



# A Soldier of the Great War

## Private James Hourihan

### 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF



## Private James Hourihan

Regimental number	6426
Place of birth	Maryborough, Queensland
School	Kilkivan School, Queensland
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Teamster
Address	Thinoomba, Maryborough, Queensland
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	30
Next of kin	Sister, Mrs Mary Clifford, Tarong via Nanago, Queensland
Enlistment date	15 August 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<a href="#">26th Battalion, 18th Reinforcement</a>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/43/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A64 <i>Demosthenes</i> on 23 December 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	26th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 15 September 1917
Place of death or wounding	Polygon Wood, Ypres, Belgium
Age at death	31
Age at death from cemetery records	31
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (Panel 23), Belgium The Menin Gate Memorial (so named because the road led to the town of Menin) was constructed on the site of a gateway in the eastern walls of the old Flemish town of Ypres, Belgium, where hundreds of thousands of allied troops passed on their way to the front, the Ypres salient, the site from April 1915 to the end of the war of some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

The Memorial was conceived as a monument to the 350,000 men of the British Empire who fought in the campaign. Inside the arch, on tablets of Portland stone, are inscribed the names of 56,000 men, including 6,178 Australians, who served in the Ypres campaign and who have no known grave.

The opening of the Menin Gate Memorial on 24 July 1927 so moved the Australian artist Will Longstaff that he painted 'The Menin Gate at Midnight', which portrays a ghostly army of the dead marching past the Menin Gate. The painting now hangs in the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, at the entrance of which are two medieval stone lions presented to the Memorial by the City of Ypres in 1936.

Since the 1930s, with the brief interval of the German occupation in the Second World War, the City of Ypres has conducted a ceremony at the Memorial at dusk each evening to commemorate those who died in the Ypres campaign.

Panel number, Roll of Honour,  
Australian War Memorial

Miscellaneous information from  
cemetery records  
Other details

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Parents: Denis and Mary HOURIHAN. Native of Maryborough, Queensland

War service: Western Front

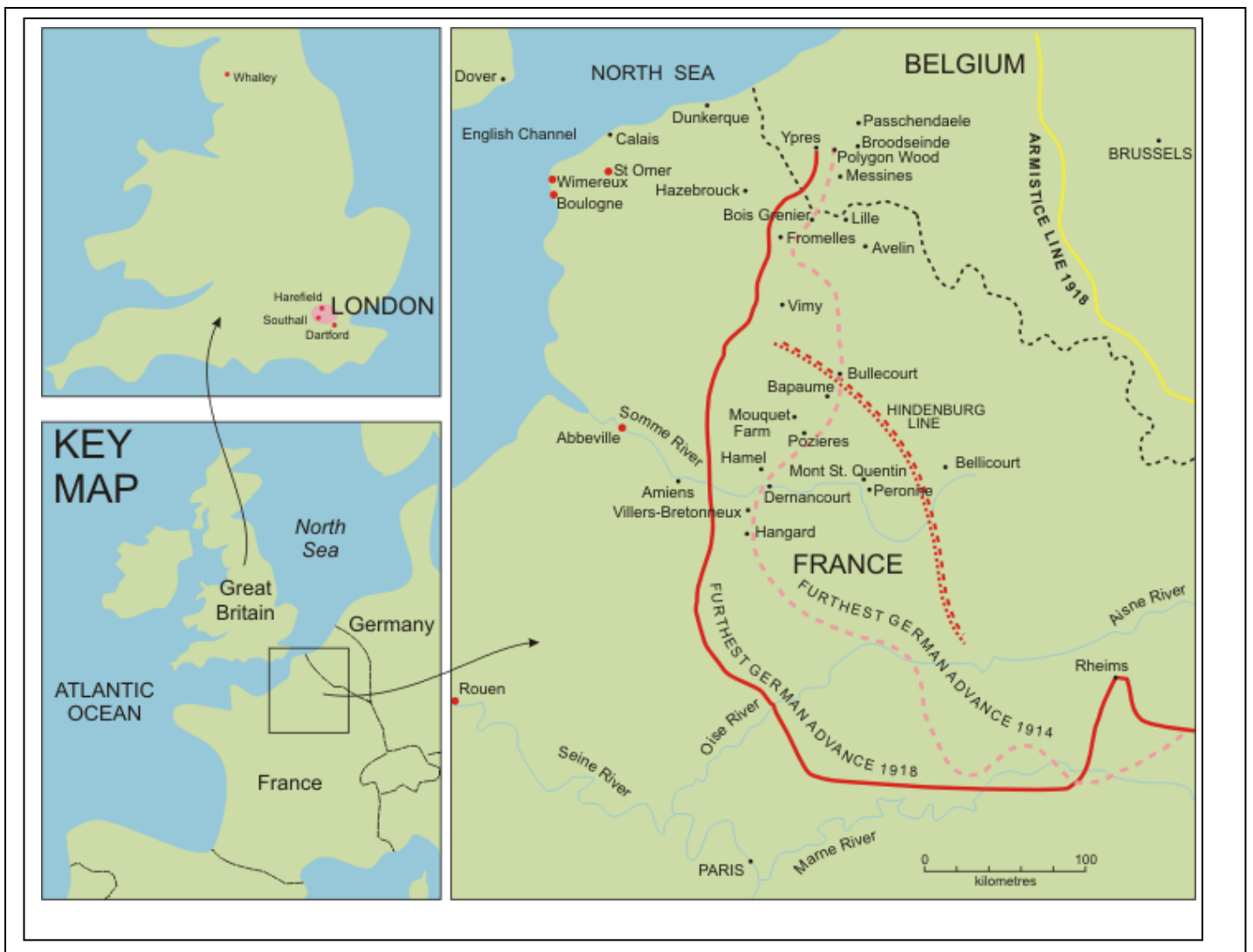
Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal



