Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1053 PRIVATE

C. T. JACOBSEN

15TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

14TH JANUARY, 1917

Charles Thomas JACOBSEN

Charles Thomas Jacobsen was born at Maryborough, Victoria on 20th September, 1888 to parents Paul Johannes Jacobsen & Mary Jane Jacobsen (nee Smith).

Charles Thomas Jacobsen attended Maryborough State School, Victoria.

Charles Thomas Jacobsen was a 26 year old, single, Farrier from care of Mrs P. Jacobsen, Bourke Street, Maryborough, Victoria when he enlisted at Pontville, Tasmania on 25th September, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother - Mrs P. Jacobsen, Bourke Street, Maryborough, Victoria.

[**Note: The Commonwealth War Graves Commission & The Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour & Embarkation Roll) have the surname as "Jacobsen". The National Archives of Australia has the surname listed as "Jacobson" as most of the forms in the Service Record file have the name listed as "Jacobson". Some forms have the "o" crossed out & replaced with an "e" to show the surname as "Jacobsen". Information provided by his brother for the Roll of Honour shows the surname as "Jacobsen".]

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen, Service number 1053, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Ceramic* (A40) on 22nd December, 1914 with the 15th Infantry Battalion "G" Company.

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli Peninsula on 12th April, 1915.

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen was wounded in action at Gallipoli on 8th August, 1915. He was admitted to No. 4 Field Ambulance at Anzac on 8th August, 1915 then transferred to Clearing Station the same day.

15th Battalion

The 15th Battalion AIF was raised from late September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. Three-quarters of the battalion were recruited as volunteers from Queensland, and the rest from Tasmania. With the 13th, 14th and 16th Battalions it formed the 4th Brigade, commanded by Colonel John Monash.

The Queensland and Tasmanian recruits were united when the battalion trained together in Victoria. They embarked for overseas just before Christmas. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving in early February 1915. Australia already had an AIF division there, the 1st. When the 4th Brigade arrived in Egypt, it became part of the New Zealand and Australian Division. The 4th Brigade landed at ANZAC late in the afternoon of 25 April 1915.

From May to August, the battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. In August, the 4th Brigade attacked Hill 971. The hill was taken at great cost although Turkish reinforcements forced the Australians to withdraw. At the end of the month, a detachment from A Company reinforced the 14th Battalion's unsuccessful attack on Hill 60. The 15th Battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

From War Diary - 15th Battalion

15th Battalion Casualties in this Operation (8th August, 1915) were:

	Officers	Others
Killed	-	100
Wounded Missing	7	95
Wounded	3	185

(Information from War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen was transferred to Hospital Ship *Dongola* on 9th August, 1915 with bullet wound/s to right Leg amputated & arrived at Alexandria on 13th August, 1915. He was admitted to 17th General Hospital, Alexandria from Dardanelles on 14th August, 1915 with G.S.W. Arm - severe & right Leg amputated. Private Jacobsen embarked from Alexandria for England on 19th August, 1915 on Hospital Ship *Dongola*.

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen was admitted to No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex, England on 13th April, 1916 (as per Hospital Admissions form however the Casualty Form – Active Service recorded he was admitted on 31st May, 1916) with G.S.W. Right Leg – amputated middle 1/3 right thigh.

[According to Medical Report (below) Private Jacobsen had been admitted to Hospital at Wandsworth & was there in February, 1916 but this is not listed on his Casualty Form Active Service. There is a gap from when he embarked from Alexandria on 19th August, 1915 until he was admitted to Harefield on 13th April, 1916.]

A Medical Report on an Invalid was completed on Private Charles Jacobson on 25th July, 1916 at No. 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield. His disability was listed as Amputation middle 1/3 Right Thigh which had originated on 8th August, 1915 at Gallipoli through G.S.W to Right Leg while on Active Service. "Bullet wound R. leg muscles & bones being shattered, leg amputated lower 1/3 of thigh Aug 9th '15 Re-amputation at Wandsworth 19/2/16, about 3 inches of bone removed as soft tissues had contracted away. 30/4/16 ____ ring sequestrum removed (?). 16/6/16 sequestrum removed from inner aspect of stump. Stump middle. His present condition was listed as: Stump middle 1/3 R thigh. Two discharging sinuses & painful ____ sciatic nerve. Complains of deafness. Maj. Shuter advises S.M. R. (?) in Australia." The officer in charge of the medical case recommended that Private Jacobsen be discharged as permanently unfit & a change to Australia. The Medical Board agreed on 1st August, 1916 that Private C. T. Jacobsen was permanently unfit for general service & unfit permanently for Home Service.

