

Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1183 PRIVATE

G. H. MOFFAT

36TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH JUNE, 1916

Gordon Howard MOFFAT

Gordon Howard Cameron Moffat was born at Aloeburn, Boree Creek, NSW in 1885 to Archibald & Jessie Moffat (nee Cameron). His birth was registered in the district of Urana, NSW in 1885.

Gordon Howard Moffat was a 31 year old, single, Farmer from Aloeburn, Boree Creek, NSW when he enlisted on 28th March, 1916 at Broadmeadows Camp, New South Wales with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Presbyterian & his next of kin was listed as his father – Archibald Moffat, Aloeburn, Boree Creek, NSW.

Private Gordon Howard Moffat was posted to D Company, 36th Battalion on 28th March, 1916 for recruit training.

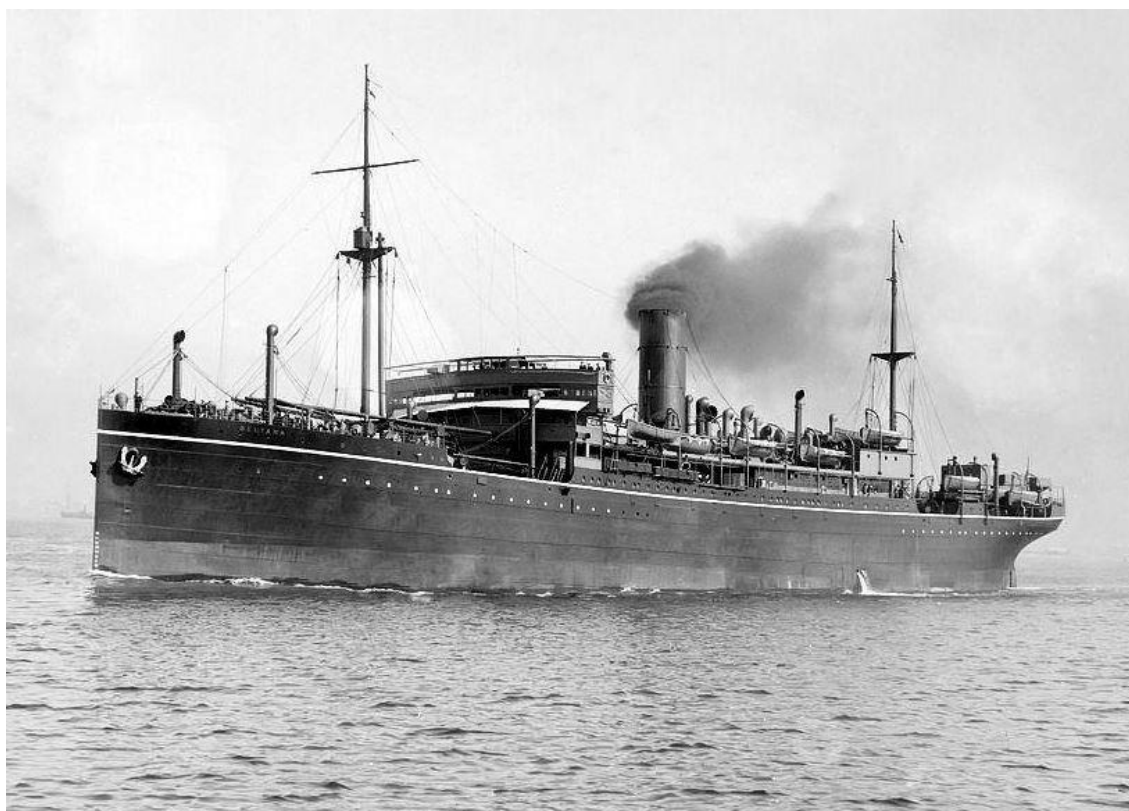
Private Gordon Howard Moffat, Service number 1183, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 13th May, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Brigade, 36th Infantry Battalion "D" Company.

36th Battalion

The 36th Battalion was raised at Broadmeadow Camp, in Newcastle, New South Wales in February 1916. The bulk of the battalion's recruits had been enlisted as a result of a recruiting drive conducted amongst the rifle clubs of New South Wales by the Minister for Public Information in the New South Wales government, Ambrose Carmichael. Thus, the battalion became known as "Carmichael's Thousand". Carmichael led by example and enlisted as well, serving in the battalion as a captain.

