

**North Sheen Cemetery,
Richmond, Greater London, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



F. EYTON

AUSTRALIAN MUNITION WORKER

13TH APRIL, 1918 Age 51

Frederick EYTON

Frederick Eyton was born on 24th March, 1862 to parents Thomas & Mary Ann Eyton (nee Charlesworth). His birth was registered in June quarter, 1862 in the district of Walsall, Staffordshire, England.

[The 1861 England Census – (before Frederick was born) listed Thomas Eyton (Brown Saddler, aged 30, born Selattyn, Shropshire) & May Ann Eyton (aged 29, born Old Swinford, Worcestershire) living at 57 Paddock Lane, Walsall, Staffordshire, England with their 2 children – Mary Eyton (aged 3, born Birmingham, Warwickshire) & John Eyton (aged 1, born Walsall, Staffordshire)]

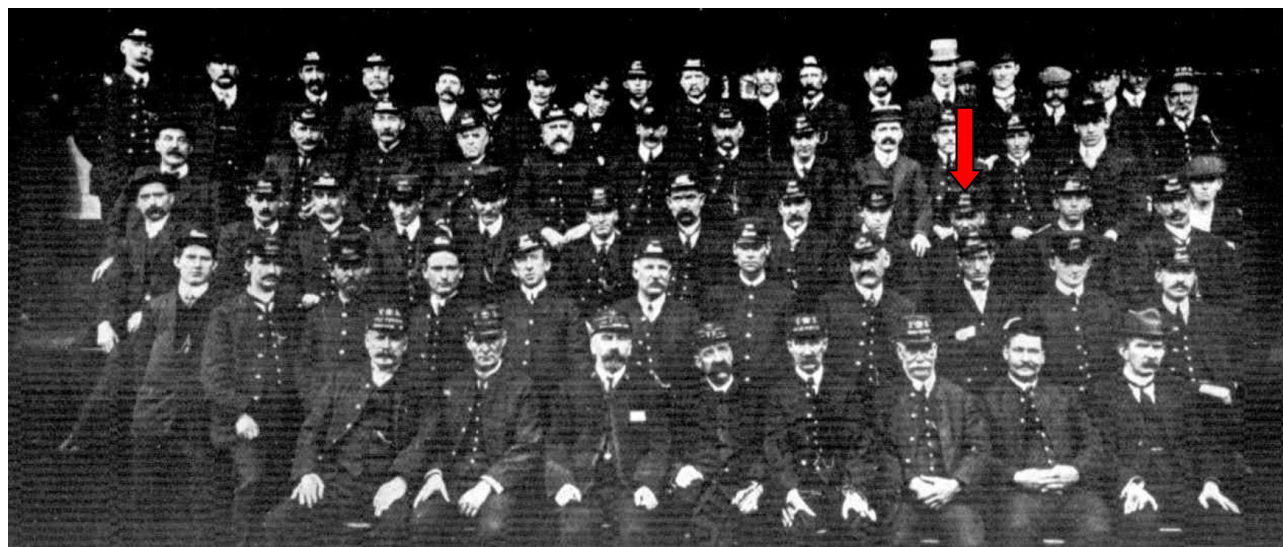
The Eyton Family consisting of Mary Ann Eyton (Housekeeper, aged 27) & her children – Sarah C. Eyton (aged 12), Mary Eyton (aged 11), John Eyton (aged 9) & Frederick Eyton (aged 6) were passengers on *Electric* which departed from the port of Plymouth, England on 30th April, 1869 & was bound for Melbourne, Victoria.

Frederick Eyton attended Scotch College, Melbourne, Victoria.

At the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, 1893 Frederick Eyton, 203 Queen Street, Melbourne, entered 2 exhibits (1774 & 1775) of Gentleman's Saddles under Section 35 – Harness and Saddlery. He entered 2 exhibits (1780 & 1781) of Stock Saddles (for Station use) under the same section.

(Note: Thomas Eyton, father of Frederick Eyton, was a Saddle Manufacturer located at 95 Queen Street, Melbourne, Victoria.)