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen was admitted to No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall on 23rd October, 1916 with GSW Right Thigh. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "Stump quite healed. Amputation middle 1/3 thigh. Wounded Aug 8th 1915 Suvla Bay. Leg subblied (?) Walking well." He was discharged to furlo from 21st December, 1916 to 15th January, 1917 & was to return to 2nd Auxiliary Hospital, Southall. Private Jacobsen was discharged from No. 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Southall on 14th January, 1917 for return to Australia.

The following letter was written by Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen on 13th January, 1917 from 17 Ivy Cottages, Hillingdon, Middlesex, England:

My Dear Mother,

Just a note to say I am leaving England tomorrow Jan 14 for Australia & all I ask of you is should anything happen to me to draw my money from the Commonwealth Savings Bank which is left payable to you at my Death & send £20 (twenty pounds) t the one I am leaving here in England who (should I live) I intend making my wife. So I hope you don't fail to carry out my only desire & send it to this address

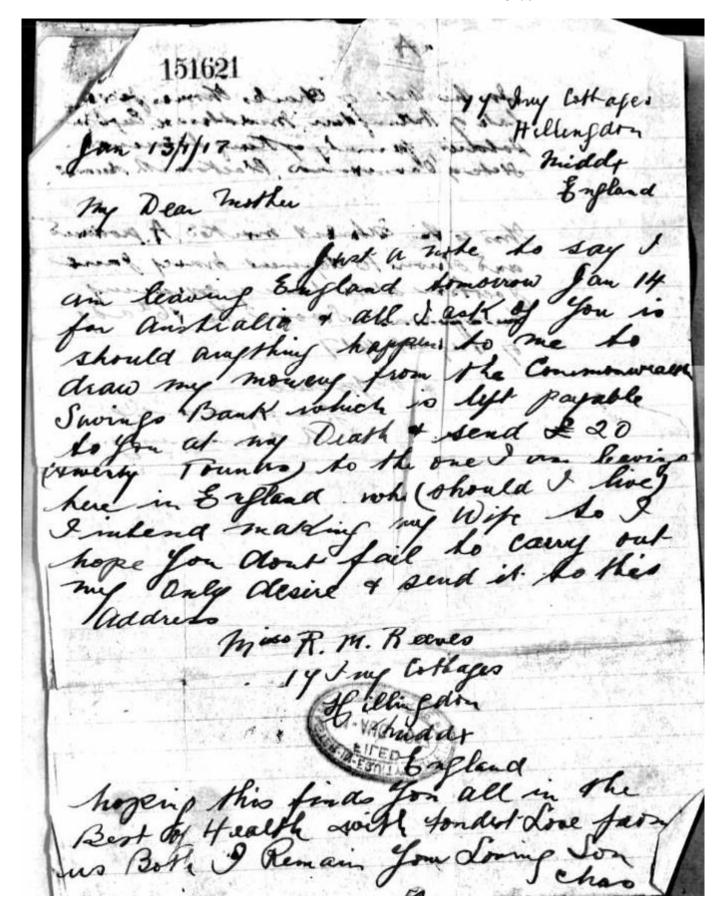
Miss R. M. Reves 17 Ivy Cottages Hillingdon Middx

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England

Hoping this finds you all in the Best of Health with fondest Love from us Both I Remain You Loving Son

Chas



Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen embarked from Southampton, England on 14th January, 1917 on Hospital Ship Kanowna for Australia for discharge due to Amputation middle right Thigh.

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen died on 14th January, 1917 at Sea on board Hospital Ship Kanowna from Uraemia.



