Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, Wales War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3176 PRIVATE

J. J. LEIPOLD

28TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

3RD AUGUST, 1916 Age 23

Beloved Son Of

G. & E. Leipold

Sadly Missed At Home

John James (Jack) LEIPOLD

John James Leipold was born at Boots Gully, Daylesford, Victoria on 25th August, 1892 (date from sources on Ancestry) to parents George Frederick & Elizabeth Leipold (nee Thompson). (John James attested with the Australian Imperial Force on 31st August, 1915 (another form has date of enlistment as 21st August, 1915) giving his age as 22 years & 11 months).

George Frederick Leipold, father of John James Leipold, died on 27th October, 1915 in Leonora Hospital from an accident at Niagara Mine, Kookynie, Western Australia.

Newspaper item Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 29 October, 1915:

Fatal Fall of Earth - Our Kookynie correspondent writes under date the 27th inst.:— An unfortunate accident happened at a prospecting area at Niagara on Monday evening. The owners, Messrs G. Leipold and party, were having crib in the drive when a quantity of mullock fell out of the roof, crushing Mr. Leipold, who was immediately underneath. He was removed to the Leonora Hospital, where his injuries had a fatal termination. It is stated that he had several ribs broken and severe internal injuries, the thigh also being broken. The body is to be removed to Kookynie, where the funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon. An inquest will take place in due course. The deceased, an old resident of the district, who came here from Daylesford, Victoria, leaves a wife and four grown-up children. One son, who recently enlisted, is at present at the Black-boy Hill camp.

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kalgoorlie, subdivision of Mount Leonora, Western Australia recorded John James Leipold, Miner, from Darlot.

John James Leipold was a 23 year old, single, Miner from Leonora, Western Australia when he enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia on 31st August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3176 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Leipold, of Kookynie, Western Australia.

Private John James Leipold was posted to 27th Depot on 31st August, 1915 for recruit training. He was admitted to Blackboy Hill Hospital from 15th to 23rd September, 1915 with Influenza. Pte Leipold was transferred to "A" Company, No. 3 Depot Battalion on 27th September, 1915. Private Leipold was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 28th Battalion on 1st November, 1915.

Private John James Leipold was written up on 15th November, 1915 while posted at Blackboy Hill Camp – overstaying leave from 12th November, 1915 to 9.30 am on 15th November, 1915. He forfeited 3 days' pay & was fined £1.

Private John James Leipold embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Medic (A7)* on 18th January, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 28th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements & disembarked at Alexandria on 16th February, 1916.

Private John James Leipold embarked for Overseas per H. T. *Oriana* from Alexandria on 21st March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 27th March, 1916.

Private John James Leipold was taken on strength of 28th Battalion in France on 3rd May, 1916.

Private John James Leipold was wounded in action in France on 29th July, 1916. He was admitted to 57th Field Ambulance on 29th July, 1916 with shrapnel wounds & fractured right shoulder. Pte Leipold was transferred & admitted to No. 34 Casualty Clearing Station on 29th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to arm then transferred on 30th July, 1916 to No. 16 Ambulance Train. He was admitted to No.11 Stationary Hospital at Rouen on 30th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to arm. Pte Leipold embarked on Hospital Ship *Aberdonian* from Rouen, France on 1st August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to right shoulder.

28th Battalion

The 28th Battalion was raised at Blackboy Camp in Western Australia on 16 April 1915 from recruits previously earmarked for the 24th Battalion, which was instead being raised in Victoria.

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After another stint in Egypt, the 7th Brigade proceeded to France and the Western Front, as part of the 2nd Australian Division. The 28th Battalion took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 28 July and 6 August 1916.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 28th Battalion

SAUSAGE VALLEY - 28/7/16 6 pm – Battalion marched to position of deployment for the attack on German Trenches OG1 and OG2 NORTH of POZIERES.