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## The Menin Road 1917



**James Hourihan**, a British born Australian was born in 1886 and was from Tarong near Kingaroy in Queensland. His occupation was teamster and farmer. He enlisted in the AIF on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1916 and embarked on the HMAT DEMOSTHENES on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1916, bound for Egypt. He joined the 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion as a reinforcement. He was 30 years old at the time of enlistment. Accompanying him was his brother John from Maryborough. John would also serve on the front line and would return home with severe shellshock.

After initial training with the 7<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion in England, the brothers were finally in France, arriving on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1917 in Havre and marching to join their unit on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 1917.

Training took place during a very wet August while operations were conducted around Bapaume and the Abbey near Woestine in the St Omen region where further rest periods and training for operations were conducted. On the 13<sup>th</sup> September the Battalion operated around Steenvoorde and Menin Road area where heavy bombardments took place. On the 18<sup>th</sup> September many gas shells were thrown at the 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion area and further heavy bombardments. There was to be a major offensive which rain had delayed but finally on the 20<sup>th</sup> September the various Battalions in support of each other launched an offensive that finally took Westhoek Ridge and into areas of PolyGon Wood.. It was here that 16 members of the Battalion were killed and 8 were to remain missing along with many wounded.

James Francis Hourihan was one of the missing over this period who to this day has never been found, only to be remembered on the Menin Gate.

His brother John was to fight on during October and on the 10<sup>th</sup> November was to be admitted to hospital in Belgium finally being diagnosed with severe shell shock and returned to Etaples where he was on active service with the Australian Employment Company before being medically unfit, returned finally back to Weymouth in England where he was repatriated back to Australia.

The diary events of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup> September of the action on the Westhoek Ridge and Menin Road area.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY			Army Form C. 2118.
Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.			(Erase heading not required.)
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			(c) A & B Trench from WESTHOEK RIDGE to dead ground on the eastern slope. The whole of A Company was engaged in carrying to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> objective and in addition the platoons under Lieut Pearson were working under the Btl. Bombing Officer. At 7 P.M. on the 20 <sup>th</sup> the Btl. took up a position on WESTHOEK RIDGE and remained there till relieved by 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn. The relief was completed by 11 o'clock on night of 21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> and the Btl. moved back to HALIFAX CAMP arriving there about 3 A.M. The march back to the camp was a good one, well led by the new who were thoroughly down up off their 56 hours vigil but they were welcomed into camp with a hot meal and a good run ration.
HALIFAX CAMP	21.9.17		The total casualties were two officers, sixteen O.R. killed, three officers, twenty nine O.R. wounded, whilst eight O.R. were missing. Btl. moved to WIPPENHOEK AREA by route march (operation unsuccessful) arriving there at 12 noon. The camp was a tented one and was occupied by 5 <sup>th</sup> Australian Divisional Detachment.
RENNINGHEEST	24.9.17		The period was spent in resting, route marching, PT and publicity instruction.
	29.9.17		Planning of operations on 29 <sup>th</sup> just to hold, having P.O. (only German) 2300 hrs. at last time who had been wounded by a bomb from an aeroplane.
	30.9.17		Btl. moved to BELGIAN CHATEAU by route march (operation successful) arriving there at 2 P.M. There was a lot of traffic on the road which inconvenienced the march a great deal.