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Hospital Ship Kanowna

No mention is made in the Service Record file of Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen regarding his burial. As he is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England it will be assumed that he was buried at Sea. Those on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England are remembered there as they have no grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. (Note: The Death Notice placed in Victorian newspaper by his family stated "Buried in English Channel")

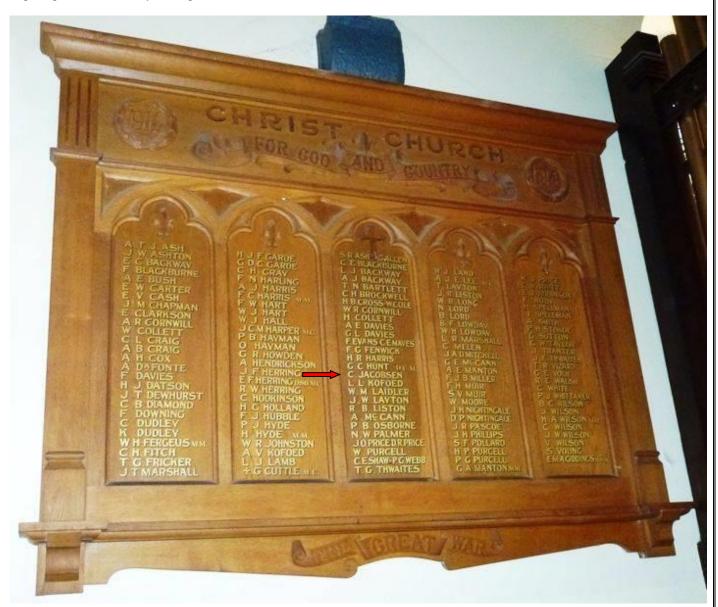
Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen requested in his Will, dated 16th November, 1914: "This is the last Will of me Charles Thomas Jacobson of Bourke street, Maryborough in Victoria but about to leave Tasmania with the Expeditionary Force. I revoke all Wills made by me and declare this to be my last Will. I appoint my mother Mary Jane Jacobson of Bourke Street, Maryborough to be Trustee and Executor of this my Will. I give all my property to my said Mother absolutely." (Will was typed with "C.T. Jacobsen" as signed for.)

Base Records wrote to P.M.O., 3rd Military District on 13th March, 1917 with the following: "By direction of the D.G.A.A.M.S. I forward herewith one artificial leg, 2 walking sticks & one pair of crutches handed to me by the Officer Commanding Troops H.M.H.S. "Kanowna", as part of the kit of the late No. 1053 Private C. T. Jacobsen, 15th Battalion, A.I.F., who died en route to Australia. General Featherstone considers these articles to be Government property and possible they may be useful in one of the 3rd M.D. Military Hospitals. ..."

Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Jacobsen's father – Mr P. Jacobsen, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent April, 1923).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles Thomas Jacobsen – service number 1053, of 15th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

C. Jacobsen is remembered on the Christ Church Honour Roll, located in Christ the King Anglican Church, 6 Nightingale Street, Maryborough, Victoria.



Christ Church Honour Roll (Photo from Monument Australia – Kent Watson)

C. T. Jacobsen is remembered on the Maryborough War Memorial, located in front of Post Office, Civic Square, Clarendon Street, Maryborough, Victoria.



Maryborough War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)



C. T. Jacobsen is remembered on the Memorial Gates, Prince's Park, Park Road, Maryborough, Victoria.



Princes Park Memorial Gates



(Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Western Front Association Central Victorian Branch)

C. T. Jacobsen is remembered on the King Island Honour Roll, located inside the King Island Council, George Street, Currie, King Island, Tasmania.