According to Funeral Notice of his first wife & Death Notice of his second wife – Frederick Eyton was employed by Victorian Railways.



Staff at Flinders Street Station (Punch, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 August, 1912)



Third Row: Messrs T. Sutherland, G. J. Symons (Porter), D. Shaw. M. Hogan, J. Gates. A. J. Binculey, J. King, W. Oliver, J. Reeves, **F. Eyton**, B. Brown Guard, M. Downey.

Frederick Eyton married Louisa Thompson Ellis on 27th March, 1901 at St. Peter's Church, Woolloomooloo, Sydney, NSW. Frederick Eyton, Saddler, aged 39 years, of 78 Oxford St, Paddington, Sydney, NSW (born Walsall, England) listed his parents as Thomas Eyton (Saddler) & Mary Ann Charlesworth. Louisa Thompson Ellis, aged 28 years, of Ocean Street, Woollahra, Sydney, NSW (born Araluen, NSW) listed her parents as John Thompson Ellis (Storekeeper, deceased) & Caroline Ann Hartley.

Marriage Register:

135	27 March	Frederick Eyton	Nachala Walsall Eug ^s	Saddler	39	78 Oxford St Paddington	Thomas Eyton Mary Ann Charlesworth
		Louisa Thompson Ellis	Minister Araluen NSW	Living at home	28	Ocean St Woollahra	John Thompson Ellis Caroline Ann Hartley

Louisa Thompson Eyton died on 12th September, 1910 in Melbourne, Victoria.

Funeral Notice – The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 September, 1910:

FUNERAL NOTICES

EYTON.—The Friends of Mr. FREDERICK EYTON, of Victorian Railways, are respectfully invited to follow the remains of his dearly beloved wife, Louisa Thompson, to the place of interment, in the Boroondarra Cemetery, Kew. The funeral is appointed to leave his residence, 123 George Street, East Melbourne, THIS DAY Wednesday 14th September), at half-past 11 o'clock.

Frederick Eyton married Jessie Elizabeth Oakley on 24th April, 1912 at Christ Church, South Yarra, Victoria.

Marriage Notice – The Prahran Telegraph, Victoria – 18 May, 1912:

Eyton Oakley

A pretty wedding was celebrated at Christ Church, South Yarra, on the 24th of April, the contracting parties being Miss Jessie E. Oakley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Oakley, of Toorak-road, South Yarra, and Mr. Frederick Eyton, second son of the late Mr. Thomas Eyton, merchant, of Queen-street, Melbourne, the Rev. L. Townsend being the officiating minister. Owing to the ill-health of the bride's father, the wedding was of a quiet character. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a grey travelling costume, with a grey satin hat with Lancer plumes, and also wore a gold cable bracelet (the gift of the bridegroom). Miss Carrie Oakley (the sister of the bride), acted as bridesmaid, and wore a pretty electric blue coat and skirt and a black beaver hat. Mr H. F. Fyson acted as best man. Whilst the bridal party were retiring from the church little Miss Thelma Drew (niece of the bridegroom) presented the bride with a pretty white satin horseshoe, to which was attached the usual proverbial wedding spray of flowers. The wedding breakfast was held at the residence of the bride's parents, and the honeymoon was spent at Ballarat and Daylesford. Many valuable and useful presents were received.

Jessie Eyton, wife of Frederick Eyton, died on 16th June, 1912 at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Death Notice – The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 June, 1912:

DEATHS

EYTON (nee Oakley) – On the 16th June, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Jessie, the beloved wife of Frederick Eyton (Victorian Railways) and daughter of David Samuel and Louisa Oakley, of Toorak-road, South Yarra, aged 37 years.

Frederick Eyton applied for enrolment as a Volunteer for Manufacture of Munitions in Great Britain. He was issued a Muniton Worker number of 940.

[Unfortunately there is no other information regarding Frederick Eyton & his time as a Muniton Worker as his file at the National Archives had not been opened at the time of researching]

Australian Munitions Worker Frederick Eyton died on 13th April, 1918 at St. Mark's Hospital, London, England.

A death for Frederick Eyton, aged 58, was registered in the June quarter, 1918 in the district of Paddington, London, England.

