

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War 1



SISTER

F. I. C. TYSON

AUST. ARMY NURSING SCE.

20TH APRIL, 1919 AGE 28

*CWGC Headstone for Sister F. I. C. Tyson is located in
Grave Plot # 85. L. 5. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Fanny Isobel Catherine TYSON

Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was born at Hay, NSW (district of Balranald) in 1890 to parents John & Theresa A. Tyson (nee Kelly). Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was one of ten children born to John & Theresa Tyson. Her nickname was "Topsy".

A death was registered in 1904 for Theresa Augusta Tyson, aged 40, at Brighton, Victoria.

Fanny Tyson had attended Bendigo Public Hospital between October, 1911 to 1914 for her training & she had certificates in Medical and Surgical Nursing.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Bendigo, subdivision of Sandhurst East, listed Fanny Isobel Cathleen Tyson, Nurse at Bendigo Hospital. Also listed was Theresa Adelaide Tyson, nurse, Bendigo Hospital.

Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was a 25 year old, single, Nurse from Elsternwick, Victoria when she joined the First Australian General Hospital Special Reinforcements of the Australian Army Nursing Service on 17th June, 1915. Fanny's religion was Church of England & her next of kin was listed as her father – Mr J. Tyson of "Deturmilla" Blanche Street, Elsternwick, Victoria.

Staff Nurse Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Wandilla* (A62) on 17th June, 1915. Place & date of disembarkation not noted on Service Record file.

Staff Nurse Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was admitted to 4th Auxiliary Hospital at Abbassia (Cairo, Egypt) on 11th November, 1915 with Mumps. She was still undergoing treatment on 12th December, 1915.

Staff Nurse Tyson proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 6th April, 1916.

Staff Nurse Tyson joined No. 6 General Hospital for duty on 13th April, 1916.

Staff Nurse Tyson reported to No. 1 Australian General Hospital at Rouen on 22nd April, 1916.

Staff Nurse Tyson proceeded on leave on 3rd February, 1917 & rejoined from leave on 22nd February, 1917.

Staff Nurse Tyson was detached to No. 10 Stationary Hospital at Rouen on 7th June, 1917 & reported for duty at St. Omer on 8th June, 1917.

Staff Nurse Tyson was posted to 2nd Casualty Clearing Station on 17th July, 1917.

Staff Nurse Tyson was posted to 2nd Australian General Hospital in the field on 4th January, 1918.

Staff Nurse Tyson reported for duty at D.D.M.S. (Deputy Director of Medical Services) Boulogne at Wimereux on 8th January, 1918.

Staff Nurse Tyson was on leave to Cannes on 11th January, 1918 and ceased to be attached to 2nd Australian General Hospital for duty.

Staff Nurse Tyson reported for duty, from leave, at 5th Stationary Hospital at Dieppe on 1st February, 1918.

Staff Nurse Tyson was on leave to UK on 18th September, 1918 & to be retained on completion.

Staff Nurse Tyson was promoted to Sister on 1st October, 1918.

Sister Tyson was attached to 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Southall for duty on 4th October, 1918 & detached on 19th October, 1918.

Sister Tyson was attached to 2nd Group Clearing Hospital for duty on 18th October, 1918 at Hurdcott, Wiltshire. (date is as written).

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 20th April, 1919.

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson died at 8 pm on 20th April, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Cerebral Haemorrhage.

A death for Fanny I. C. Tyson, aged 29, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was buried on 23rd April, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 85. From the burial report of Sister Tyson - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from No. 1 Australian Training Brigade Sutton Veny. Six Australians supported the Pall. The “Last Post” was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A large number of Officers, N.C.O.’s and Men followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Flowers were sent by “Sister Simpson”, “Nursing Staff, 1st A.G.H.”, “Matron and Nursing Staff, Military Hospital, Fovant”, “Staff and other ranks, 1st A.G.H.”, “O.C. and Members Officers’ Mess, 1st A.G.H.”, “Brig-General R. L. Leane and Staff, No. 4 Group Headquarters”, “Comrades and Staff No. 2 Group Clearing Hospital”, “Friends at No. 6 Mess”. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral. Also in attendance at the funeral were Sister Tyson’s brother (Dvr C. E. Tyson, 3211, 12th Army Bde, A.F.A., A.I.F.) and sister (Sister T. A. Tyson) and (Friend) Mr Fry.*

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sister Tyson’s father – Mr J. Tyson (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1923).

