

**St. Augustine of Hippo Churchyard,
Penarth, Wales
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2909 PRIVATE

P. P. GRIBBLE

55TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

30TH JANUARY, 1917

Percival Patrick GRIBBLE

Percival Patrick Gribble was born at Boscastle, Cornwall, England to parents George & Maria Gribble (nee Corley). His birth was registered in the March quarter, 1877 in the district of Camelford, Cornwall, England.

The 1881 England Census recorded Percival Gribble as a 4 year old Scholar, living with his family at No. 5 Canal Cottages, Stratton, Cornwall. His parents were listed as George Gribble (Com. Botm – Coast Guard, aged 39, born Ireland) & Maria Gribble (aged 34, born Ireland). Percival was one of five children listed on this Census – William (Scholar, aged 14, born St. Agnes, Cornwall), Mary E. (Scholar, aged 11, born St. Agnes, Cornwall), Agnes (Scholar, aged 7, born Boscastle, Cornwall) then Percival & George (aged 2, born Boscastle, Cornwall).

Percival Patrick Gribble attended the Penarth Tutorial School.

The 1891 Wales Census recorded Percy Gribble as a 14 year old Scholar, living with his family at 15 Station Road, Penarth, Glamorgan, Wales. His parents were listed as George Gribble (Naval Pensioner, aged 49) & Maria Gribble (aged 44). Percival was one of seven children listed on this Census – Nellie (Dressmaker, aged 20), Agnes (____, aged 16) then Percy, George (Scholar, aged 12), Arthur (Scholar, aged 9, born Bude, Cornwall), Dory (aged 7, born Bude, Cornwall) & Ruby (aged 3, born Penarth, Glamorgan).

The 1901 Wales Census recorded Percival Gribble as a 24 year old Manufacturer's Clerk living with his family at 29 Lord Street, Penarth, Glamorgan, Wales. His parents were listed as George Gribble (Naval Pensioner, aged 60) & Maria Gribble (aged 54). Percival was one of four children listed on this Census – Agnes (School Teacher, aged 25), then Percival, Dora (aged 16) & Ruby (aged 12).

A death for Maria Gribble, aged 56, mother of Percival Patrick Gribble, was registered in the March quarter 1903 in the district of Cardiff, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Percival Patrick Gribble came to Australia when he was 27 years old, having worked at the Portland Cement Works, Penarth as an Invoicing Clerk since leaving school. According to information supplied by his sister for the Roll of Honour - Percival Patrick Gribble was advised by his Doctor to leave England & not return due to his chest trouble.

[The 1911 Wales Census listed Percival's father – George Gribble as a 69 year old widower & Naval Pensioner working as a night Watchman (vessels). He had two daughters living with him – Dora (aged 26) & Ruby (Shop Assistant, aged 23). The family of three lived in a six roomed dwelling at 43 Maughan Street, Penarth, Glamorgan.]

Percival Patrick Gribble was a 39 year old, single, Miner when he enlisted at Cootamundra, NSW on 1st June, 1916 with the 55th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2909 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr George Gribble, of 43 Maughan Street, Penarth, South Wales.

Private Percival Patrick Gribble was posted to Cootamundra Depot Battalion on 1st June, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "B" Company, Depot Battalion at Goulburn, NSW on 22nd June, 1916. Pte Gribble was transferred on 5th September, 1916 to "A" Company, 55th Battalion at Goulburn then transferred again on 9th October, 1916 to "B" Company, 7th Reinforcements, 55th Battalion.

Private Percival Patrick Gribble embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) on 25th October, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 28th December, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Percival Patrick Gribble was posted to "C" Company of 14th Training Battalion in Wiltshire.

Private Percival Patrick Gribble was admitted to Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire, England on 23rd January, 1917 with Bronchitis.

Private Percival Patrick Gribble died at 9.40 am on 30th January, 1917 at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England from Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for Percival P. Gribble, aged 40, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire, England.