29/7/196 – At 12.10 am enemy opened up a heavy fire with H.E. shrapnel & machine guns, causing a number of casualties. Our artillery placed a heavy barrage fire on enemy trenches. As soon as this lifted the men rushed forward in perfect order and were met with heavy fire from rifles, machine guns and artillery. The first wave was held up by the enemy's wire which was intact and very strong. The four waves reached the wire and unavailing effort were made to find opening or make them in the face of intense machine gun fire. Heavy casualties resulted. A very intense artillery barrage of the enemy's prevented any reports of the situation getting through and it was not until 2.5 am that orders for withdrawal could be delivered. From this hour onwards the men were withdrawn and ordered to return to SAUSAGE VALLEY. Lieut. Col Collett was wounded, three Company Commanders killed and severely wounded and 8 other officers killed or wounded. About 11 am the battalion marched to TARA HILL to bivouac.

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private John James Leipold was admitted to 3rd Western General Hospital, Cardiff, Wales on 2nd August, 1916 with gunshot wounds to right shoulder – severe. His condition was listed as dangerous.

Private John James Leipold died on 3rd August, 1916 at 3rd Western General Hospital, Cardiff, Wales from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds to right shoulder.

A death for John J. Leopold, aged 24, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Cardiff, Wales.

Private John James Leipold was buried on 7th August, 1916 in Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, Wales – Plot number EB. 34. and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A letter was written to Mrs Leipold on 7th August, 1916 from Sister Nesbitt, Niniam Park Hospital, Grangetown, Cardiff, South Wales which reads: "Dear Mrs Leipold, I feel I must write to you as I had your dear laddie in my ward & I was with him when he died, I don't know what to say to you words at such a time are of poor comfort, my heat just aches for you. It may comfort you a little to know that in spite of all his pain he was a dear brave fellow, a soldier to the last & he died very peacefully. The short time he was with us here he talked a great deal about you & wanted to get better to go home to his mother. I told him I was his mother whilst he was in Hospital & a short time after he was recovering from an acute attack of pain & had tight hold of my hand, he looked up at me with such a sweet smile & said "you won't leave me will you little Mother." I have sent you a few things he had with him. I know how you will treasure anything belonging to him. The label was tied into his shirt coming over, his identification disc with two little coins he had round his neck. The Clergyman who buried him is going to write to you, he was an Australia. I & two of my nurses went with him to his last resting place this afternoon & I thought of his mother so far away & prayed that God might bless & comfort her in her great grief. With deepest sympathy from us all"

A War Pension was granted to Elizabeth Leipold, of Kookynie, mother of the late Private John James Leipold, in the sum of 40/- fortnightly granted from 3rd October, 1916.

Base Records contacted Mrs E. Leipold, of Kookynie, mother of the late Private John James Leipold in November, 1921 asking if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself due to the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc & specifically asked if Pte Leipold's father was still alive. Mrs Leipold replied that her husband had died in a mine accident in 1915 & she was the next-of-kin.

Private John James Leipold was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Leipold's mother – Mrs E. Leipold, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent February, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

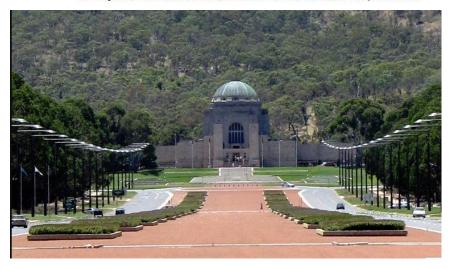
Elizabeth Leipold, mother of the late Private John James Leipold, married John S. Cairns in 1919 in the district of Coolgardie, Western Australia.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private John James Leipold – service number 3176, aged 23, of 28th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Elizabeth Leipold, of Kookynie, Western Australia and the late George Leipold.

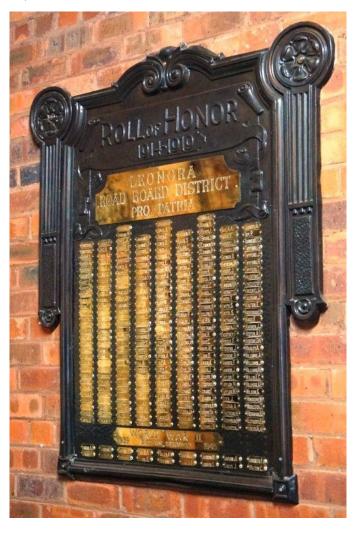
Private J. J. Leipold is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 113.