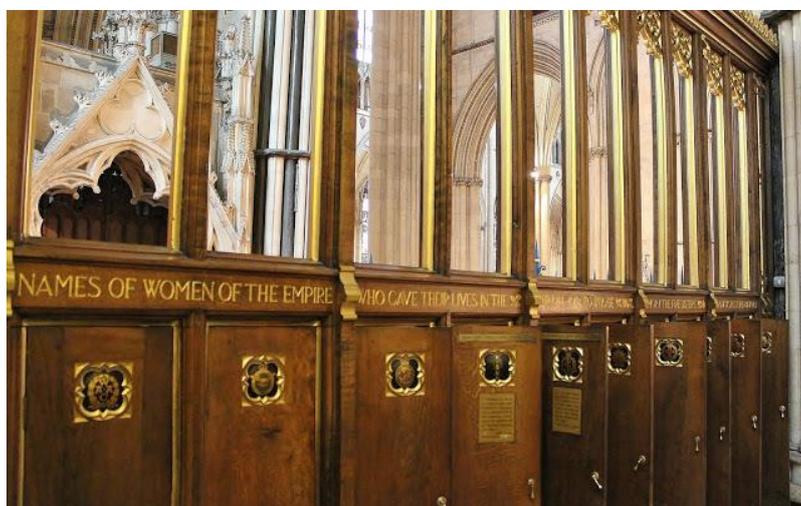
The CWGC lists Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson of Australian Army Nursing Service as the daughter of John and Teresa Tyson of 18 Blanche St, Elsternwick, Victoria. Born at Balranald, New South Wales.

Sister F. I. C. Tyson is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 188.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Sister Fanny Tyson is one of the names remembered on a panel on the Roll of Honor Tablet that is beside the Five Sisters Window in York Minster, York, England. The Tablet bears the names of representatives of many associations, services and corps, including Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Women's Royal Air Force, Women's Land Army, and the Canadian, Newfoundland, Australian, New Zealand and Union of South Africa Army Nursing Services.



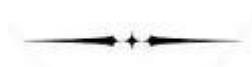
Five Sisters Window in York Minster

The wooden memorial screen (right) is in the North Transept of York Minster. Each door bears the crest of a regiment and written inside are the names of the women who served in that regiment and were killed during the First World War. The doors can be opened by anyone to view the names inside.

The screen also records that the Five Sisters window in York Minster was restored by women in memory of their fallen comrades. The window is now a memorial to the women who gave their lives in both World Wars.

(60 pages of Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives.





Fanny Tyson

Family photo believed to be taken when she had just finished her training in Victoria.

(Courtesy of Bernadette Mary Tyson Peck)



(Photograph - *Table Talk* Thursday 17 June 1915 page 3)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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HELIOPOLIS, EGYPT, 1915.

**GROUP PORTRAIT OF THE STAFF OF NO. 1 AUXILIARY HOSPITAL,
1ST AUSTRALIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL, HELIOPOLIS.**

BACK ROW: SISTERS Cook, Scott, Steele.