## 26<sup>th</sup> Battalion

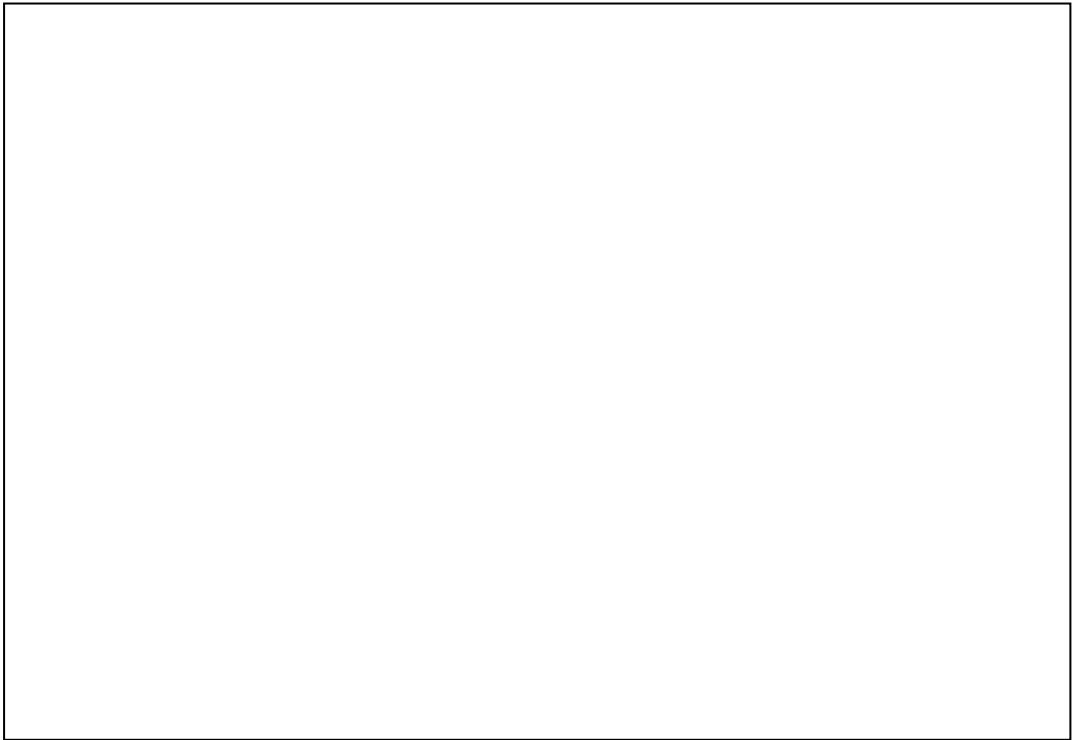
After another stint in Egypt, the 7th Brigade proceeded to France as part of the 2nd Australian Division in March 1916. In concert with the 28th Battalion, the 26th mounted the first trench raid undertaken by Australian troops on the Western Front on 6 June. The Battalion fought in its first major battle around Pozières between 28 July and 7 August. After a short spell in Belgium, the 2nd Division came south in October to attack again in the Somme Valley. The 26th Battalion took part in two attacks to the east of Flers, both of which floundered in mud and slush.

In early 1917, the 26th Battalion joined the follow-up of the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line and attacked at Warlencourt and Lagincourt. On 3 May, the Battalion was also involved in the second attempt to breach the Hindenburg Line defences around Bullecourt. Later that year the focus of the AIF's operations switched to Belgium. There, the 26th Battalion fought in the battle of Menin Road on 20 September, and participated in the capture of Broodseinde Ridge on 4 October.

Like most AIF battalions, the 26th fought to turn back the German spring offensive in April 1918, and in the lull that followed the front line.