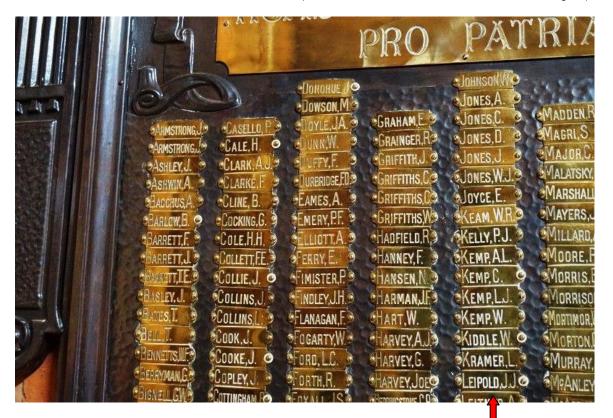
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia



J. J. Leipold is remembered on the Leonora Road Board District Roll of Honour, located in Gwalia Historical Museum, Tower Street, Leonora, Western Australian.



Leonora Road Board District Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia - Chris McLaughlin)



J. Leipold is remembered on the Leonora Honour Roll, which consists of a series of plaques, commemorating those from the district who served in the various conflicts in which Australia was involved in. The Honour Roll is located at the Leonora Shire Offices, 16 Tower Street, Leonora, Western Australia.



Leonora Honour Roll (Photos from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)



Leonora Honour Roll

J. J. Leipold is <u>not</u> included on the Leonora War Memorial located at Leonora Memorial Park, Tower Street, Leonora, Western Australia. The criteria for being included on the War Memorial was for those who enlisted at Leonora/Gwalia. John James Leipold enlisted at Blackboy Hill, Western Australia



Leonora War Memorial (*Photo from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin*)

J. Leipold is remembered on the Menzies War Memorial, located at Town Hall, Shenton Street (Goldfields Highway), Menzies, Western Australia.



Menzies War Memorial



Menzies War Memorial

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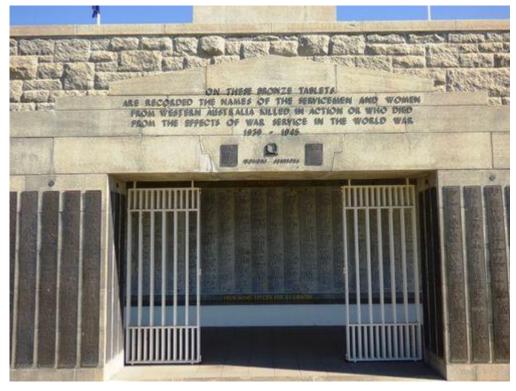
J. J. Leipold is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a 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 (above)
& (below) The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)





28th Battalion Panel in The Crypt

Pte John J. Leipold is remembered with a Memorial Plaque (MW50A) on the Kings Park Honour Avenues. At the base of each commemorative tree is a plaque inscribed with details of the deceased: name, age, unit in which they served, nature of death, place of death, and who dedicated the plaque. Honour Avenue memorials commemorate service personnel who are listed at the State War Memorial, Kings Park. These soldiers enlisted in Western Australia, died overseas on active service, and were either buried overseas or have no known graves.





(Photos from Kings Park Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority)



Private John J. Leopold's plaque (right) & his nephew Private George Leipold plaque (left) who died in 1942

(Photos from Kings Park Botanic Gardens & Parks Authority)

(55 pages of Pte John James Leipold'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



John James Leipold



Newspaper Notices

Our Kookynie correspondent, writing on August 11, stated :— "Yesterday Mrs. E. Leipold, of this town, received a message from the district headquarters, Perth, notifying her that her son. Private J. J. Leipold, had been killed at the front. The message was confirmed to-day by a letter from Colonel R. E. Courtney, the State Commandant, who stated that Private Leipold had died of gunshot wound in the shoulder at the 3rd Western General Hospital. The deceased enlisted about this time last year, and at the time of his death belonged to a battalion in France. He was 24 years of age, and practically a native of this district, coming from Victoria when a lad. Deceased, who was known for his many sterling qualities and manly ways, followed mining pursuits previous to enlisting. Much sympathy is felt here for Mrs. Leipold.'

