion on 22nd February, 1916 at Serapeum.

Private James Falconer Turnbull proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 25th March, 1916 on Troopship *Briton*. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th March, 1916.

On 1st August, 1916 Stretcher Bearers – 3493 Private James Falconer Turnbull, 365 Private Paul Kleeberger & 289 Private Harold Charles Taylor – all from 6th Battalion were recommended by Lieutenant Colonel H. G. Bennett for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. *“During the operations at POZIERES 25th to 27th July, 1916, these men did magnificent work in attending to, and removing the wounded. They worked continuously for about 40 hours between the front trenches and the Aid Post, which was situated about a mile back. During the whole time the trenches were subjected to an intense bombardment of heavy guns and were also under rifle and machine gun fire, while a continuous and heavy barrage, was maintained over the ground between the front line and the Aid Post. The ground was badly cut-up, making the work of removing the wounded more difficult and affording no shelter whatever. By their devotion to duty these men kept the trenches clear of wounded, and this greatly assisted the Coy Commanders in keeping up the morale and high spirits of the Companies.”*

Private James Falconer Turnbull was wounded in action in France on 16th August, 1916. He was admitted to 13th Field Ambulance on 17th August, 1916 with left hand shattered & fractured Skull. Private Turnbull was transferred to 44th Casualty Clearing Station on 22nd August, 1916 then transferred to No. 29 Ambulance Train. He was admitted to 26th General Hospital at Etaples, France on 4th September, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to skull & hand. Private Turnbull embarked from Calais, France on 4th September, 1916 on Hospital Ship *Newhaven* with G.S.W. Chest.

6th Battalion

The 6th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 5th, 7th and 8th Battalions, it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.

.....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 was heavily involved in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozieres the battalion fought near Ypres, in Flanders, returning to the Somme for winter.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 6th Battalion

POZIERES – 16th August, 1916:

0500 - Battn took over extra frontage to the left to R.34D6.9.

Four vicars guns came up to support line.

Shelled heavily again during the day – Men unable to get any sleep at all.

4 Lewis Guns from 1st Pioneer battn came up to assist.

In evening battn ordered to dig a strong post as near as possible to R.35D.0.6 A screen of scouts, bombers & Lewis Gunners went out & 20 men of C Coy. under Lt Shrimpton dug post. – Some casualties were sustained in covering party. Post was actually made at about R.35D.0.5 & was occupied by rifles & bombers.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private James Falconer Turnbull was admitted to Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England on 5th September, 1916 with G.S.W. to skull. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: "...VIII.4. hand & wrist L & IX.1. Thigh, severe."



Private James Falconer Turnbull died on 6th September, 1916 at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, Sussex, England from wounds received in action – G.S.W. chest & left lung, ulceration into Pulmonary vessel & Haemorrhage. The Hospital Admissions form recorded: "*Dead. Haemorrhage from lung due to erosion of vessel by piece of shrapnel.*"

A death for James F. Turnbull, aged 24, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Brighton, Sussex, England.

Private James Falconer Turnbull was buried in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England – Plot number ZIX. 24 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Mrs C. Turnbull, of 45 Howe Crescent, Albert Park, Victoria, mother of Private James Falconer Turnbull, was advised by Base Records on 7th September, 1916 that Private J. F. Turnbull had been reported wounded but the nature & name of the hospital was at the time unknown.

A War Pension was granted to Catherine Turnbull, of 45 Howe Crescent, Albert Park, Victoria, widowed mother of the late Private James Falconer Turnbull, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 24th November, 1916.

A note in the Service Record file of the late Private James Falconer Turnbull reads “_A.G.3rd M.D. asked for address of next-of-kin” dated 19th March, 1920. Another slip has “Advertisement inserted in press re next-of-kin” dated 4th November, 1920.

Mrs C. Turnbull, of 14 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, Victoria, wrote to Base Records on 14th November, 1920 stating “I see by the paper you are advertising for me as next kin of late Private J. F. Turnbull, that is my address if you wish to communicate with me. I am the widowed mother of the late soldier.”

Base Records replied to Mrs C. Turnbull, of 14 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, Victoria, on 18th November, 1920 stating “ I have to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 14th November concerning your son, the late No. 3492 Private J. F. Turnbull, 6th Battalion, and attach hereto forms relating to the permanent memorial etc., which were previously forwarded to your late address and returned unclaimed – hence the advertisement inserted in the press. Your change of address has been noted on the records.”

Private James Falconer Turnbull was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Turnbull’s widowed mother – Mrs C. Turnbull, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private James Falconer Turnbull – service number 3492, aged 24, of 6th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Catherine Turnbull, and the late James Turnbull, of 14 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, Victoria.