In one such operation in Monument Wood on 14 July the 26th Battalion captured the first German tank to fall into Allied hands - No. 506 "Mephisto". In another, on 17 July, Lieutenant Albert Borrella was awarded the Victoria Cross. Later in the year the 26th participated in the great offensive that began on 8 August, its most notable engagement being an attack east of Mont St Quentin on 2 September. The Battalion's last action of the war was the capture of Lormisset, part of the operation to breach the Beaulieu Line, on 3 October 1918. The 26th Battalion was disbanded in May 1919.

*The Menin Road*





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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6426

Name HOURLIHAN JAMES FRANCIS

Unit 18/26 B<sup>th</sup>

Enlisted on 15th August 1916

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. What is your Name? ... ..  | 1. <u>JAMES FRANCIS HOURLIHAN</u>   |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  | 2. In the Parish of _____ in or<br>the Town of <u>MARYBOROUGH</u><br>in the County of <u>QUEENSLAND</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... ..  | 3. <u>BRITISH BORN</u>  |
| 4. What is your Age? ... ..   | 4. <u>30 yrs. 4 mths.</u>   |
| 5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... ..  | 5. <u>Teamster</u>  |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... ..   | 6. <u>No</u>  |
| 7. Are you married? ... ..  | 7. <u>No</u>  |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...  | 8. <u>MR (SISTER) MRS MARY HOURLIHAN</u><br><u>BLIFFORD</u><br><u>TARONG, VIA NAMBAGO, QUEENSLAND.</u>  |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ...   | 9. <u>No</u>  |
| 10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... ..                   | 10. <u>No</u>   |
| 11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... ..                         | 11. <u>No</u>   |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?  | 12. <u>No</u>   |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... ..  | 13. <u>No</u>   |
| 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—<br>Do you understand that no separation allowance will be granted in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per week? | 14. <u>No</u>   |
| 15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... ..   | 15. <u>Yes</u>  |

JAMES FRANCIS HOURLIHAN

I, JAMES FRANCIS HOURLIHAN, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service

for the support of my wife and children.

Date 15th August 1916

Date

James Francis Hourlihan  
Signature of person enlisted.

D.277(11.15.—G.1879). \* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age. † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

**JAMES FRANCIS HOURIHAN** on Enlistment.

4 months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS.	
9 inches.	D. 6	D. 6
	Scar on Chin	

Army Form B. 103. Regimental Number **6426**

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps **18th Bde 28th Battalion A.I.F.**

Rank **Private** Surname **HOURIHAN** Christian Name **James Francis**

Religion **R. C.** Age on Enlistment **30** years **4** months

Enlisted (a) **15/8/16** Terms of Service **War & 4 months** Service reckons from (a) **15/8/16**

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Extended {.....} Re-engaged {.....} Qualification (b).....  
or Corps Trade and rate.....

Occupation..... Signature of Officer.....

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks <small>Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.26, or other official documents.</small>
	From whom received	<small>Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as recorded on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.</small>			
	O/C Troops A64 "Demosthenes"	Embarked	Sydney	22.12.16	LR.326 )
		Disembarked	Plymouth	3. 3.17	6. 3.17 )
3.17	O/C 7th Trg Bn	Marched in from Australia	Rollestone	3. 3.17	DO.20/E of 28/3/17 B213.LR534
15. 4.17	do	P.U.O. to Fargo Hospital	do	12. 4.17	LR2751
12. 4.17	Mil.Hosp	Influenza. Admitted	Fargo	12. 4.17	
19. 4.17	do	Discharged to Depot	do	19. 4.17	
	O/C 7th Trg Bn	((Pte)Proceeded O/seas France			{ DO.43/E of 27/6/17 LR4307.
19. 6.17	7th Trg Bn	{ex Rollestone via	Southampton	19. 6.17	
20. 6.17	2 A.D.B.D.	Admitted from England	Havre	20. 6.17	AX 9267.
7. 7.17	do	Proceeded to join Unit	do	7. 7.17	AX 9840
					{ DO.41/4761
14. 7.17	C/O 26 Bn	Taken on strength	France	9. 7.17	{ B213.B21/28

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.  
(b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c. W. 9235-31179 2020a W.G. (P.11) C. P. & S., Ltd., Form B.103 E.1497. P.T.O.