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 14 August, 1916)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

198th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

J. J. Leipold (Kookynie)

(The West Australian, Perth, Western Australia – 19 August, 1916)

DEATHS

LEIPOLD.— Died from wounds, on the 2nd August, on active service, Private John James (Jack) Leipold, second son of the late George Frederick Leipold and Elizabeth Leipold, of Kookynie; brother of Mesdames A. Tiller, of Gwalia; F. Elliott, of Kalgoorlie; Miss Lily Leipold of Kookynie; and Robt. W. Leipold, of Laverton; in his 24th year. Deeply regretted.

Many thanks to relations and friends for telegrams, cards, and letters of sympathy.

— Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sisters, and brother. Victorian papers please copy.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 26 August, 1916) & (Kalgoorlie Western Argus, Western Australia – 29 August, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

LEIPOLD – In sad memoriam of Jack, the dearly beloved son of the late George and Elizabeth Leipold, of Kookynie, died of wounds at Cardiff, South Wales, August 3rd, 1916, aged 24 years.

Sleep on, dear Jack, in a foreign grave,

Your life for your country you nobly gave.

-Inserted by his lonely mother and sister Lillie.

LEIPOLD – In loving memory of Jack, dearly loved brother of George and Ida Leipold, who died of wounds in Cardiff, South Wales, August 3rd, 1916, aged 24 years.

He answered to his country's call.

He gave his life, he gave his all.

LEIPOLD – In loving memorium of Jack, dearly loved brother of Alick and Mabel Tiller, of Gwalia, who died of wounds in Cardiff, South Wales, August 3rd, 1916, aged 24 years.

His country called,

He answered brave and true.

LEIPOLD – In loving memory of our dear brother, Private John James Leipold, who died of wounds at Niniau Park Hospital, South Wales, August 3, 1916.

His duty nobly done.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, E. and F. Elliott. Daylesford (Vic) papers please copy.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 3 August, 1917) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 7 August, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

LEIPOLD – In loving memory of my dear son and brother, Private J. J. Leipold, who died in Cardiff, South Wales, from wounds received in France, August 3rd, 1916, aged 24 years.

He's one of the heroes who never returned,

A hero who played the game;

With the bravest and best of Australia's sons

You will find our dear Jack's names.

Sadly missed at home.

-Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sisters and brother.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 3 August, 1918) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 6 August, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

LEIPOLD – In sad but loving memory of Pte J. J. Leipold, who was wounded at Pozieres, July 29, and died 3rd General Hospital, Cardiff, South Wales, August 3; age, 24 years.

With the famous 28th,

And their banner white and blue,

He fought and died as he had lived,

Kind hearted, brave and true.

-Inserted by his mother and sister, Lily.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 29 July, 1919) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 5 August, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

LEIPOLD - In loving memory of Jack, died 3rd August, 1916, in Cardiff (S. Wales), aged 24 years, A.I.F.

Some day we'll understand.

-Ever remembered by mother, sisters and brother.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 3 August, 1920) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 10 August, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

CAIRNS – In loving memory of Private Jack Leipold, 28th Batt., A.I.F., wounded at Pozieres, 29th July, and died 3rd August, 1916, Cardiff, South Wales; also, Geo. Leipold, killed in a mine at Niagara, 27th October, 1915.

Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear.

-Inserted by mother and sister.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 29 July, 1922) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 1 August, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

LEIPOLD – In loving memory of my dear son, Pte J. J. Leipold, 7/28 Batt., A.I.F., wounded at Pozieres, died in Cardiff, South Wales, England, August 3, 1916, aged 24 years; also, George, my husband, died at Leonora hospital, from wounds received in a mine at Niagara, October 27, 1916; aged 51 years.

To know them was to love them.

-Inserted by their sorrowing mother and wife respectively.

(Kalgoorlie Miner, Western Australia – 3 August, 1923) & (Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 7 August, 1923)

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IN MEMORIAM

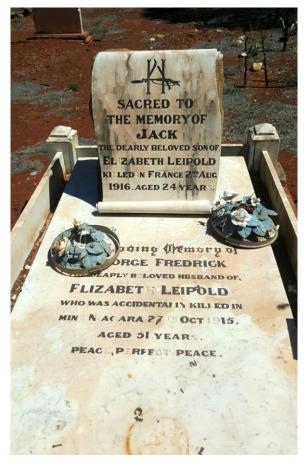
LEIPOLD – In loving memory of my dear husband, George, who died in Leonora Hospital, October 27, 1915; also our dear son, Jack, died in Cardiff, South Wales, from wounds received a Pozieres.