King Island Honour Roll

(Photo from AWM - Places of Pride)

C. T. Jacobsen is remembered on the King Island Cenotaph, located on George Street, Currie, King Island, Tasmania.



King Island Cenotaph (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)



Charles Thomas Jacobsen (on) 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

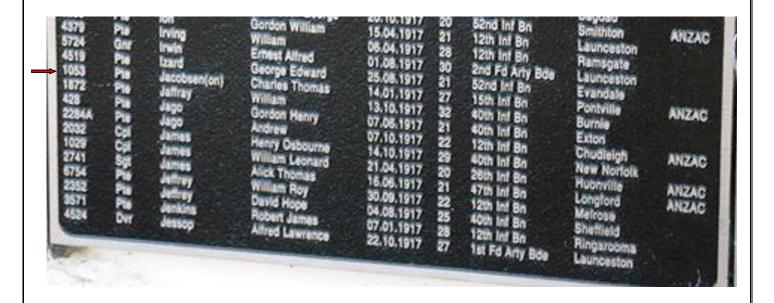
Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

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)



Private C. T. Jacobsen is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 76.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(35 pages of Private Charles Thomas Jacobson'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) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

KING ISLAND'S RESPONSE

Although there has not been any direct effort made for recruiting at King Island, the young men (says our correspondent) are fully alive to their responsibilities to the Empire......

King Island's roll of honour is as follows:-.....C. T. Jacobsen.....

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 3 August, 1915)

DIED ON SERVICE

Private C. T. Jacobsen

(severely wounded) is a son of Mr and Mrs Jacobsen, of Maryborough. He enlisted from King Island, and was 27 years on 20th September. He is now un the 17th General Hospital, Alexandria.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 September, 1915)

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ROLL OF HONOR

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

News has been received at King Island that the following residents who joined the A.E.F. have been killed – A Norman Tetley and J. Stewart. Both lads, says our correspondent, were held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, and the news of their death has made a deep impression. Private C. T. Jacobsen, Wm. T. Ellis, Les. E. Birch, J. C. Lyall, Wm. Stronach, are also reported wounded.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 22 September, 1915)

KING ISLAND

CURRIE, Oct. 30

Private C. T. Jacobsen, who was wounded at Gallipoli, is now an inmate of the 3rd General Hospital, Clapham Junction, and in a letter lately received by his mother he stated that his arm was progressing favourably, and that he was to be provided with a new leg. Private Jacobsen was seriously injured by splinters of a shell, and it was feared that he would lose an arm and a leg, but evidently will retain the use of both arms.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 4 November, 1915)

Pte C. T. Jacobsen – Mr A. C. Jacobsen informs is that his brother, Pte C. T. Jacobsen, was expected to return shortly, but has had to undergo another operation – the removal of a piece of bone from the left leg. It may be remembered that he was wounded on Aug. 8 at the Peninsular in both legs and right arm, the right leg being subsequently amputated. It will be a mingling of pleasure and pain when we do see what is left of "Charlie."

(King Island News, Currie, King Island – 30 June, 1916)

Speaking on the text from Hebrews xii: 1 – "we are also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," at Christ Church on Sunday night, Rev, C. J. T. Martin made reference to the death of Corpora; L. G. Backway and Private C. T. Jacobsen, of Maryborough, and of Mr Charles Wilson, of Wareek. The vicar referred to the soldiers who had answered the call, done their duty and laid down their lives for King and county, and the cause of righteousness.....

(Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, Victoria – 31 January, 1917)

DIED FROM WOUNDS

PRIVATE C. T. JACOBSEN

Word has been received by Mr and Mrs Paul Jacobsen, of Burke-street, Maryborough, that their son, Private C. T. Jacobsen, has died in hospital in England through wounds received in Gallipoli in August, 1915. Private Jacobsen was severely wounded on the right side of his body, and his right leg had to be amputated. He had been in hospital ever since. Two brothers are on active service.

(Bendigo Advertiser, Victoria – 1 February, 1917) & (Bendigonian, Victoria – 8 February, 1917)

THE ROLL OF HONOR

BALLARAT AND DISTRICT MEN

PRIVATE C. F. JACOBSEN

MARYBOROUGH, Wednesday

Word has been received by Mr and Mrs Paul Jacobsen, of Burke street, Maryborough, that their son, Private C. T. Jacobsen, has died in hospital in England of wounds received on Gallipoli in August, 1915. Pte Jacobsen was severely wounded on the right side of the body, and his leg had to be amputated. He had been in hospital ever since. Two brothers are on active service.