I hereby certify that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the conditions of service have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

LIEUT.. **1916**  
*Range*  
Act, and *Commanding 18/26 Batt*







Description of JAMES FRANCIS HOURIHAN on Enlistment.

Age 30 years 4 months.  
 Height 5 feet 9 inches.  
 Weight 148 lbs.  
 Chest Measurement 32-34 inches.

## DISTINCTIVE MARKS.

D. 6                      D. 6  
 Scar on Chin  
 Moles on each side of Body

FIELD SERVICE. <sup>230510</sup>

Army Form B. 2090a.

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36, or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT | 26th Battalion A.I.F. | Squadron, Troop, } 18th Reinforcements  
 OR CORPS | | Battery or Company |  
 Regimental No. 6426 Rank Private  
 Surname HOURIHAN Christian Names JAMES FRANCIS  
 Died { Date 15th September 1917 Place Belgium.  
 Cause of Death\* Killed in Action.  
 Nature and Date of Report Casualty report dated 16th September 1917.  
 By whom made Commanding Officer 26th Battalion A.I.F.

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place Particulars not yet to hand Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 By whom reported \_\_\_\_\_

State whether he leaves { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) Will not (b) in Small Book (if at Base) \_\_\_\_\_  
 a Will or not { (c) as a separate document received.

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the Deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26 18/26  
 Date 21st November 1917. Adjutant-General's Office at the Base } Thurley Lieut.,  
 (1452) WBS/7/1283 503,000 \*216 JFW (E222) Forms/225/042 Officer i/c Records.

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## CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to 18/26Date 1 DEC 1918Place Rifle Range

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Handers Lieut  
 Commanding 18/26 Batt

B103 France  
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Statement of Service of No. 6426 Name HODGKIN James Francis

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11th. Depot Btn.	Private	25-9-16	4 OCT 1916	with Capt
22nd. REINFORCEMENT 15th. BATTALION.	do.	4-10-16	30 OCT 1916	growth
Eplo School 18/26	pte	30-10-16	30-11-16	H.L.
		1 DEC 1916		
18/26 Btn	Embarked. Sydney Demosthenes..	22-12-16	L.R. 526	
	Disembarked Plymouth	3-3-17	5-3-17	
	Rt. M/1 7th. Batt. M. Aust.	Rollstone	3.3.7.	R/O 20/2563E LR 524 28.37
	(P) Proceeding Seas to Home ex 7th B Rollstone	Shanghai	19.2.17	LR 4307 27/4/17 D.O. 3/4/4413
26 Bn	(P) LOS from 18/26 Bn	France	9/7/17	1004/4761 2.7/17
26 Bn	KILLED IN ACTION.	France	15.9.17	6382 1849 P.L. 47621 20.9.17

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED



Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 6426

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Rank Pte D30570 Regiment or Corps 18/26<sup>th</sup> Bn.  
 Surname HOURIHAN Christian Name James Francis  
 Religion R.C. Age on Enlistment 30 years 4 months  
 Enlisted (a) 15/8/16 Terms of Service (a) war & 4 yrs Service reckons from (a) 15/8/16  
 Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....  
 Extended (.....) Re-engaged (.....) Qualification (b) .....  
 or Corps Trade and Rate .....  
 Occupation ..... Signature of Officer .....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 101, Army Form A. 16, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 101, Army Form A. 16, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...	Sydney	22.12.16	(I.R. 326)
		Disembarked...	Plymouth	3.3.17	(5.3.17)
	<u>Q.C. Troops</u>	<u>A64 "Demosthenes"</u>			
<u>11.3.17</u>	<u>6 Coy 18 Bn</u>	<u>Marched in from Australia</u>	<u>Perth</u>	<u>3.3.17</u>	<u>AK 574 17/10/17</u> <u>AK 20/2 27/11/17</u>
<u>13.4.17</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>Seck to 2nd Coy (P.C.O)</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>12.4.17</u>	<u>DR 2751</u>
<u>12.4.17</u>	<u>Med. Staff.</u>	<u>Adm. Influenza</u>	<u>Largo</u>	<u>12.4.17</u>	
<u>19.4.17</u>	<u>6 Coy</u>	<u>Discharged to Hospital</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>19.4.17</u>	
<u>19.6.17</u>	<u>2 Coy 18 Bn</u>	<u>He proceeded of seas France via</u>	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>19.6.17</u>	<u>AK 136 27/6/17</u>
<u>20.6.17</u>	<u>2 Coy Base</u>	<u>ADMITTED FROM ENGLAND</u>	<u>Nancy</u>	<u>20.6.17</u>	<u>AK 9267</u>
<u>7.7.17</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>PROCEEDED TO JOIN UNIT</u>	<u>Do</u>	<u>7.7.17</u>	<u>AK 9840</u>
<u>14.7.17</u>	<u>Go 26 Bn.</u>	<u>TAKEN ON STRENGTH</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>9.7.17</u>	<u>AK 14761</u> <u>AK 13 22/1/18</u>