We never will forget.

-Inserted by their loving wife and mother, sisters and brother respectively.

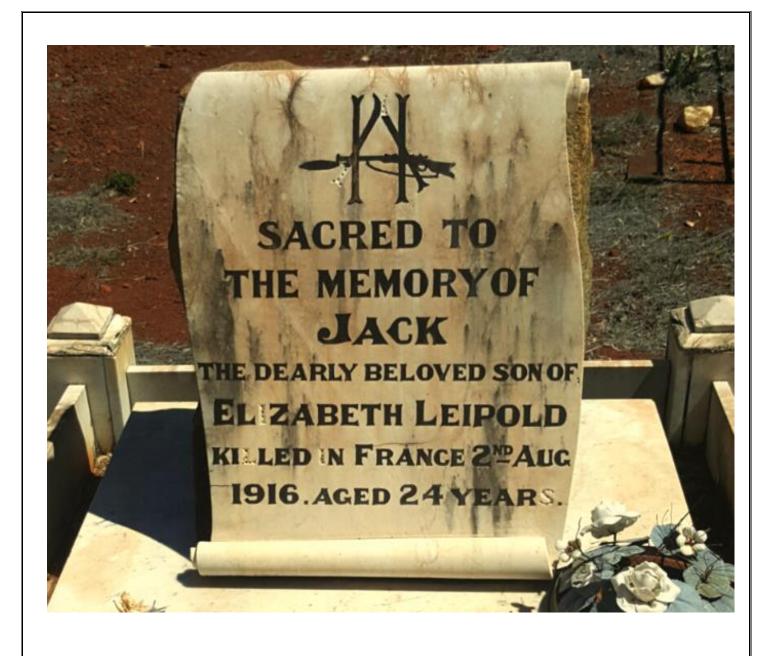
(Western Argus, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia – 5 August, 1924)

"Jack" Leipold is remembered on his father's headstone in Kookynie Cemetery, Western Australia.



Father & Son Leipold Headstone in Kookynie Cemetery (Photos by Danelle Warnock – Find a Grave)





Sacred To

The Memory Of

JACK

The Dearly Beloved Son Of

ELIZABETH LEIPOLD

Killed In France 2ND Aug

1916. Aged 24 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)

Mrs E. Cairns, remarried mother of the late Private John James Leipold, replied to a letter sent by Base Records in April, 1920: "In answer to your letter of March 15th in connection with the Star of David. Thank you very much as we are Protestants & Presbyterians. I have decided to have neither." [Mrs Cairn would have received the letter from Base Records stating that the Star of David she had chosen for her late son's headstone was representative of the Jewish faith & that the Cross symbolised Christianity.

Private J. J. Leipold does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Beloved Son Of G. & E. Leipold

Sadly Missed At Home

Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, Wales

During the 1939-1945 War, the city of Cardiff was one of the Royal Naval bases of the Western Approaches Command. It was severely damaged by enemy air attack during the early part of the 1939-1945 War and has been largely rebuilt. The cemetery, known locally as Cathays Cemetery was opened in 1859 and has been extended to cover over 100 acres. The cemetery contains war graves of both world wars. Just over a third of the 1914-1918 burials are contained in a War Graves Plot in the portion of Section EB, this plot is on two converging roadways leading to the main entrance. The remainder of the graves are scattered in other parts of the cemetery. After the 1914-1918 War, a Cross of Sacrifice was erected in front of the plot in the angle formed by the junction of the two roadways, the whole forming a triangular island site. The 1939-1945 War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery in more than 30 different sections. A number of them are airmen who came from the Royal Air Force stations at Cardiff and St. Athan. There are now nearly 500, 1914-1918 and over 200, 1939-1945 war casualties commemorated in this site. Some 40 French and Norwegian Foreign Nationals are also commemorated here.