The 36th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom on 13 May 1916.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)



HMAT *Beltana* (A72)

Private Gordon Howard Moffat died at 11.50 am on 6th June, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Beltana* from Pneumonia following Measles. A handwritten note located in the Service Record file for Private Moffat reads: "*This is to certify that Pte Moffat of D/36 died in the Infection Ward from Pneumonia following Measles on 6th June 1916. Gordon Glassford Capt. S.M.O.*" (Note: S.M.O. = Senior Medical Officer)

A handwritten note located in the Service Record file for Private Moffat reads:

Re No 1183 Pte Moffat G. H. (Deceased)

To Ship's Q Master

With regard to the above you are requested to destroy all Military and civilian clothing issued to & formerly belonging to the late Pte Moffat G. H. who died at Sea from an (Infectious disease)

Transport A 72)

At Sea)

Signed J. McPherson (?) S.M.O.

Capt.

Private Gordon Howard Moffat was one of six Australian Soldiers to die between 13th May, 1916 & 11th June, 1916 aboard HMAT *Beltana* on its voyage to England. Five soldiers had died from Pneumonia following Measles.

Private Gordon Howard Moffat was buried at Sea on 6th June, 1916 from HMAT *Beltana*. 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.

Private Gordon Howard Moffat 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 Private Moffat's father - Mr A. Moffat, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent March, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Gordon Howard Moffat – service number 1183, of 36th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private G. H. Moffat is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 127.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

G. Moffat is remembered on the Boree Creek War Memorial, located at Eades Street, Boree Creek, New South Wales.



Boree Creek War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)

BOREE CREEK DISTRICT HONOUR ROLL			
1914 The GREAT WAR 1919			
Their Name liveth for Evermore			
G. ALLEN	K	G. O. DEVINE	
J. R. ASSBURN		J. F. DOYLE	K
A. BAMBROOK		P. DOYLE	
G. L. BAMBROOK		R. R. DRUMMOND	
H. E. BARTON		B. T. DUNN	
J. BEAVER		C. ELLIS	
J. BEAVIS		L. ELLIS	
SGT W. P. BENDING	MM	V. ELLIS	K
LIEUT G. G. BERRY		W. ELLIS	
J. BLENKINSOP		W. EVE	
E. BRENNAN		W. FLACK	K
S. BUTT	MM	SGT D. FLETT	MM
J. CAHILL	K	SGT E. FOLEY	
SGT H. CAIRNS		J. J. FOLEY	
J. F. CARROLL		W. FRANCIS	MM
J. COLLINS		M. FULHAM	K
JAS COLLINS		C. GEPPERT	
W. J. CRAWFORD		F. F. GEPPERT	
A. COSTOLLOE		P. GEPPERT	
T. J. C. COSTOLLOE		F. GREGORY	
F. CRONK		F. GRENELL	
SGT H. N. CURRIE		SGT W. J. GROGAN	
		C. HEDDLE	
		L. HOGG	
		G. W. IRONS	K
		L. J. T. IRONS	
		H. R. JOHNSTONE	
		D. C. JONES	MM
		E. JOSEPHS	D
		C. J. KEATH	K
		A. KELLY	
		R. KURTZMAN	K
		A. LATTEN	
		R. LEWIS	
		C. LOVELOCK	
		J. LOVELOCK	
		CAPT R. MACGREGOR	MC
		P. MASON	
		W. MCCARTHY	
		S. MCLEAN	K
		E. C. MOFFAT	K
		G. MOFFAT	D
		SGT M. MONAGHAN	
		E. MURRAY	MM
		O. NAISMITH	K
		J. A. ORME	
		R. M. ORME	
		J. O. REILLY	K
		C. V. PABST	
		J. PARR	
		F. POWER	K
		G. RICHARDS	K
		M. RYAN	
		C. SCOTT	
		E. J. SCOTT	
		L. SHEEHAN	
		C. SIGGERS	
		V. G. SMITH	
		H. SPENCER	K
		SGT MAJ H. C. STUBBS	MC
		LIEUT J. W. STUBBS	
		R. C. STUBBS	
		R. TRESS	
		SGT J. VERDON	K
		D. WALTERS	K
		T. WALTERS	
		T. WHITTON	