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 (b) Signaller, Shewing-Smith, &c. W. 1386-M447 1000 1/17 (2762) S.P. & Co., Ltd. Forms B. 101/4 B. 1384. P.T.O.





**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 18th Rfts 26th Battalion A.I.F.

Rank Private Surname H O U R I H A N Christian Name James Francis

Religion R. C. Age on Enlistment 30 years 4 months

Enlisted (a) 15/3/16 Terms of Service War & 4 months Service reckons from (a) 15/3/16

Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....

Extended ( ..... ) Re-engaged ( ..... ) Qualification (b) .....  
or Corps Trade and rate .....

Occupation ..... Signature of Officer .....

Date	Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks <small>Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.</small>
	From whom received	<small>Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &amp;c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.</small>			
		O/C Troops A64 "Demosthenes"	Embarked .. Sydney	22.12.16	IR.326 y
			Disembarked .. Plymouth	3. 3.17	5. 3.17 )
11. 3.17	O/C 7th Trg Bn	Marched in from Australia	Rollestone	3. 3.17	DO.20/E of 26/3/17 B213, IR534
15. 4.17	do	P.U.O. to Fargo Hospital	do	12. 4.17	IR2751
12. 4.17	Mil.Hosp	Influenza. Admitted	Fargo	12. 4.17	
19. 4.17	do	Discharged to Depot	do	19. 4.17	
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20. 6.17	2 A.D.B.D.	Admitted from England	Havre	20. 6.17	AX 9267.
7. 7.17	do	Proceeded to join Unit	do	7. 7.17	AX 9840
14. 7.17	C/O 26 En	Taken on strength	France	9. 7.17	(DO.41/4761 B213.B21/28

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Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
16. 9.17	C/O 26 Bn	KILLED IN ACTION	Belgium	15. 9.17	VL.474. 19/9/17 DO.49/5871 Cas.Rept.AP15355
ANZAC SECTION 3rd Echelon G.H.Q., British Expeditionary Force.			<i>M. Martin</i> Lieut., Officer i/c Records.		

NOTED ON H.R. CARD

**Particulars Required for the Poll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.**

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier James Francis Howland  
 2. Unit and Number (if known) 26th Batt. 6426.  
 3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—  
 Town (if any) Albany District North Coast State Queensland  
 4. What was his Birthplace Albany  
 5. Date of Death 15th September 1917  
 6. Place where Killed or Wounded Killed. Pollack Woods.

**Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.**

1. What was his Calling Farmer & Seaman  
 2. Age at time of Death 31 years.  
 3. What was his School Hilkwan School.  
 4. What was his other Training no training  
 5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia.  
 6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) no.  
 7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—  
 8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished him- or her? (Please state Relationship)—  
 9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—  
 Name Mary Clifford  
 Relationship to Soldier Sister.



**HOURIHAN, JAMES FRANCIS**

Rank:  
Private  
Service No:  
6426  
Date of Death:  
15/09/1917  
Age:  
31  
Regiment/Service:  
Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

26th Bn.  
Panel Reference  
Panel 7 - 17 - 23 - 25 - 27 - 29 - 31.  
Memorial  
**YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL**