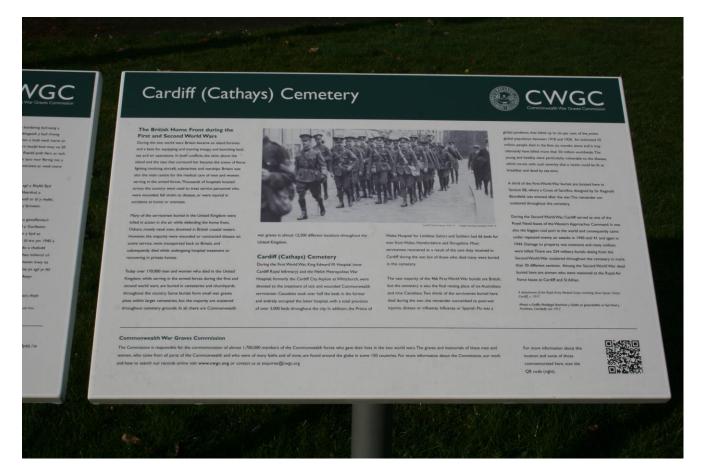
(Information & Photos from CWGC)







Entrance to Cathays Cemetery (Photo by Peter – Find a Grave)

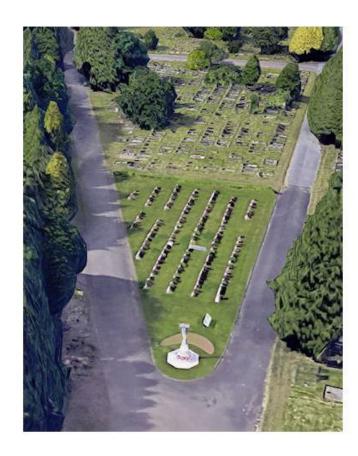


Cathays Cemetery (Photos courtesy of John Farnhill – The Friends of Cathay's Cemetery)



Map Of Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff showing Section EB – Roll of Honour

(Courtesy of The Friends of Cathays Cemetery)



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Australian CWGC Headstone

Private Headstone for Babbage

RASC CWGC Headstone for Pilkington



The five Australian CWGC Headstones in Cathay's Cemetery, Cardiff (left to right) Leipold (red arrow), Olsen, Waddups, McCleery & O'Connell (Photos courtesy of John Farnhill – The Friends of Cathay's Cemetery)





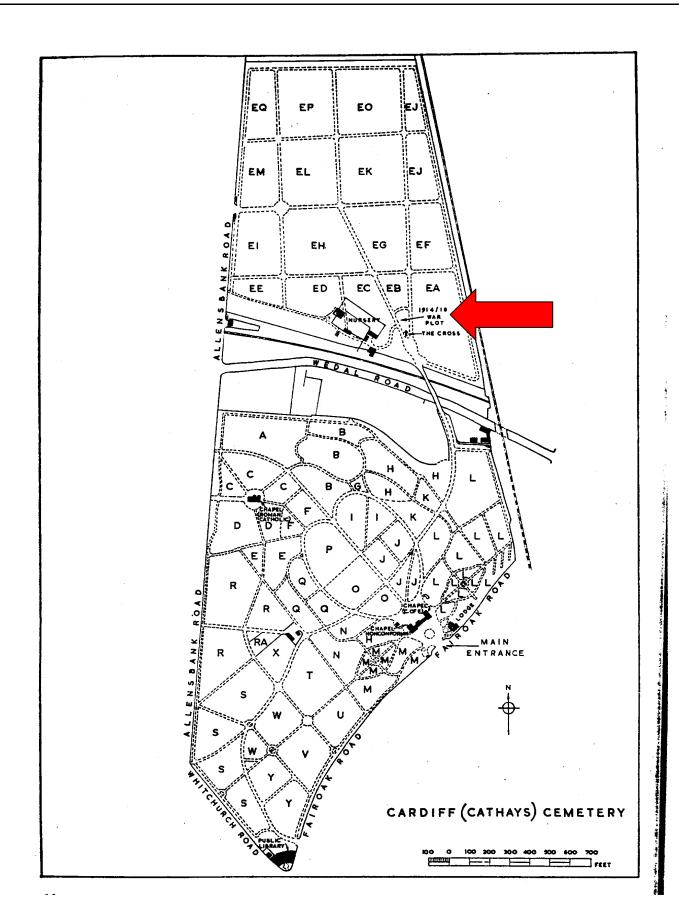
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Photo of Private J. J. Leipold's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Cathays Cemetery, Cardiff, Wales.



(Photo courtesy of John Prestidge)



Cemetery Plan from CWGC