G. Moffat is remembered on the Lockhart & District War Memorial, located at Hebden Street, Lockhart, New South Wales.



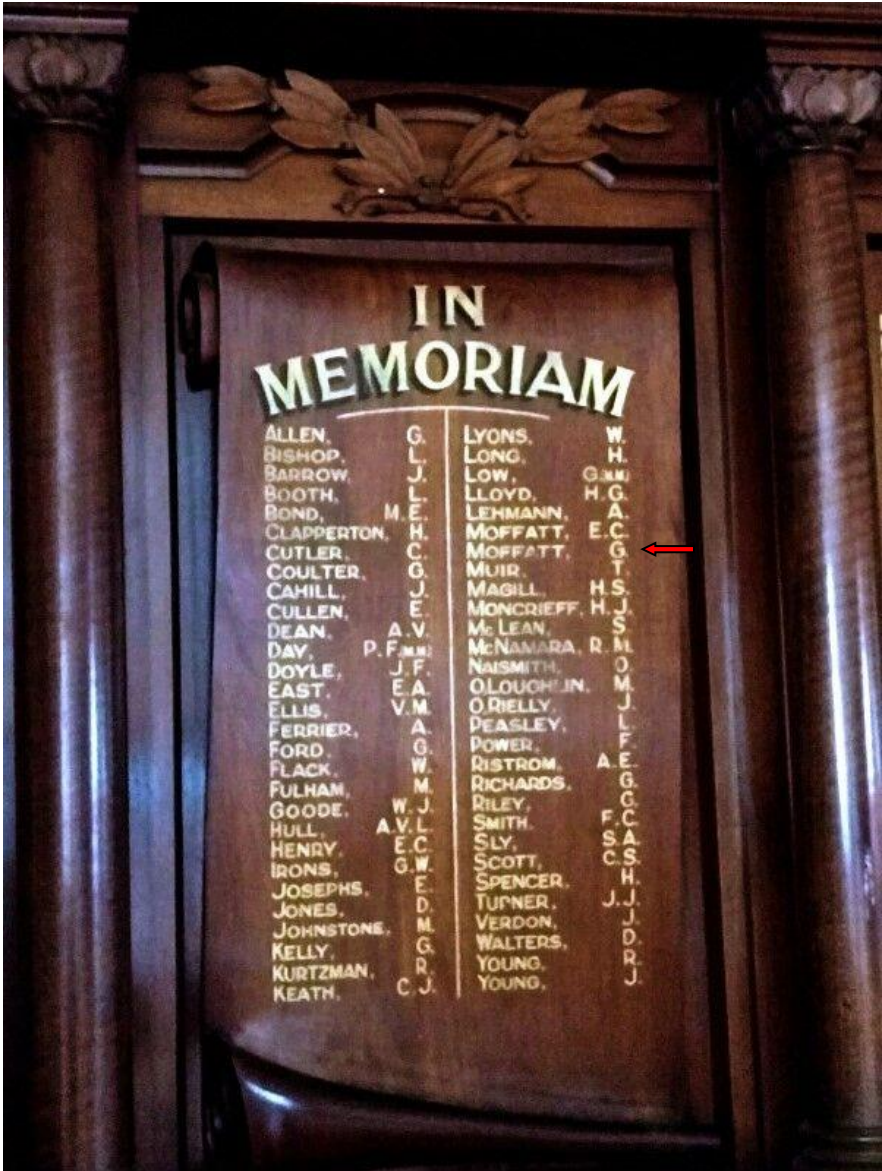
Lockhart & District War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



G. Moffat is remembered on the Lockhart District Honour Roll, located in Memorial Hall, 71 Green Street, Lockhart, New South Wales.



Lockhart Memorial Hall (above) & Lockhart District Honour Roll (below)
(Photos from Monument Australia)



(37 pages of Private Gordon Howard Moffat'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



Connected to Private Gordon Howard Moffat:

Younger brother Ernest Cameron Moffat (born 1886) – Enlisted on 25th August, 1914 as a 28 year old, single, Grazier. Embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT Star of Victoria (A16) on 20th October, 1914 with 1st Light Horse Regiment "C" Squadron as Private 465.

Killed in Action at Gallipoli on 18th May, 1915.



Gordon Howard Moffat (Photo from Ancestry – Photosplus)



Private Gordon Howard Moffat (*Photos from Ancestry – Photosplus*)



Newspaper Notices

PRIVATE MOFFAT

LOCKHART, Monday

Deep regret was felt throughout this district, following the announcement of the death through illness of Private Gordon Moffat, son of Mr and Mrs A. Moffat, of "Aloeburn," Boree Creek, At the Presbyterian Church last night Rev. R. C. Racklyeft made a suitable reference to the death, and a vote of condolence with the family was passed in silence. Private Ernest Moffat, who was killed at Gallipoli, was also a son of Mr and Mrs Moffat.

