

**Hollybrook Memorial,
Southampton, Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



14156 PRIVATE

A. V. ANDERSON

AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

8TH OCTOBER, 1917

Albert Victor ANDERSON

Albert Victor Anderson was born at Ballarat, Victoria in 1881 to parents John & Caroline Anderson (nee Fallow).

Albert Victor Anderson married Clara Morris in Victoria in 1908.

Stanley Morris Anderson, son of Albert & Clara Anderson, was born at Geelong, Victoria on 24th June, 1909.

Douglas Fallow Anderson, son of Albert & Clara Anderson, was born at Geelong, Victoria in 1912.

The 1912 & 1913 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Corangamite, subdivision of Mortlake, Victoria recorded Albert Victor Anderson, Carpenter & his wife – Clara Anderson, Home Duties, both from Kornong.

The 1914, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Corio, subdivision of Geelong West, Victoria recorded Albert Victor Anderson, Carpenter & his wife – Clara Anderson, Home Duties, of Anakie Street, Geelong.

Albert Victor Anderson was a 35 year old, married Carpenter from West Geelong, Victoria when he enlisted at Broadmeadows, Victoria on 15th March, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 14156 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Clara Anderson, Anakie Street, West Geelong, Victoria. Albert Anderson stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been an Apprentice for 5 years with Taylor Brothers at Ballarat.

Across the top of Albert Victor Anderson's Attestation Papers is the following in red: "*Enlisted for Active Service under A.I.F. Camp Order 102 para 4.*" The Examining Medical Officer had considered Albert Anderson "*fit for active service on Transport*" on 31st March, 1916.

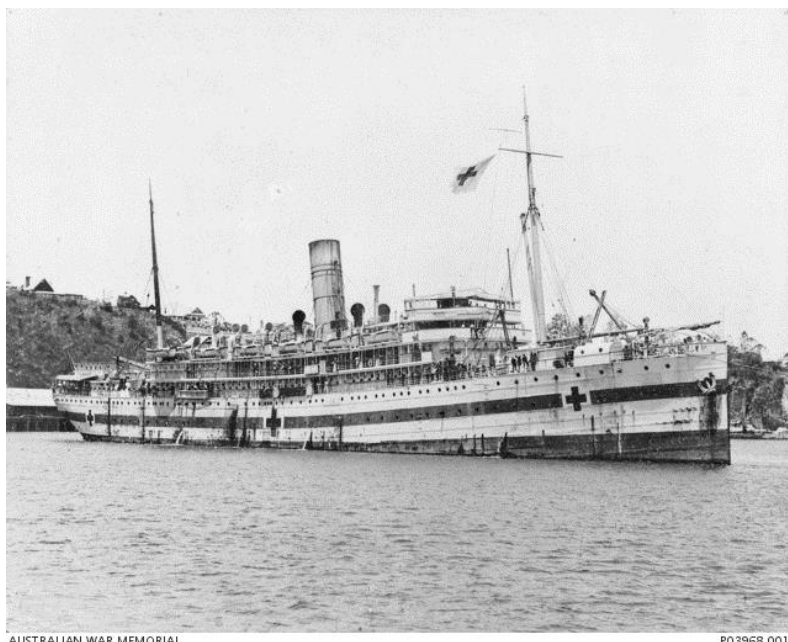
Albert Victor Anderson was posted to Broadmeadows for recruit training (no date recorded). He was transferred to No. 2 Ambulance Hospital Ship on 1st April, 1916.

Private Albert Victor Anderson embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Kanowna* (A61) on 1st April, 1916 with the Hospital Transport Corps – Staff for No. 2 Hospital Ship "*Kanowna*".

Private Albert Victor Anderson was appointed Lance Corporal on 8th November, 1916.

Lance Corporal Albert Victor Anderson was promoted to Corporal on 18th November, 1916.

