

Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire

War Memorial



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1953A PRIVATE

F. WARD

4TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS

2ND FEBRUARY, 1917

Fred WARD

Fred Ward was born at Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire, England in 1880 to parents Charles & Clara Jane Ward (nee Peacock).

The 1881 England Census recorded Fred Ward as a 7 month old living with his family at Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Charles Ward (Hind, aged 32, born Osmotherley, Yorkshire) & Clara Ward (aged 29, born Gatenby). Fred was the youngest of five children listed on this Census – Rebecca Ward Scholar, (aged 8, born Stranton, Durham), Annie Ward (Scholar, aged 6, born Broughton, Yorks), Charles Ward (aged 3, born Ingleby Greenhow, Yorks), John Ward (aged 2, born Ingleby Greenhow, Yorks) then Fred. Also listed was a Boarder – William Stodder (Farm servant, aged 18).

Clara Jane Ward, mother of Fred Ward, died on 5th February, 1891, aged 41 years.

The 1891 England Census recorded Fred Ward as a 10 year old Scholar, living with his family at "Private House" at Ingleby Greenhow, Yorkshire, England. His parents were listed as Charles Ward (Agricultural Labourer, aged 40) & Clara Jane Ward (aged 39). Fred was one of four children listed on this Census – John William Ward (Scholar, aged 12), then Fred, Henry Ward (Scholar, aged 8) & Jane Ward (Scholar, aged 6).

[The 1901 England Census listed the Ward family living at Old Manor House, Ingleby Greenhow, Yorkshire. The family consisted of Charles Ward (Widower, Gamekeeper on Estate, aged 50), Annie Ward (daughter, aged 27), Frances Ward (daughter, aged 9), Arthur Ward (Grandson, aged 6) & Ernest Ward (Grandson, aged 2).]

The 1911 England Census recorded Fred Ward as a 30 year old Woodman, living with his family at Old Hall Battersby, Ingleby Greenhow, Middlesborough, Yorkshire – North Riding in a 7 roomed dwelling. His father was listed as Charles Ward, (widower, Game Keeper, aged 64). Fred was one of three children listed on this Census – Annie Ward (Aged 36) then Fred & Ernest Ward (at School, aged 12).

Charles Ward, father of Fred Ward, died on 25th December, 1914, aged 67 years.

Frederick Ward was a 34 year old, single, Labourer from Cooyar, Queensland when he enlisted at Toowoomba, Queensland on 11th January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1953 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Miss Annie Ward, of Ingleby Lane, Greenhow, Yorkshire, England.

Private Fred Ward was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 14th January, 1916. He was transferred to 36th Battalion on 9th February, 1916. Pte Ward was transferred on 23rd February, 1916 to 2nd Reinforcements of 42nd Battalion. Pte Ward was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 4th Pioneer Battalion on 1st April, 1916.

Private Fred Ward embarked from Sydney on RMS *Mooltan* on 12th April, 1916 & disembarked at Suez on 18th May, 1916.

Private Fred Ward proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on *Ionian* on 6th June, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles on 15th June, 1916.

Private Fred Ward joined 4th Pioneer Battalion from 2nd Reinforcements & was taken on strength on 10th August, 1916.

Private Fred Ward was allotted the letter "A" to his regimental number on 4th January, 1917 due to duplication of numbers – new number 1953A.

Private Fred Ward was sent to Hospital sick on 21st January, 1917. He was admitted to Anzac M.D.S. with Pneumonia on 21st January, 1917 then transferred to C.R. Station on 22nd January, 1917. Pte Ward was admitted to 38th Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd January, 1917 then transferred to Ambulance Train No. 22 on 25th January, 1917.

Private Fred Ward was admitted to 6th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 26th January, 1917 with Pleurisy. He was reported as dangerously ill on 31st January, 1917.

Private Fred Ward died on 2nd February, 1917 at to 6th General Hospital, Rouen, France from Pleurisy.

Private Fred Ward was buried in St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France – Plot number O. IV. L.11. (Block O, Plot 4, Row L, Grave 11) and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

4th Australian Pioneer Battalion

The 4th Pioneer Battalion was an Australian infantry and light engineer unit raised for service during the First World War as part of the all-volunteer Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). Formed in Egypt in March 1916, the battalion subsequently served on the Western Front in France and Belgium, after being transferred to the European battlefields shortly after its establishment.

Trained as infantrymen, they were also tasked with some engineer functions, with a large number of personnel possessing trade qualifications from civilian life. As such, they were designated as pioneer units.

In early 1916, the Australian Army was reorganised ahead of its transfer to the Western Front in Europe. A total of five pioneer battalions were raised by the AIF at this time, with one being assigned to each of the five infantry divisions that the Australians deployed to the battlefield in France and Belgium. Tasked with digging trenches, labouring, constructing strong points and light railways, and undertaking battlefield clearance, the troops assigned to the pioneers required construction and engineering experience in addition to basic soldiering skills.