(Daily Advertiser, Wagga Wagga, NSW – 20 June, 1916)

PRIVATE G. MOFFAT

LOCKHART, Tuesday

The death has occurred through illness of Private Gordon Moffat, son of Mr and Mrs Archibald Moffat, of Boree Creek. Another son was killed at Gallipoli.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 21 June, 1916) & (Berrigan Advocate, Cobram, NSW – 23 June, 1916)

DEATH OF PRIVATE GORDON MOFFAT.

It is with very deep regret we record the death of Private Gordon Moffat, which sad event took place at sea while deceased was on his way to take the place of his brother Ernest, who died a hero's death on the heights of Gallipoli. Needless to say, the news is weighed with intense sadness for the parents after the loss of their other son. It must have been no light task for the Rev. R C. Racklyeft to break the news to the parents, and he appropriately referred to the sorrowful circumstance at the Lockhart Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening.

At his instance, seconded by Mr Jas. Moncrieff (One of the elders) a vote of condolence was passed in silence, the congregation standing.

Two out of three sons of the Moffatt family have made the Great Sacrifice and in doing so have enshrined with imperishable glory the family name they bear.

A Memorial service will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church by the Rev. R. C. Racklyett at 11 am on Sunday next at Boree Creek.

(Lockhart Review and Oatlands Advertiser, NSW – 21 June, 1916)

Australian Casualties

Lists Nos. 178 to 180

Died of Illness

Pte G. H. MOFFAT, Aloeburn, 7/6/16

(Australian Town and Country Journal, Sydney, NSW – 28 June, 1916)

G. H. Moffat & his brother E. C. Moffat are remembered with separate plaques on their parents' headstone in Rookwood General Cemetery, Sydney, NSW.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Erik Persson)



Archibald & Jessie Moffat's Graves in Rookwood Cemetery

With their sons' plaques at front – Gordon on left & Ernest on right

(Photos courtesy of Gary & Irmgard Heap)



Gordon & Ernest Moffat's Plaques on their parents' headstone

(Photos courtesy of Gary & Irmgard Heap)



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.

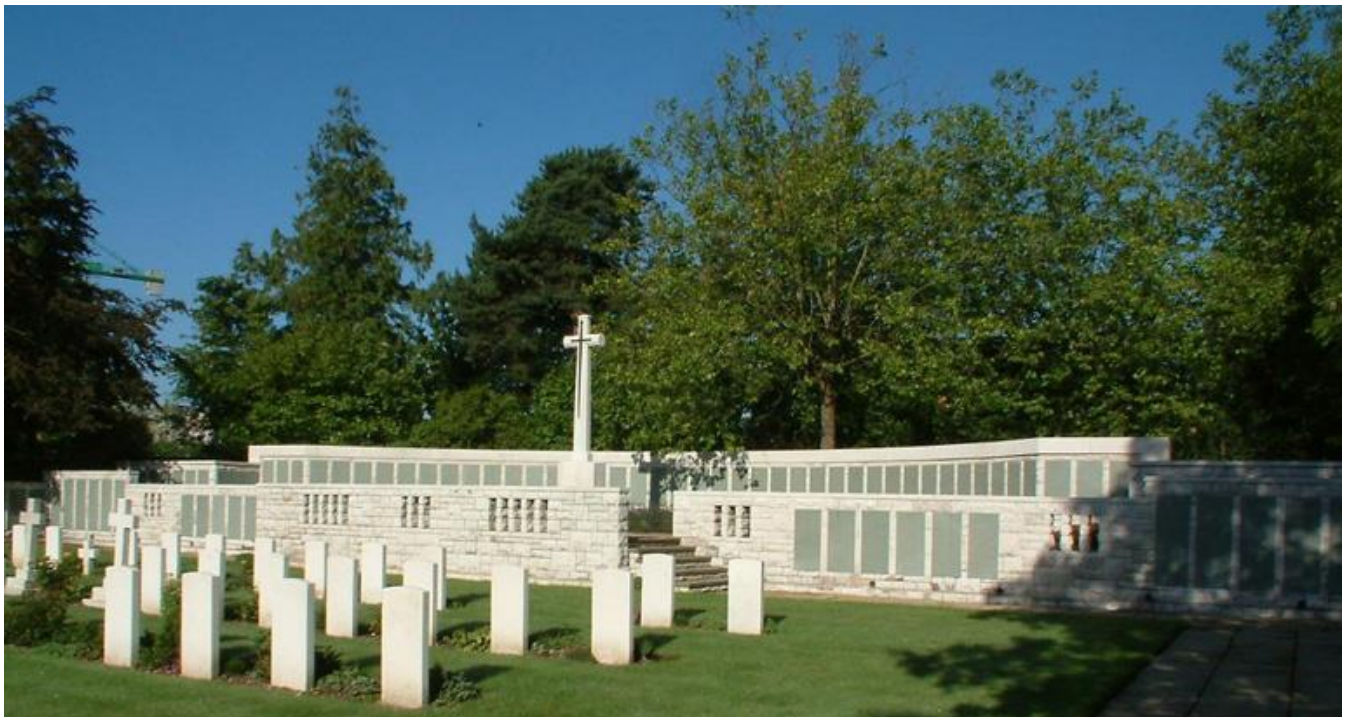
(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice