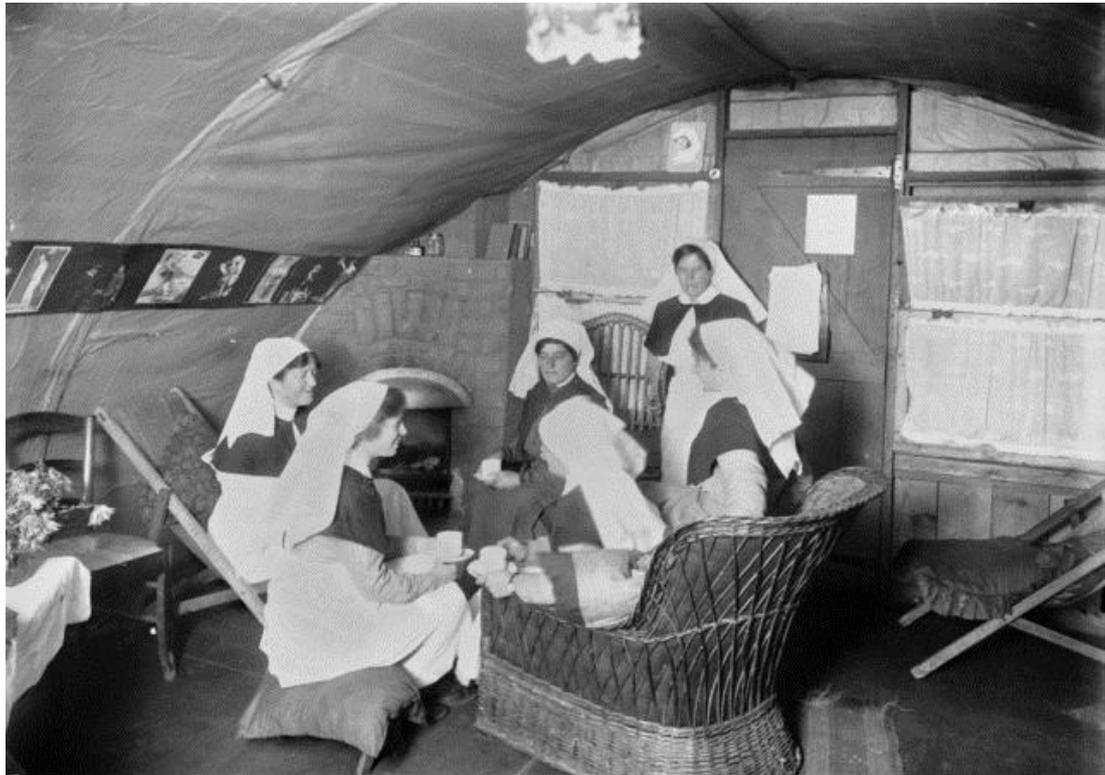
2ND ROW: SISTERS Elizabeth Cleland; Nicholson, STAFF NURSE (SN) Katherine Lawrence Porter, Dement, Fitz-Gibbin, Baxter, Hayes, Hunter, McClelland, Grewar, Dogherty, McLean.

3RD ROW: SISTERS Greenaway, Whiteman, Ellis, SN Eleanor Dagma Gjedsted, Reid, Collopy, Davies, King, Rose, Doepke, Howard, McDonald, Walsh, Guthrie.

4TH ROW: SISTERS Jane Grizelda Gerrand, Jacobson, Mackay, Instone, Gallin, Brown, White, Rodgers, Hodgson, Huxley, Bowman.

5TH ROW: CAPTAIN Cook, SISTER Imlay, CAPTAIN Clowes, SISTER Langford, MAJOR Brown (SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER), MISS Graham (MATRON), CAPTAIN Graig, SISTER Corwall, CAPTAIN Gray.

FRONT ROW: SISTERS Lightbody, Verey, MISS Ibrahim (RED CROSS), SISTERS Robinson, Robson, Draper, **Tyson**, Stafford, Avenell.
(DONOR E. Leitch)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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From AWM - Australian nurses taking tea in their quarters at the 2nd Australian Casualty Clearing Station, near Steenwerck. Left to right: Sister Mildred Crocker-Brown; Sister (Topsy) Tyson; Sister Homan (centre background); Sister Louisa Stobo (centre foreground); Sister Steward (standing); Sister Shepherd. (Photo taken 30 November, 1917)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Patients and staff of Ward No. 7, No. 2 Group Clearing Hospital, at the AIF camp, Hurdcott. Nurse Tyson on left. Photo taken 16th April, 1919.

Newspaper Reports

A SOLDIER'S LETTER

Sergeant Jack O'Connor, writing to his parents from 1st Southern General Hospital, Birmingham, England, says — I have received my issue, but not too bad. For a long time I had been thinking of the old saying, 'Play with the cat long enough and it will scratch you,' and seemed inclined to think it incorrect as for over two years I've been playing with the cat but it scratched. We were on the Ypres front.....got me in both legs and the sole of my right foot.Won't be able to walk for a while. I hope it won't interfere with me in after life. I've only doubts about one. Bed is not a place I was cut out for, though I could always do my time between the blankets. It is rotten having to lie here all day with very little to do. I received my first dope at the C.C.S., and the second at the First Australian General Hospital, Rouen. I wasn't too good before or after the dope. My legs were sore all that night. At Rouen I reckon I was lucky in getting into an Australian hospital. Sister Tyson was in charge of the ward. She knew the back country better than I did, having lived for some time at Junanbung station. This has knocked out my trip to Paris, but I will have furlough over there. Our advance had just commenced when I was knocked, needless to say, ere you have read it.....