(The Ballarat Courier, Victoria – 1 February, 1917)

Late Pte C. T. Jacobsen

Many expressions of regret were made in Currie during the week when the news became known that Private C. T. Jacobsen was dead. Most residents are well aware that Pte. Jacobsen was wounded at Lone Pine, Gallipoli, on 8th August, 1915, as a result of which his right leg was amputated above the knee. He was also wounded in the right arm. On being sent to England he was admitted to the 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, and later to the Australian Hospital, Harefield, England, from which places he has written from time to time cheerful letters regarding himself and bright hopes of returning to Australia early in the present year. When his last letter was received he stated that he had received his artificial leg and hoped to be home by the end of January. Poor Charlie! he was indeed Home at the end of that month, and we feel sure that all King Island hearts go out in sympathy to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. P. Jacobsen, of Maryborough (Vic.) and relatives in their sad bereavement. Born at Maryborough (Vic.), Pte. Jacobsen had reached the age of 29 years, most of which were spent in his native town. He came to King Island about eight years ago to help Mr. Albert Bertram in clearing the property known as "The Chalet." Later on, his brother, Mr A. C. Jacobsen, commenced business in Currie and Pte. Jacobsen was associated with him until he enlisted, shortly after the outbreak of war. Pte. Jacobsen was a well-known figure in sporting circles, and his prowess on the football field and racing field will long be remembered. Of a genial disposition, he made numerous friends, who deplore the loss they have sustained.

In the report of the farewell picnic to Mr. Frank Forrest which appeared in last issue it should have been mentioned that the organisers of the picnic were greatly indebted to Mr. J. J. Symons for the use of his horse and dray during the greater portion of the previous day in carting boughs and timber for the refreshment booth.....

Before closing the Municipal Council meeting on Saturday the warden made reference to the late Pte. Jacobsen, and remarked on the high esteem in which he was held by the people on the island generally. It was resolved that the council clerk write to his parents in sympathy, for their sad loss. The resolution was carried by the councillors rising from their seats.

(King Island News, Currie, King Island – 7 February, 1917)

In "The King Island News" of February 7, sympathetic reference is made to the death of Private C. T. Jacobsen, whoa about eight years ago went to the island to do some clearing work. At the meeting of the Municipal Council a motion of sympathy with the bereaved parents was carried, the councillors rising from their seats.

(Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, Victoria – 26 February, 1917)

DEATH

JACOBSEN – On the 14th January (suddenly) on return voyage home, wounded on 8th August, 1915, at Lone Pine, Pte C. T. Jacobsen, dearly beloved seventh son of Mr and Mrs P. Jacobsen, Burke-street, Maryborough, much loved brother of the late P. M. Goodchild (Maryborough), A.C. and F. L. (King Island), late A.J. (Maryborough), P. J. (on active service), R. B. (Footscray), A. W. (South Africa), Ella (Maryborough), G. E. (Coburg), N. S. (on active service abroad), aged 28 years and 4 months. Buried in English Channel.

A favorite with all.

No one he loved was by his side To hear his last faint sigh, To whisper just one loving word Before he closed his eyes.

-Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sister.

(Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, Victoria - 16 March, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

JACOBSEN – On the 14th January, suddenly, returning home wounded, Pte C. T. Jacobsen, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs P. Jacobsen, of Burke-street, Maryborough.

Far from the home of his childhood,

Down in the ocean so deep,

In the English Channel our dear Charlie
Is sleeping his last long sleep.

We pictured you safe returning, Charlie,
And longed to clasp your hand,
But death has postponed our meeting,
It will be in a better land.

No loved ones stood around him,

To bid him a last farewell,
No word of comfort could we give,

To him we loved so well.

Though we are far away, dear Charlie,
And your grave we cannot see,
We are always thinking of you dear,
As you used to think of me.

Loved by all.

-Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sister Ella.

(Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, Victoria – 14 January, 1918)

**Memorial Notices were also placed in the Newspapers in 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931.

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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)





Cross of Sacrifice



Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice (Photos from CWGC)





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

Photo of Private C. T. Jacobsen's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