Australian Munitions Worker Frederick Eyton was buried in North Sheen Cemetery, Richmond, Surrey, England – Plot number FC. 303 & has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Details from Probate records regarding Frederick Eyton, of 190 Drummond Street, Carlton, Victoria – temporarily resident in England as a Muniton Worker.

- Probate was granted to William Eyton Batten (nephew of Frederick Eyton), Executor, 5 Beresford Street, Caulfield, Victoria on 25th July, 1919.
- £5 was paid to J. H. Hodgetts, Sheffield, England for attendance at inquest London.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Worker Frederick Eyton – service number B/940, aged 51, Australian Muniton Worker. No family details are listed.

Frederick Eyton is one of 29 new names that were added to the World War 1 Honour Roll in Memorial Hall at Scotch College, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria in 2015.



New names added to Scotch College Honour Roll in Memorial Hall (Photo from Scotch College)



Memorial Hall at Scotch College, Melbourne (Photo by Seqlder 2010)

Australian Munitions Worker Frederick Eyton is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



Commemorative Roll (Photo from AWM)



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (*Capital Photographer*)

Australian Munitions Workers

Men enlisted under a joint Australian Commonwealth – Imperial Government scheme for providing skilled Australian workers to British war industries during the First World War. Under this scheme the volunteers would receive free passage to Great Britain, an allowance for travel time, a special allowance for the duration of service, and eventual repatriation to Australia. Married men also received a separation allowance, but were required to allot a portion of all their earnings to dependants. The men were expected to work in whatever industries they were directed to by the British Board of Trade, and under the prevailing conditions and wages for the duration of hostilities.

Government newspaper adverts appeared in August, 1916, and the first party of 76 workers departed Australia in September. Groups continued to be recruited and sent at intervals, with the eventual number of workers under the scheme totalling just over 5,000. Almost 1,000 of these had already been working in Britain under private agreements with large firms such as Vickers, and were brought under the conditions of the scheme. An additional 200 former AIF soldiers were also recruited in Britain. Initially only skilled workers were sought, however at the request of the British Government later groups included large numbers of navvies for general labouring.

These men were not members of the Australian Imperial Forces and did not serve in combat units, but were recruited to meet the shortfall in skilled labour that threatened many of Britain's key wartime industries including munitions.

(Source: Australian War Memorial)



**** Note – The Service Record file for Frederick Eyton, Australian Munition Worker No. 940, had not been purchased at the time of researching from National Archives, Australia. Once the file is purchased it is then open for all to view on-line.**

Information obtained from the CWGC & Australian War Memorial



Newspaper Notices

The newspapers at the time were encouraged not to report munition explosions or deaths through TNT poisoning as it would affect the morale of the civilian population and so reports in newspapers are virtually non-existent. When the war ended the Australians returned home and life moved on.

MUNITION WORKERS

AUSTRALIANS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Melbourne, Thursday.

The Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) announces that during the period from the inception of the schemes for the despatch of munition workers and navvies to Great Britain up to June 30 last, 2662 munition workers had been disembarked in England for employment on munition and war work. There had also been enrolled under the munition workers' scheme 124 men who had been discharged from the A.I.F. in England for that purpose, and two discharged A.I.F. men had enrolled under the navvies' agreement, making the total number of men engaged in work in Great Britain under both these schemes 4,998. Of this number 384 men had returned to Australia – the majority on account of ill-health. There had been 23 deaths. The agreement of 38 men had been cancelled for disciplinary and other reasons. Six of the men had enlisted in the A.I.F., in England, five men had enlisted in the Royal Navy, and nine men had enlisted in the British Army, leaving the total number of men still in England under the Commonwealth agreement as 4,533. In addition these men were registered on the index held in Australia House 674 Australian munition workers who proceeded to Great Britain under private contract prior to the inauguration of the Commonwealth scheme. Of the men still in England on June 30, 1918, 87 were waiting return up to that date, 152 men had proceeded to France to engage in special work, and 107 of them had returned again to England. Australian munition workers were employed at 409 different firms or centres, and navvies at 192, and the value of the output produced by the labour of these men was estimated at £6,000,000.