(Kerang Observer, Victoria – Wednesday 9 January, 1918)

DIED ON SERVICE

TYSON – On Easter Sunday, at Hurdcott Camp, Salisbury, England, Sister J. I. Tyson (Topsy) third beloved daughter of John Tyson, Blanche Street, Elsternwick.

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – Thursday 24 April, 1919)

PERSONAL

Cable advices have been received of the death of Sister J. I. Tyson, at Hurdcott Camp, Salisbury, England on Easter Sunday, says the 'Riverina Grazier.' Sister Tyson, who had been on active service for some considerable time, was a daughter of Mr John Tyson, of Elsternwick, and a sister of Sister Tyson, of the Hay Hospital staff.

(Daily Advertiser, Wagga Wagga, NSW – Friday 2 May, 1919)

NURSES' MEMORIAL

LONDON APPEAL

Twenty-four members of the Australian nursing service either died or were killed on active service during the war. Their names are included in a list of Dominion nurses who made the supreme sacrifice, forwarded by the Committee of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital Extension Fund in London to the Premier. The extension is to be a memorial to those women of the Dominions.

The committee suggests that if 10,000 hostesses in the Empire give a gift tea party—a dance, bridge, whist, or competition tea—to a few friends, asking them to do the same, a large proportion of the sum required to complete the extension of the hospital would be found.

The Australian nurses whose names are on the list are:- Matron J. M. Walker, R.R.C; Sisters H. M. Knox, E. A. Moorhouse, N.V. Mowbray, G. E. Munro, K. L. Porter, F. I. C. Tyson, B. Williams; Staff Nurses L. A. Bicknell, E. Clare, R. Dickinson, M. Hennesey, L. G. Moreton, A. V. O'Grady, R. O'Kane, K. Power, D. A. Ridgway, E.

Rothery, A. M. Thompson, M. F. Stafford, B. M. Watson; and Voluntary Workers A. Brennan, Rignall, L.B., and L. Grant.

On the same list are the names of 60 Canadian women, 15 New Zealanders, four South Africans, one woman from India and three members of the overseas nursing association.

(*The Queenslander*, Brisbane, Qld – Saturday 9 May, 1925)

MEMORIAL SERVICE

EMPIRE ARMY SISTERS

The women of Melbourne yesterday paid a tribute to the memory of the women of the Empire who laid down their lives in the great war at a service held in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. This service was arranged to coincide with the service at which the Duchess of York would unveil after restoration the Five Sisters Window in York Minster.

A roll of honor tablet has been placed beside the window bearing the names of representatives of many associations, services and corps, including Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Women's Royal Air Force, Women's Land Army, and the Canadian, Newfoundland, Australian, New Zealand and Union of South Africa Army Nursing Services. A panel of the tablet contains the following names of the Australian Army Nursing Service, Australian Imperial Forces: — Matron Jean Walker., R.R.C.; Sister Hilda Knox, Sister Edith Moorhouse, Sister Norma Mowbray, Sister Gertrude Munro, Sister Kathleen Porter, R.R.C; Sister Fanny Tyson, Sister Blodwyn Williams, Staff Nurse Louisa N. Bicknell, Staff Nurse Emily Clare, Staff Nurse Ruby Dickinson, Staff Nurse May Hennessey, Staff Nurse Letitia Moreton, Staff Nurse Amy O'Grady, Staff Nurse Rosa O'Kane. Staff Nurse Kathleen Power, Staff Nurse Doris Ridgway, Staff Nurse Elizabeth Rothery, Staff Nurse Mary Stafford, Staff Nurse Ada Thompson, Staff Nurse Beatrice Watson; Miss Adele Brennan, Miss Lydia Grant, Miss L. B. Riggall, V.A.D.'s.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – Thursday 25 June, 1925)

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 at St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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*)

Mr John Tyson, father of late Sister Fanny Tyson, wrote a letter to Base Records dated 24th September, 1921 stating that "*I am pleased to say a suitable headstone has been erected by her Sister & Brother & kind friends & comrades of the A.I.F. who were present at the time of her death.*"

Sister Fanny Isobel Catherine Tyson does not have a personal inscription on her CWGC headstone.

Photo of Sister F. I. C. Tyson's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)



War Graves at Sutton Veny *(Photos from CWGC)*