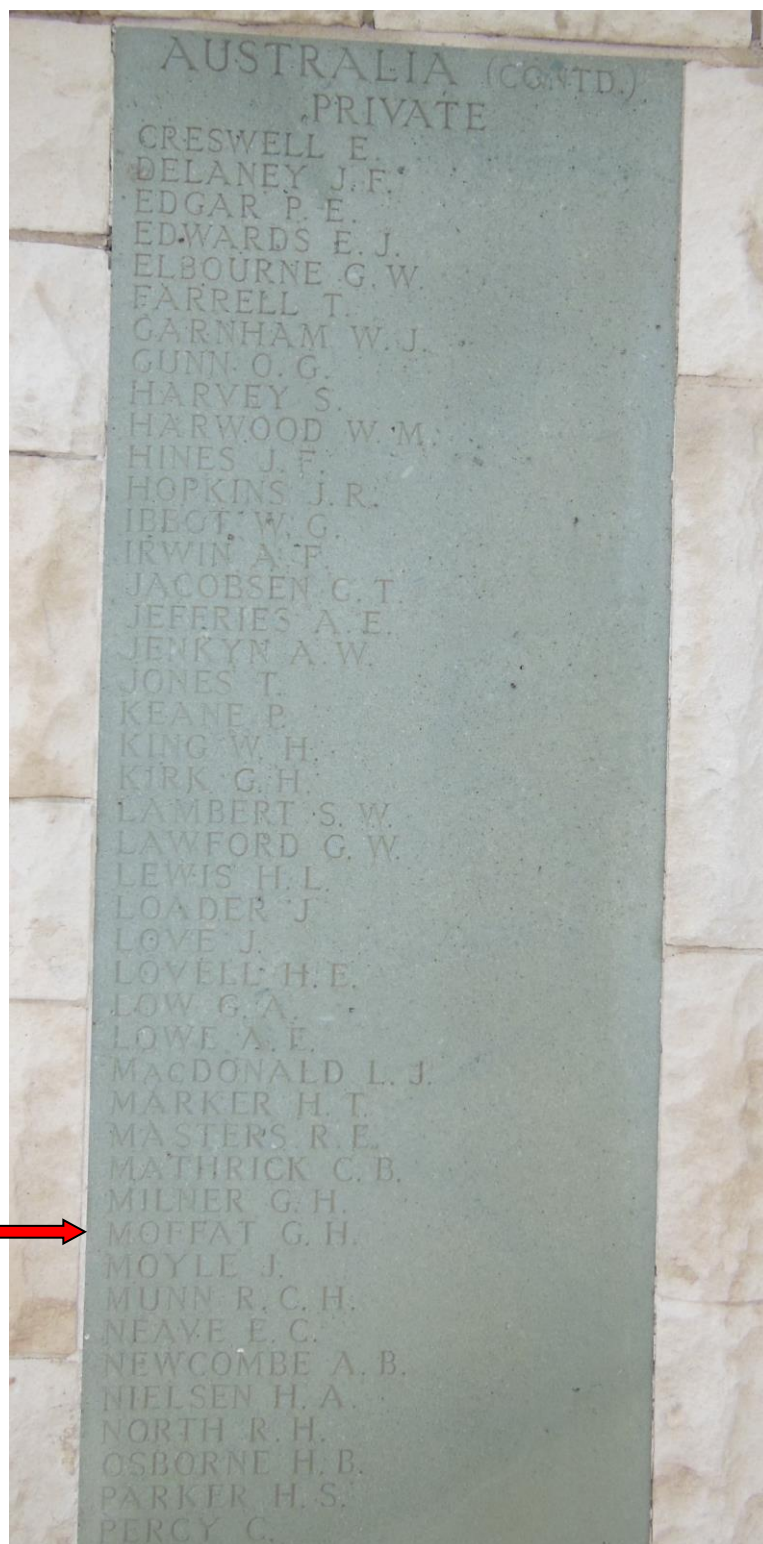
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



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

(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private G. H. Moffat's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





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(Photo from CWGC)