Private J. F. Turnbull is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 48.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

J. F. Turnbull is remembered on the Talbot & Clunes Roll of Honour, located in Clunes Sub-Branch RSL, 30 Fraser Street, Clunes, Victoria.



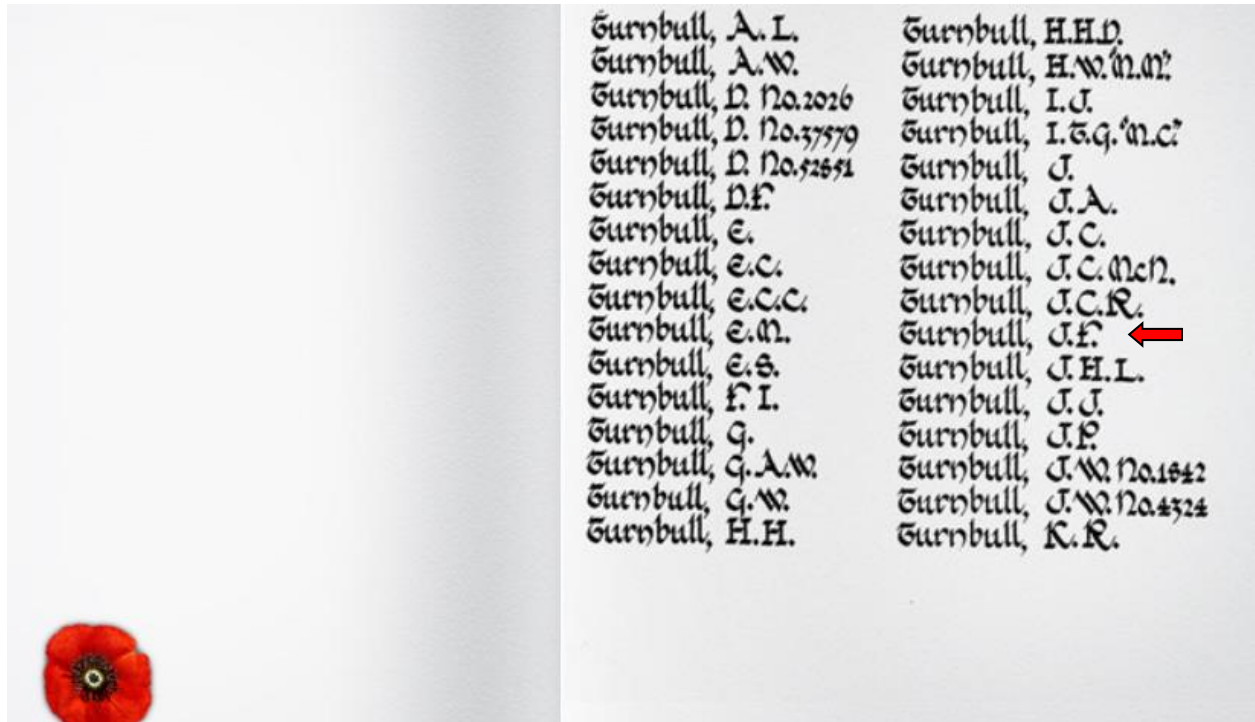
Talbot & Clunes Roll of Honour (Photo from *AWM Places of Pride* – Arthur Garland)

J. F. Turnbull is remembered on the Collingwood Kildonan Presbyterian Home Honour Roll (First World War), located in Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton, Victoria.



Collingwood Kildonan Presbyterian Home Honour Roll (Photo from VHD)

J. F. Turnbull is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



(50 pages of Private James Falconer Turnbull'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

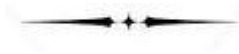




AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Private James Falconer Turnbull



Newspaper Notices

216TH AND 217TH Lists

Wounded

Pte J. F. Turnbull, South Melbourne

(*The Bendigo Independent*, Victoria – 21 September, 1916)

DEATHS

On Active Service

TURNBULL – Died of wounds at Kitchener Hospital, England, James Falconer, dearly beloved son of Catherine and the late J. K. Turnbull, dearly beloved brother of Jack, Rosie, Stanley, Keith and Norman.

Our brave hero.

He's gone, poor lad, but how we mourn

The loss of our dear old Jim;

But the Lord above will preserve his love

For the loved one he left behind him.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 27 September, 1916)

DIED ON SERVICE

TURNBULL – Died of wounds in Kitchener Hospital, England, 6th September, Private James Falconer (Jum), dearly beloved son of Mrs C. Turnbull and late J. K. Turnbull, of Albert Park, late of Richmond, loved brother of Jack, Rose (Mrs Clark), Stanley, Keith and Norman, aged 24 years.