Provision for the payment of munition workers and navvies who proceeded to Great Britain on war work under the agreement with the Commonwealth Government is made in an amendment to the war financial regulations issued today. Munition workers and navvies are to be provided with a free passage from Australia to Great Britain and back. In the case of munition workers a dependants' allowance of 25s a week, with allowances for children, will be made for the first eight weeks after embarkation. Subsequently the allowance will be 20s. Separation allowances equal to that paid in the case of a private in the A.I.F. will be paid to dependants.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 30 August, 1918)

PERSONAL

We have to record, with regret, the death of Mrs Jessie Eyton, wife of Mr Frederick Eyton, and daughter of Mr and Mrs D. S. Oakley, of Toorak-road, South Yarra, which took place on Sunday last at St. Vincent's Hospital. The deceased lady was thirty-seven years of age. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, the place of interment being the St. Kilda Cemetery.

(The Prahran Telegraph, Victoria – 22 June, 1912)

OBITUARY

It is with very great regret that we have to record the death of **Mrs F. Eyton** (nee Miss Jessie Oakley), daughter of Mr and Mrs David S. Oakley, the old and respected residents of Toorak road, South Yarra. The circumstances surrounding the event are sad and touching in the extreme. But seven weeks ago Miss Oakley was married. She took seriously ill during last week, and on the advice of her medical attendant, Dr Schalit, of Wellington street, she became an inmate of St Vincent's Hospital, and notwithstanding the careful and patient medical skill bestowed upon her, she passed away within four days, death taking place on Sunday last. Mr and Mrs Oakley have received numerous expressions of sympathy from all sides in their painfully sad bereavement. In Mrs Eyton they have lost one of the most loving, kind and dutiful daughters that ever graced a home. For several years she was practically the guiding hand of the household. Her thoughts were ever towards her parents. Her heart and soul were wrapped up in theirs. The greater part of her life was given up to tending to their happiness and comfort. To our friends, Mr and Mrs Oakley, we desire to join in the expressions of condolences that have been extended to them. Their departed daughter Jessie, it should also be added as further testimony of her kindly nature, was one of the most benevolent, generous, and charitable young women in the community. At all times her services were willingly given to any movement that had for its object to help the poor and needy ; and in this respect one of the most pathetic mementoes which she leaves behind is a partly finished article which she was preparing for a charity bazaar to be held in a few weeks' time. **Needless to say, Mr Eyton is sorrow-stricken at the untimely and lamented death of his wife, and his friends have deeply sympathised with him.** Mr Eyton is brother-in-law to Mr F. A. Drew, the well-known tailor of Chapel street, and both Mr and Mrs Drew were overcome at the event which came so unexpected and sudden. The funeral took place on Monday, the remains being interred in the St. Kilda cemetery. Between sixty and seventy wreaths of exquisite designs were forwarded, including one from Mr Jno. Romanis (Town Clerk), the Leagues of Mercy, and other representative people. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev L. Townsend, B. A., of Christ Church, South Yarra, and was most impressive. Included amongst the mourners were the father and uncle of the deceased Mr D. S. Oakley and his brother), Mr Donald Mackinnon, M.L.A., Cr Rupert Nicolson (ex-Mayor of Prahran), ex-Cr Bangs, Mr F. A. Drew, and others. The mortuary arrangements were reverently earned out by Mr B. Matthews, of South Yarra.

(Malvern Standard, Victoria – 22 June, 1912)

