Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6570 PRIVATE

W. G. IBBOTT

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

26TH DECEMBER, 1916

Walter Gordon IBBOTT

Walter Gordon Dalgleish Ibbott was born at Hobart, Tasmania on 10th October, 1885 to parents Walter & Allice Ibbott (formerly Dalgeish).

Walter Gordon Dalgleish Ibbott married Emma Smith on 25th April, 1908 in St. Martin's Church, Queenstown, Tasmania.

Walter Gordon Ibbott was a 30 year old, married, Butcher (with 3 children) from Queenstown, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 7th August, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs E. Ibbott, Alfred Street, Queenstown, Tasmania.

Private Walter Gordon Ibbott was posted to 21st Reinforcements of 12th Battalion.

Private Walter Gordon Ibbott, Service number 6570, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Port Lincoln (A17)* on 20th October, 1916 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements. He was transferred to HMAT *Ascanius* (Note: The Casualty Form – Active Service recorded he transferred to "*A11 Ulysses*" which is incorrect. A11 was *Ascanius*) at Sierra Leone on 4th December, 1916.

12th Battalion

The 12th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Half of the battalion was recruited in Tasmania, a quarter was recruited in South Australia, and a quarter from Western Australia. With the 9th, 10th and 11th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade......

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Walter Gordon Ibbott died on 26th December, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) from Toxaemia. (Note: All the forms in the Service Record file list the surname as "Ibbott", however the "Report of Death of a Soldier – Army Form B 2090" recorded the surname as "Ibbot").

Private Walter Gordon Ibbott was buried at Sea on 26th December, 1916 from Troop Ship H.M.A.T. *Ascanius*. He is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England as he has no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.



Sierra Leone (marked with red arrow); Buried at Sea (marked with red pin)

Private Walter Gordon lbbott 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 be sent to Private lbbott's widow - Mrs E. lbbott, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent March, 1922).

The Deputy Commissioner, Victorian Branch, Melbourne, Victoria, wrote to Base Records on 15th July, 1924 regarding Private Walter Gordon Ibbott, 6570, 12th Battalion: "In reply to your letter dated 7th July, 1924, I have to inform you that Mrs Emma Ibbott, widow of the abovenamed ex-member died on the 12th September, 1921 at South Melbourne. Pensions, however, are payable on behalf of the three children – Walter, Gordon and Jack Ibbott. The name and address of the trustee – Mrs Mary Ibbott is – 29 Stanhope Street, East Camberwell."

A Statutory Declaration was completed on 28th July, 1924 by Mary Ibbott stating: "I Mrs Mary Ibbott, 29 Stanhope Street, East Camberwell, Victoria, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will preserve with due care and war medals or other items, issuable on account of the service of the late No. 6570 Private Walter Gordon IBBOTT, 12th Battalion, given into my custody in trust for Master Walter Ibbott, his eldest son, and will produce them to the Department of Defence, at any time upon receipt of its demand in writing."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Walter Gordon Ibbott - service number 6570, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private W. G. Ibbot is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 66.

(Note: The Australian War Memorial were advised at the time of researching that the surname was listed as "Ibbot" on the Roll of Honour, however the Embarkation Roll had the surname as "Ibbott.". The Australian War Memorial replied in December 2022 that Private Ibbot/Ibbott was on the list of cases to research.)



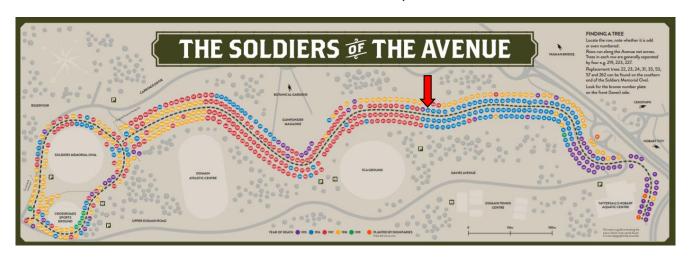
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Private Walter Gordon Ibbott is remembered with a tree No. 183 which was planted on 3rd August, 1918 (marked with red arrow on map below) on the Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Queens Domain, Hobart, Tasmania. 520 trees were planted in 1918 & 1919 to commemorate soldiers, mainly from Hobart, who died in World War 1.