Belgium

**Locality:**

Ieper, West-Vlaanderen

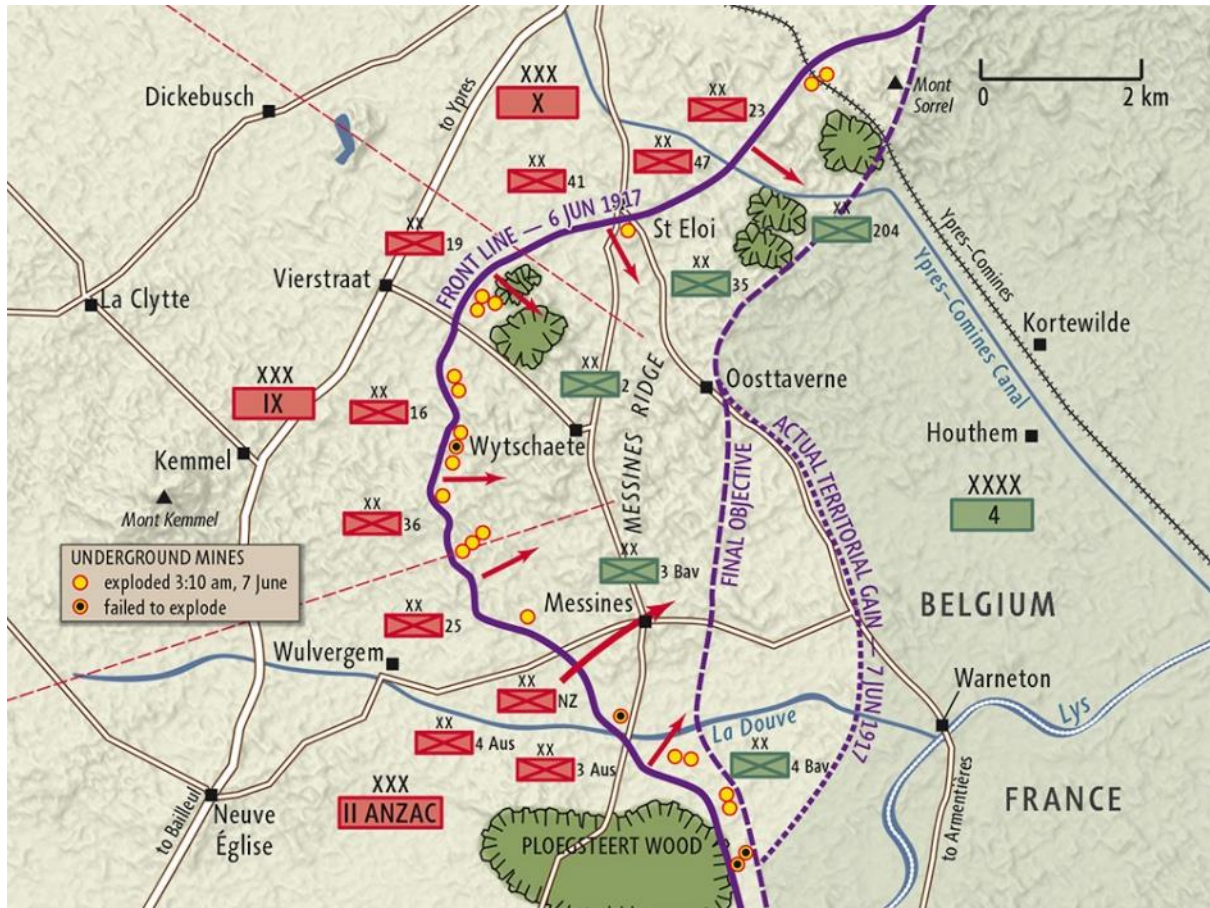
**Identified Casualties:**

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The battles of the Ypres Salient claimed many lives on both sides and it quickly became clear that the commemoration of members of the Commonwealth forces with no known grave would have to be divided between several different sites.

The site of the Menin Gate was chosen because of the hundreds of thousands of men who passed through it on their way to the battlefields. It commemorates casualties from the forces of Australia, Canada, India, South Africa and United Kingdom who died in the Salient. In the case of United Kingdom casualties, only those prior 16 August 1917 (with some exceptions). United Kingdom and New Zealand servicemen who died after that date are named on the memorial at Tyne Cot, a site which marks the furthest point reached by Commonwealth forces in Belgium until nearly the end of the war. New Zealand casualties that died prior to 16 August 1917 are commemorated on memorials at Buttes New British Cemetery and Messines Ridge British Cemetery.

The YPRES (MENIN GATE) MEMORIAL now bears the names of more than 54,000 officers and men whose graves are not known



In Memory of

Private

## James Francis Hourihan

6426, 26th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 15 September 1917 Age 31

Son of Dennis John and Mary Hourihan. Native of Maryborough, Queensland.

Remembered with Honour  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



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