A telegram was sent by Dora Gribble, sister of the late Private Percival Patrick Gribble, to Administrative Headquarters A.I.F. on 31st January, 1917 which reads *"In great anxiety kindly state whether arrangements are being made to send home body of Pte PERCIVAL GRIBBLE 2909 and if presence of members family is desired."*

Private Percival Patrick Gribble was buried on 5th February, 1917 in St. Augustine of Hippo Churchyard, Penarth, Glamorganshire, Wales – Plot number S. 15. 2 in the family grave on south side & has a private headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. No burial report was completed as circumstances prevented the attendance of a representative of Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London. The family were to be erecting a Memorial Stone in due course.

A War Pension was applied for by Dora Gribble, sister of the late Private Percival Patrick Gribble but was declined as "no proof of dependence."

Private Percival Patrick Gribble requested in his Will, dated 11th January, 1917, that all money due to him in the event of his death be given to his sister Dora Gribble of 43 Maughan Street, Penarth, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Private Percival Patrick Gribble was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Gribble's sister - Miss D. Gribble (Scroll & Plaque despatched through England in August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private P. P. Gribble – service number 2909, of 55th Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private P. P. Gribble is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 160.

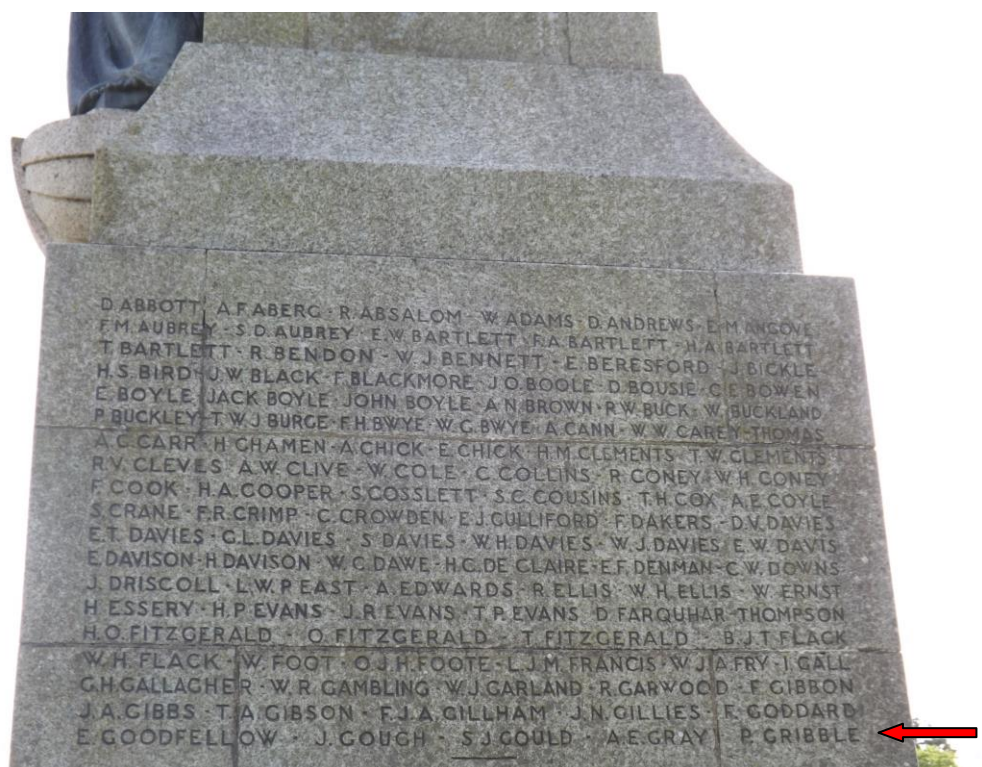


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

P. Gribble is remembered on the Penarth War Memorial, located at Alexandra Park, Beach Road, Penarth, Wales.



Penarth War Memorial (Photos from War Memorials Online- David Larkin)