Soldiers Memorial Avenue, Hobart



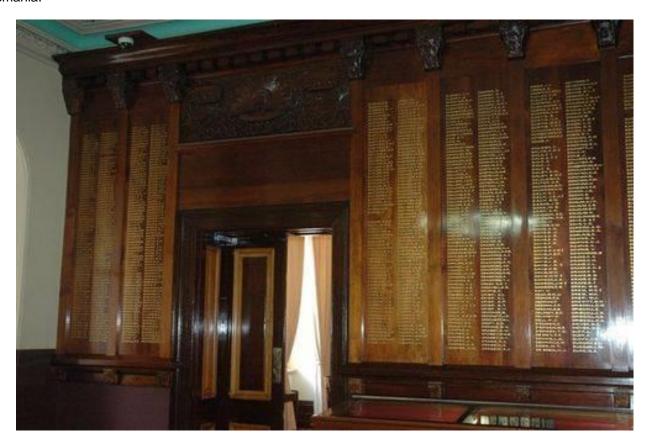
Map of Soldiers Memorial Avenue - Hobart (Map from The Soldiers Memorial Avenue)

W. G. Ibbott is also named on Soldiers Walk Plinth located at Queens Domain, Memorial Avenue, Hobart, Tasmania.

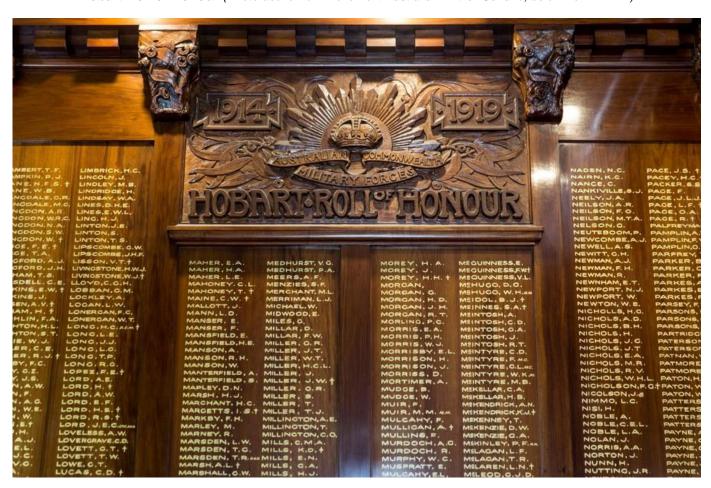


Soldiers Walk Plinth, Hobart (Photo by Arthur Garland)

W. G. Ibbott is remembered on the Hobart Roll of Honour, located in Town Hall Foyer, 50 Macquarie Street, Hobart, Tasmania.



Hobart Roll of Honour (Photo above from Monument Australia – Arthur Garland; below from VWMA)



Walter Gordon Ibbot is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

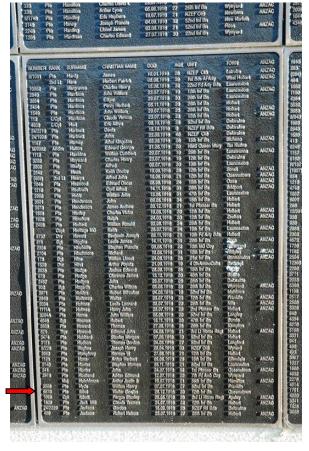
Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

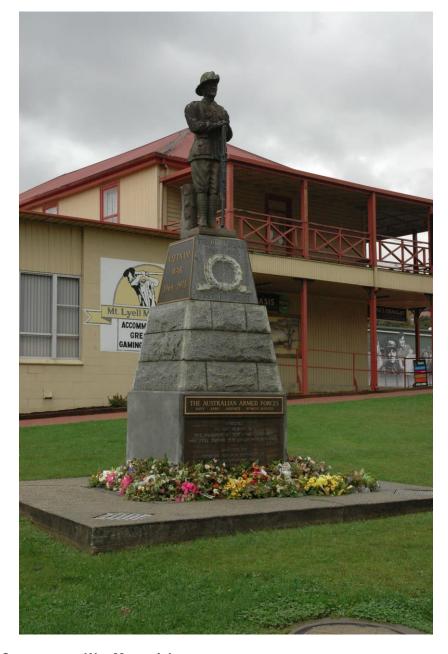
"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride - Henry Moulds)



The Queenstown War Memorial, located at Driffeld & Orr Streets, Queenstown, Tasmania does not list individual names.



Queenstown War Memorial (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)

(24 pages of Private Walter Gordon Ibbott'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives

Newspaper Notices

RECRUITING

ENTERED CAMP AT CLAREMONT

The undermentioned (18) entered camp on Monday:-....W. G. Ibbott.....

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 10 August, 1916)

Death

IBBOTT – Died through illness aboard transport, December 26, 1916, Walter Gordon Dalgleish, beloved husband of Emmie Ibbott, and eldest son of Walter and A. E. Ibbott, late of Colebrook. Aged 31 years.

He answered to his country's call,

And gave his life, his best, his all.