(Extract of information from Wikipedia)

Private Fred Ward was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Ward's sister in England – Miss A. Ward, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent August, 1922). (Miss Annie Ward later married – Mrs A. Peacock, 278 Newport Rd, Middlesborough, Yorks, England).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Fred Ward – service number 1953, of 4th Australian Pioneers. No family details are listed.

Private F. Ward is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 174.

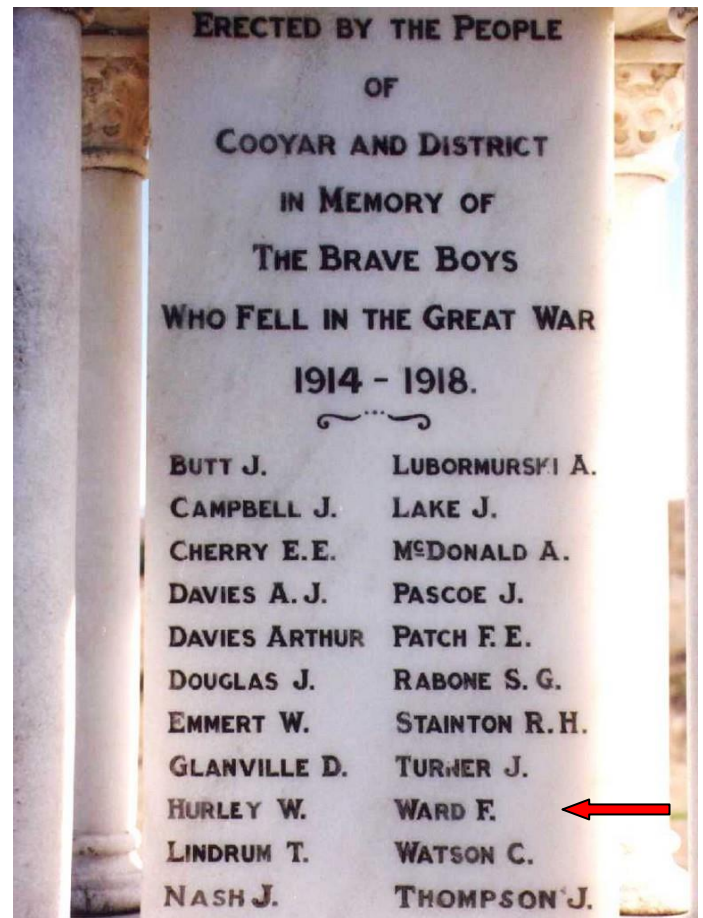


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

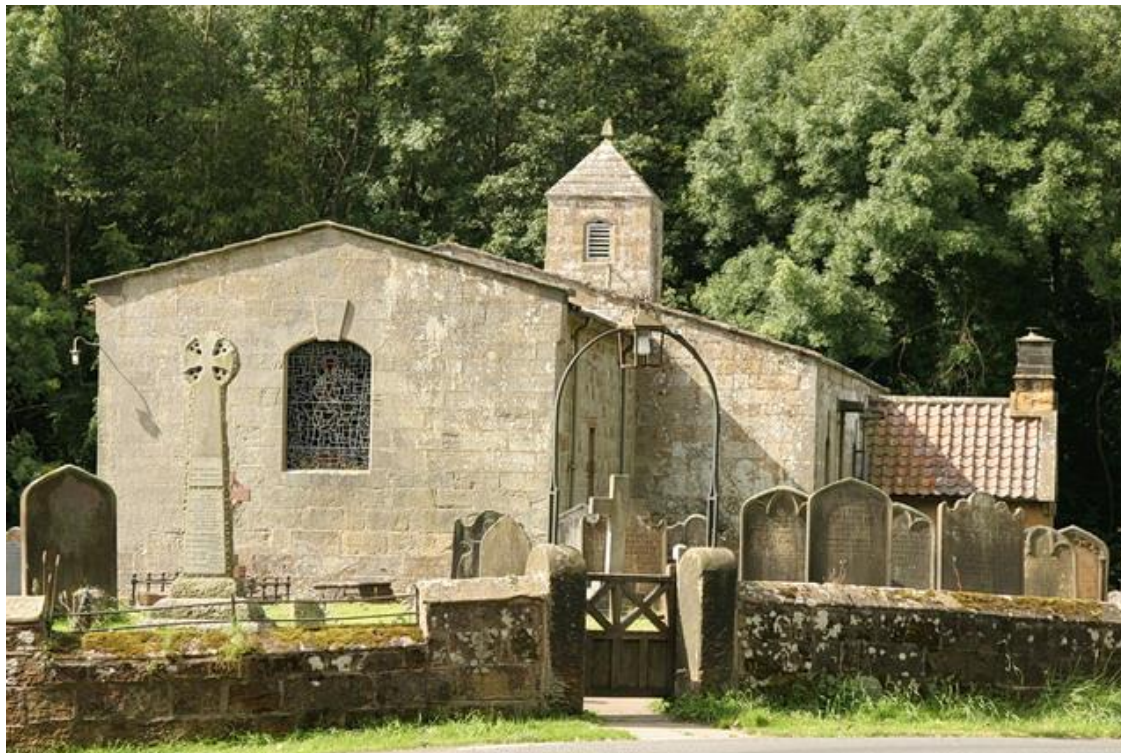
F. Ward is remembered on the Cooyar and District War Memorial which is located in Hack Meakins Park, opposite Monro Street on New England Highway, Cooyar, Queensland, Australia.



