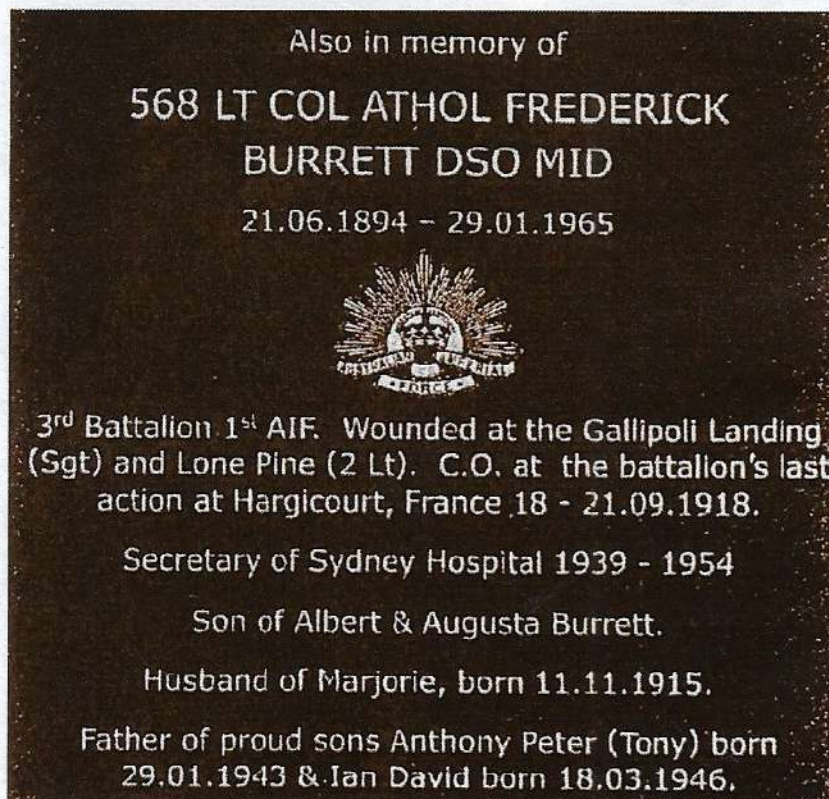




MC Peter Harrington, the Patron of the North Ryde RSL sub-Branch, my son Brett and myself at the site of internment of my father's ashes, where I arranged for a plaque to be added. (photo: Cemetery Management)



The plaque wording at the site of internment of my father's ashes.

Honouring Dad

Apart from Lone Pine and Dad, there were hundreds of other battles and stories of heroes that would emphasise my reasoning for wanting to get names of those who returned, as well as those who died, on community war memorials. Nevertheless, I feel that Dad's diary entries, and the other examples mentioned, reflect the human side of WWI and explain and support why I have embarked upon my quest.

I'm ashamed to say that it wasn't until 2014 that I seriously started researching Dad and gaining a greater understanding of him, his mates and WWI. I was also derelict in not doing all I could to honour Dad. After reading this book **you** might feel inclined to do more to research and honour your ancestor/s who served.

Dad died of a burst abdominal aorta on 29 January 1965. A funeral service was held at St Andrews Church of England Cathedral in Sydney, a church he had attended. There were a few Sirs and generals present but I don't recollect who they were. His Australian flag-draped coffin received a police escort on its way to Woronora cemetery, where he was cremated.

A few weeks later, when I was living in Goulburn, NSW, I answered a knock on the door from a postman delivering Dad's ashes. For some reason I would not touch the parcel and it was returned to sender. Early in 2015, my son, Dr Brett Jack Athol Burrett, discovered that Dad's ashes had been placed in the grave of his mother, Augusta, at Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium (Lot 46 Section K-14 Anglican portion), North Ryde, NSW, on 23 December 1966. There was no service at the time. I arranged for my grandmother's headstone to be regilded and the grave to be tidied up, as well as organised a bronze raised-letter plaque, in memory of Dad, to be placed on the grave.