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 10 January, 1917)

QUEENSTOWN

ROLL OF HONOR

Sincere regret was expressed on Monday evening when it became known that Private Walter Ibbott had died on board a transport and had been buried at sea. It will be remembered that some little time back, when the men who enlisted with him were getting final leave, he was in the hospital, and had to get a medical certificate before he was allowed to travel to Queenstown. When on final leave he appeared to have made a complete recovery, and looked better than he had done for a considerable time past. However, it would appear that the illness he had in camp had undermined his constitution, for on Boxing Day (December 26, 1916) he passed away, suffering from blood poison, supervening on fever. He leaves a widow and three young children to mourn their loss, for whom the utmost sympathy is felt. Private lbbott was a resident of long standing in Queenstown having been on the Coast for some 14 or 15 years, where he was well known and highly respected.

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 10 January, 1917)

Tasmanian Casualties

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte W. G. IBBOTT, Queenstown, 26/12/16

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 16 January, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

IBBOTT – Died through illness aboard the transport, December 26, 1916, Private Walter G. D. Ibbott, of A.I.F., beloved husband of Emmie Ibbott, Queenstown, and eldest son of Walter and Alice Ibbott, 309 Argyle-street, Hobart, aged 31 years.

(*The Mercury,* Hobart, Tasmania – 18 January, 1917) & (*The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times*, Tasmania – 19 January, 1917)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England

The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

The Hollybrook Memorial commemorates by name almost 1,900 servicemen and women of the Commonwealth land and air forces* whose graves are not known, many of whom were lost in transports or other vessels torpedoed or mined in home waters (*Officers and men of the Commonwealth's navies who have no grave but the sea are commemorated on memorials elsewhere). The memorial also bears the names of those who were lost or buried at sea, or who died at home but whose bodies could not be recovered for burial. Almost one third of the names on the memorial are those of officers and men of the South African Native Labour Corps, who died when the troop transport Mendi sank in the Channel following a collision on 21 February 1917. Other vessels sunk with significant loss of life were: HS Anglia, a hospital ship sunk by mine off Dover on 17 November 1915. SS Citta Di Palermo, an Italian transport carrying Commonwealth troops, sunk by mine off Brindisi on 8 January 1916. In rescuing survivors, two Royal Naval Otranto drifters were themselves mined and blown up. HMTs Donegal and Warilda, ambulance transports torpedoed and sunk between Le Havre and Southampton on 17 April 1917 and 3 August 1918. HS Glenart Castle, a hospital ship torpedoed and sunk off Lundy on 26 February 1918. SS Galway Castle, torpedoed and sunk in the Atlantic on 12 September 1918. RMS Leinster, the Irish mail boat, torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Sea on 10 October 1918. Among those commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial is Field Marshall Lord Kitchener, Secretary of State for War, who died when the battle cruiser HMS Hampshire was mined and sunk off Scapa Flow on 5 June 1916.

The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

(Information & photos from CWGC)

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Cross of Sacrifice



Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

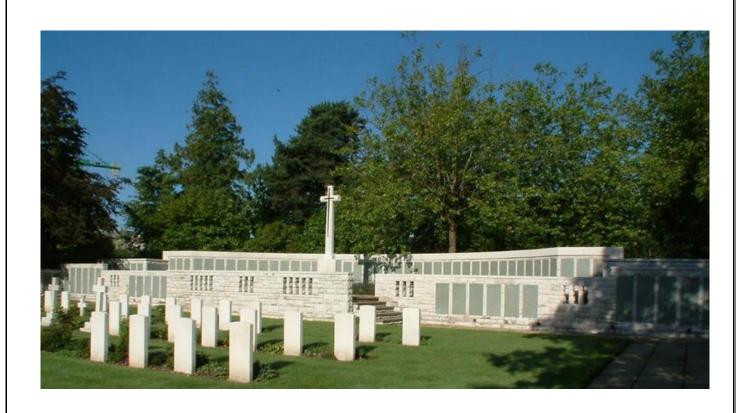
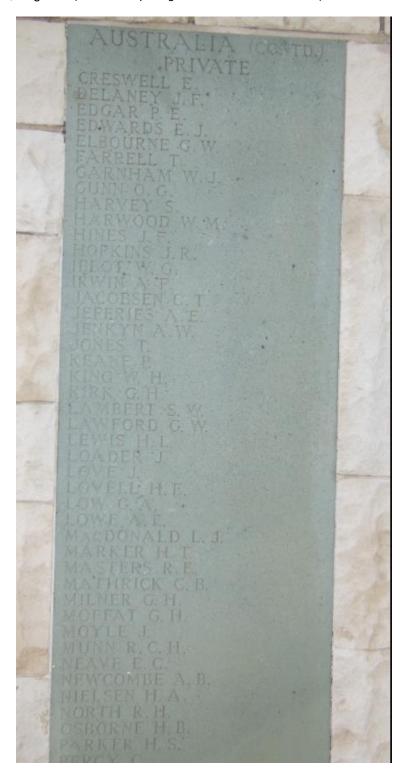


Photo of Private W. G. Ibbott's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England. (*Note: The spelling of the surname is incorrect*)



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial

(Photo from CWGC)