U.A.O.D. Star Lodge No. 75

The usual half-yearly election of officers of the Star Lodge took place at the Swan Hotel, Chapel street, Windsor, last Wednesday evening, June 4th, a large number of its members being present. Bro. Taylor, Arch-Druid, opened the lodge and called upon the secretary to name the Brethren elected to take the various offices for the ensuing half year, and they were duly installed by Bro. St. Ledger, District President - Arch Druid, Bro. Dell ; Vice Arch, Bro. W. Essex ; Secretary. Bro. P. Garron ; Treasurer, Bro. Thuding ; Inner Guard, Bro. Gray, Outer Guard, Bro. A. J. Williams ; Arch Bards, Bros. C. Williams and Brook man ; Vice-Arch Bards, Bros. Briginshaw and Stephens ; **Press Correspondent. Bro. F. Eyton** ; Dispensary Delegate, Bro. F. Garson. Bro. McDonald was elected Trustee in place of the late Bro. John Calon Sell. The balance sheet of the lodge was placed before the Brethren, which showed a net balance to the sick and funeral fund of £3069, and the amount of £3000 was out at interest at 5 per cent. A vote of thanks to auditors and to the trustee, Bro. Illsley, and also to the installing officer, Bro. St. Ledger, brought the night's business to a close.

(Malvern Standard, Victoria – 7 June, 1913)

DEATHS

On Active Service

EYTON – On the 18th April, at St. Mark's Hospital, London, Frederick Eyton, beloved brother of Mrs W. Batten, Mrs C. Berry, John Eyton and Mrs F. A. Drew, aged 56 years. At rest.

-Inserted by Mrs William Batten, Elsternwick.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 May, 1918)

MUNITION WORKER

Word has been received of the death, on April 18th, at St. Mark's Hospital, London, of Mr. Frederick Eyton, who some time ago proceeded to England to engage in munition work. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. D.S. Oakley, of S. Yarra, whose daughter, Jessie he married, and who pre-deceased her husband. The late Mr. Eyton was a brother to Mrs. Drew, wife of Mr. F.A. drew, who for many years carried on a tailoring business in Chapel street, Prahan. His two other sisters are Mrs. W. Batten and Mrs. C. Berry and he also leaves a brother Mr. John Eyton.

(*Malvern Standard*, Victoria – 11 May, 1918) & (*Prahran Chronicle*, Victoria – 11 May, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

EYTON – In sad and loving memory of my dear friend, F. Eyton, who passed away on the 18th April, 1918.

We miss him just as much to-day,
As on the he sailed away.

-Inserted by M. Baker, 405 Lygon-street, Carlton.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 April, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

EYTON – A tribute of love to the memory of our dear friend, Fredk. Eyton, who was called to a higher life on the 18th April, 1918, suddenly in England.

-Inserted by M. Baker and M. Brechin, 405 Lygon-street, Carlton.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 April, 1920)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) honours the 1,700,000 men and women of the forces of the Commonwealth who died in the two world wars and ensures that their memory is never forgotten. The applicable periods of consideration are 4 August 1914 to 31 August 1921 for the First World War and 3 September 1939 to 31 December 1947 for the Second World War.

The Commission's principles:

- Each of the dead should be commemorated by name on the headstone or memorial
- Headstones and memorials should be permanent
- Headstones should be uniform
- There should be no distinction made on account of military or civil rank, race or creed

During both WW1 (& WW2) a number of Commonwealth civilian organisations were accepted by the military as qualifying for war grave status.

Members of the Recognised Civilian Organisations had to meet two additional criteria not required by military casualties.

1. Their death had to be caused by war actions or the increased threat caused by war and
2. They had to be on duty at the time of their death – being posted overseas counted as 'being on duty'.

The Australian government deemed that their War and Munitions Workers (men and women) qualified for war grave treatment as they were recruited as a body and were posted overseas for the war effort. Some of their CWGC entries show a 'service number' indicating that they were an organised body.

North Sheen Cemetery, Richmond, Surrey, England (also known as Fulham New Cemetery)

There are 111 Commonwealth War Graves in this cemetery – 52 from World War 1 & 59 from World War 2.

There are 9 WW1 Australian Munition Workers buried here as well as 1 WW1 Royal Flying Corps Officer (born in Australia)



North Sheen Cemetery, Richmond (Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)



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Australian WW1 Munition Workers' CWGC Graves in North Sheen Cemetery (Photo from Surrey in the Great War)
Frederick Eyton's Headstone marked with red arrow

Photo of Australian Munition Worker F. Eyton's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in North Sheen Cemetery, Richmond, Surrey, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Brad Evans)



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 NORTH SHEEN CEMETERY
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- G Gully
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