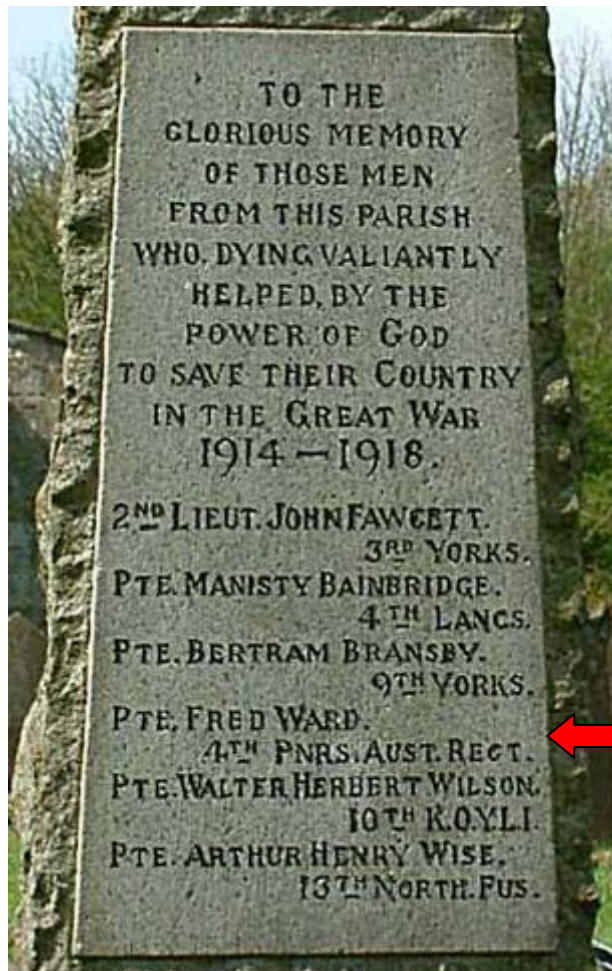
Cooyar and District War Memorial (Photos from Shirley & Trevor McIvor)



Fred Ward is remembered on the Ingleby Greenhow War Memorial located in churchyard of St. Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire, England.



St. Andrew's Church, Ingleby Greenhow with War Memorial (Photo by Rob Noble)



Ingleby Greenhow War Memorial (Photos from War Memorials Online – John Davies)

(32 pages of Private Fred Ward'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

COUNTRY VOLUNTEERS

TOOWOOMBA, January 12.

During the 24 hours ended 1 p.m. today 24 men presented themselves to the Toowoomba recruiting officer for examination and 19 were accepted. They include Messrs Fred Ward (Cooyar).....

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 13 January, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LIST NO. 273

QUEENSLAND

DIED OF ILLNESS

F. Ward, England

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 20 February, 1917)

Information from the Imperial War Museums:

Fred Ward is included on a Family Gravestone at St. Andrew's Church, Ingleby Greenhow, North Yorkshire, England.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FATHER

CHARLES WARD OF OLD BATTERSBY

WHO DIED DEC 25TH 1914 AGED 67 YEARS.

ALSO CLARA JANE WIFE OF THE ABOVE

WHO DIED FEB 5TH 1891 AGED 41 YEARS.

PEACE PERFECT PEACE.

ALSO FRED, SON OF THE ABOVE

WHO DIED FEB 2ND 1917 ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN THE GREAT WAR AT ROUEN

AND INTERRED AT ST SEVER CEMETERY AGED 35 YEARS

'HE ANSWERED DUTY'S CALL'

(EXACT LINE SPACING UNKNOWN – Transcription from Imperial War Museums)

(Note: Clara Jane Ward was listed on the 1891 Census which was taken on 5th April, 1891)

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 F. Ward does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France

St Sever Cemetery and St. Sever Cemetery Extension are located within a large communal cemetery situated on the eastern edge of the southern Rouen suburbs of Le Grand Quevilly and Le Petit Quevilly.

During the First World War, Commonwealth camps and hospitals were stationed on the southern outskirts of Rouen. A base supply depot and the 3rd Echelon of General Headquarters were also established in the city.

Almost all of the hospitals at Rouen remained there for practically the whole of the war. They included eight general, five stationary, one British Red Cross and one labour hospital, and No. 2 Convalescent Depot. A number of the dead from these hospitals were buried in other cemeteries, but the great majority were taken to the city cemetery of St. Sever. In September 1916, it was found necessary to begin an extension, where the last burial took place in April 1920.

During the Second World War, Rouen was again a hospital centre and the extension was used once more for the burial of Commonwealth servicemen, many of whom died as prisoners of war during the German occupation.

The cemetery extension contains 8,348 Commonwealth burials of the First World War (ten of them unidentified) and in Block "S" there are 328 from the Second World War (18 of them unidentified). There are also 8 Foreign National burials here.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