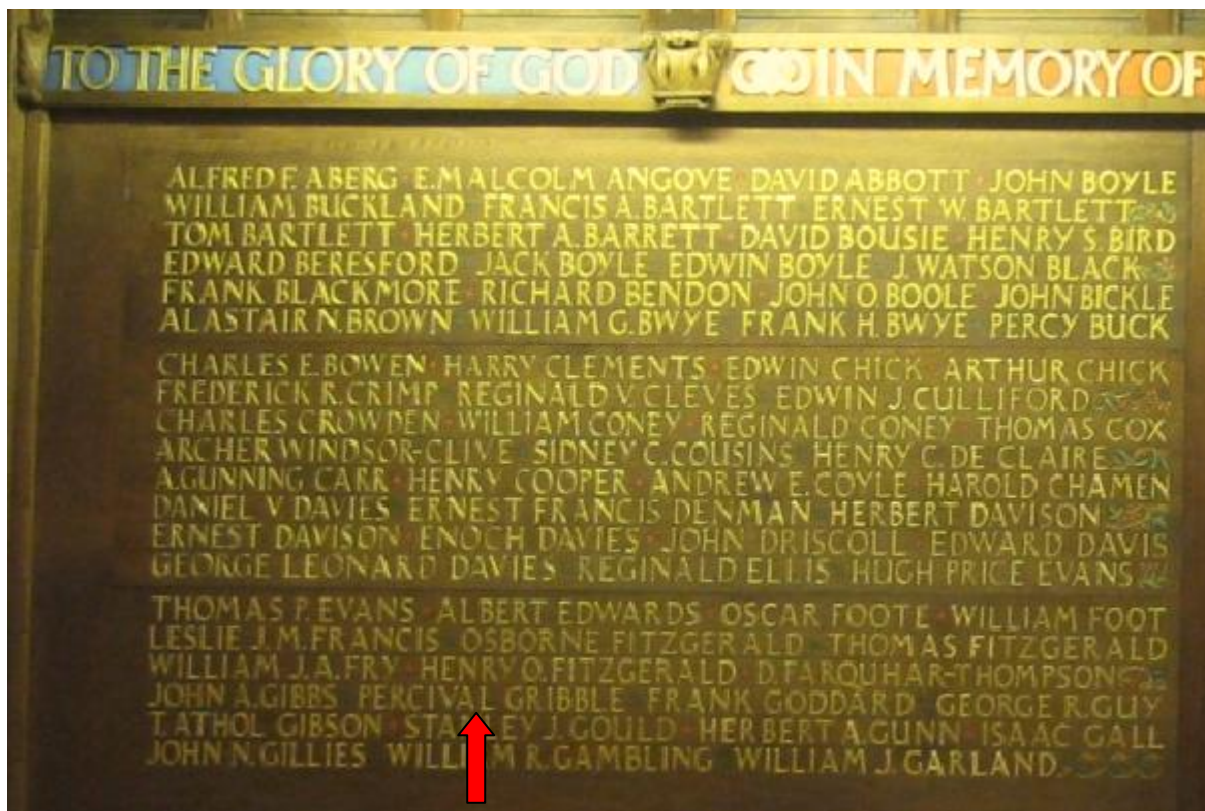


Percival Gribble is remembered on the Roll of Honour located inside St. Augustine's Church, South Penarth, Wales.

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St. Augustine's Church, Penarth Roll of Honour (Photos from War Memorials Online- mhs)



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(47 pages of Pte Percival Patrick Gribble'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

CASUALTIES

272nd LIST ISSUED

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte P. P. GRIBBLE, England

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 15 February, 1917)

St. Augustine of Hippo Churchyard, Penarth, Glamorganshire, Wales

St. Augustine of Hippo Churchyard, Penarth contains 14 Commonwealth War Graves – 10 relating to World War 1 & 4 relating to Word War 2.



St. Augustine of Hippo Church, Penarth *(Photos by Gareth James)*

Photo of Private P. P. Gribble's Private Headstone in St. Augustine of Hippo Churchyard, Penarth, Glamorganshire, Wales.





Also Of Their Sons

WILLIAM PATRICK

Killed In An Explosion At Balicasag, Philippine Islands

Dec. 13 1908 Age 39

PERCIVAL

(Australian Imperial Force) Died In Training At Salisbury Plain

Jan. 30, 1917 Age 38

"The Spirit Shall Return To God Who Gave It"



View from St. Augustine's