Loved by all that knew him.

Our brave hero.

He's gone, poor lad, but how we mourn

The loss of our dear old Jum;

But the Lord above will preserve his love

For the loved ones he left behind him.

-Inserted by his mother, brothers, and sister, 45 Howe crescent, Albert Park.

TURNBULL – Died of wounds at Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England, James Turnbull. The staff and employees of the Silvertown Rubber and Electrical Co., 21 Elizabeth street, deeply mourn his great loss.

"Gone, but not forgotten."

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 September, 1916)

HOW WE TOOK POZIERES

Richmond names included in this week's casualty lists are:-

Died of Wounds

Private J. F. TURNBULL

(*Richmond Guardian*, Victoria – 30 September, 1916)

THE TOLL OF WAR

226th and 227th LISTS

VICTORIANS

LIST 227

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte J. F. Turnbull, South Melb.

(*The Evening Echo*, Ballarat, Victoria – 2 October, 1916)

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE

RICHMOND HEROES IN THE FIRING LINE

Casualties from Richmond this week include:-

Killed in Action

Pte J. F. Turnbull.....

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(*Richmond Guardian*, Victoria – 7 October, 1916)

KILLED IN ACTION

TURNBULL – A tribute to the memory of my much-esteemed friend, Private J. F. Turnbull, who died of wounds in England on September 6.

His warfare over, his battle fought,
His victory won, though dearly bought,
His fresh young life could not be saved.
He slumbers now in a soldier's grave.

One of the Best.

-Inserted on behalf of Les. Lee ("Leggo"), on active service.

TURNBULL – Died of wounds in Kitchener Hospital, England, on September 6, Private James Falconer ("Jum"), dearly loved son of Mrs C. Turnbull and the late J. K. Turnbull, of Albert Park (late of Richmond), loved brother of Jack, Rose (Mrs Clark), Stanley, Keith, Normand; aged 24 years.

Loved by all who knew him.

Our brave hero.

He's gone, poor lad; but how we mourn
The loss of our dear old Jum;
But the Lord above will preserve his love
For the loved ones he left behind.

-Inserted by his mother, brothers and sister, 45 Howe-crescent, Albert Park.

(*Richmond Guardian*, Victoria – 7 October, 1916)

STRETCHER-BEARER FALLS



PTE. J. F. TURNBULL

While engaged in his duties as a stretcher-bearer in France Pte J. F. Turnbull was wounded on August 13. He was taken to Kitchener Hospital, Brighton, England, where he died on September 6. He left here with the 8th Battalion. His mother, a widow, lives on Howe Crescent, Albert Park.

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 5 February, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

HUMBY – In loving memory of dear Arthur, who died 8th June, 1916, only son Mr, Mrs Humby, Wilson-street, South Yarra, dear pal late Private J. F. Turnbull.

A patient suffer gone to rest.

-Inserted by Mrs Turnbull and family, Albert Park

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 June, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

CRANFIELD – In sweet and loving remembrance of my darling wife, Rose Keith, loved mother of Betty and Myra (twin daughters), who died at Prahran 10th February, 1919; also James Falconer (Jim) Turnbull), dearly loved brother of the above, died at Kitchener Hospital 6th September, 1918.

Sister and brother reunited.

They miss you most who loved you best.

-Inserted by her devoted husband.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 10 February, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

TURNBULL – In sad and loving memory of my dear son, Private J. F. (Jum) Turnbull, died of wounds 6th September, 1916, at Kitchener Hospital, England, aged 24. Late of Richmond.

Although four years have passed away

Since our great sorrow fell;

Yet in our hearts we mourn his loss,

Of him we loved so well.

What would we give to clasp his hand,

Of our loving son and brother,

Just to hear his loving voice,

Which meant so much to us.

Inserted by his loving mother and brothers, Stanley, Keith and Norman, 106 Wellington-street, Windsor.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 September, 1920)

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 J. F. Turnbull does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England

The cemetery is on the Lewes road. It was opened in 1857, and now covers 44 acres. It climbs the hill Eastward, crossing a public road. A War Cross stands in the cemetery.

There are 275 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 102 of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. The 1939-45 commemorations include 3 unidentified Merchant seamen and 1 unidentified British soldier. There are also 40 Foreign National war burials here and 4 non-war service burials.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photos by julia&keld – Find a Grave)



(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private J. F. Turnbull's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, East Sussex, England.



(Photo by Terry Denham)



(Photo from CWGC)