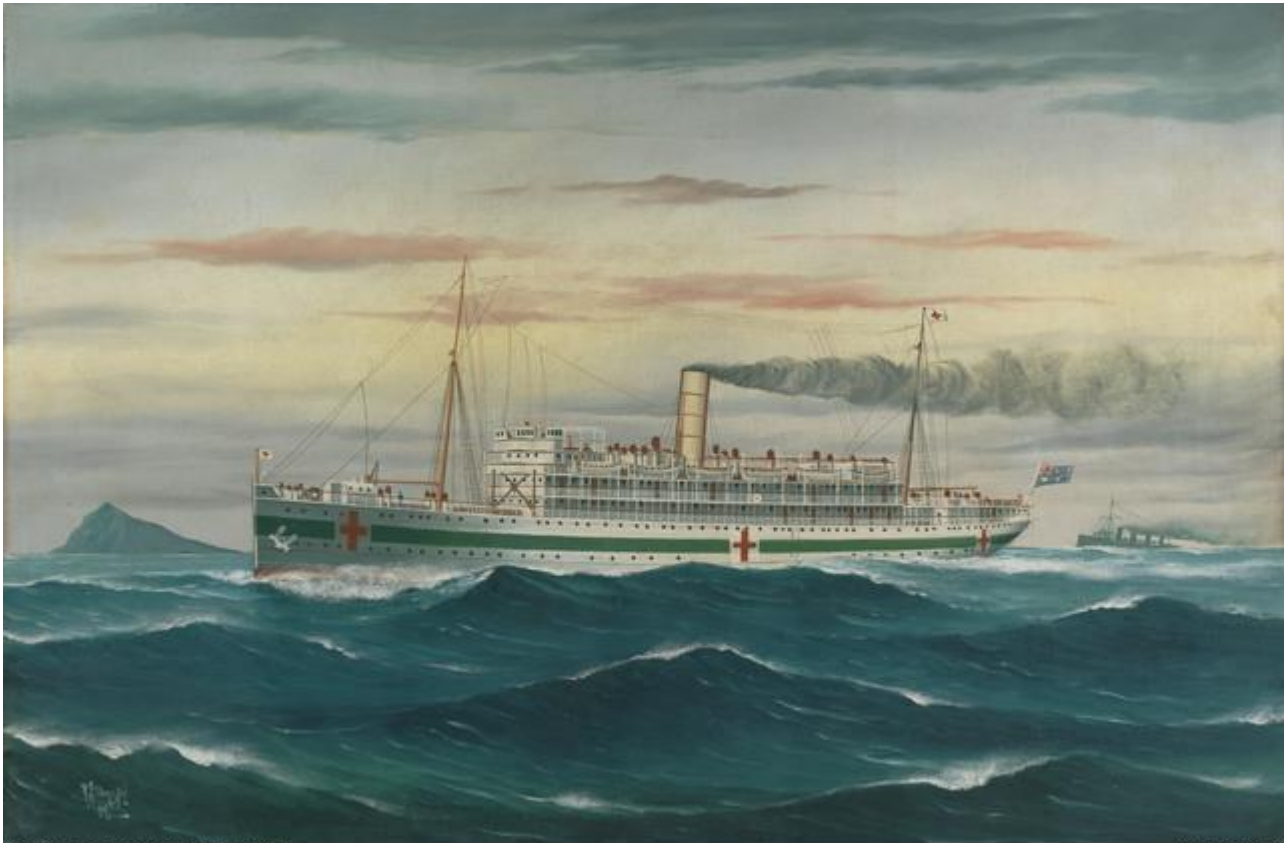
Corporal Albert Victor Anderson embarked from Sydney, NSW on 26th September, 1917 on HMAT *Kanowna* (A61). He was taken on strength & was appointed Acting Sergeant on 26th September 1917. This was the 7th voyage of *Kanowna* (as listed on Statement of Service form).



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Number 2 Australian Hospital Ship (2AHS) *Kanowna* (A61) c 1916



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Painting of *Kanowna* by Reginald Arthur Borstel 1916

Hospital ship 'Kanowna' depicts the twin-screw steamer at full steam sailing out of the Mediterranean sea at dawn with a destroyer accompanying it in the background as an escort. The 'Kanowna' was built in London in 1903 and was manned by Australian officers and crew. During the First World War it was requisitioned as a troop transport ship, taking the first Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) to German New Guinea. In 1915 it was converted into a hospital ship with accommodation for 452 patients, 88 nursing staff and 114 crew. From 1915 to 1917 it transported British, Australian and New Zealand sick and wounded between Australia, England and Egypt. Commonwealth control of the ship ceased in 1919 and she was lost in Bass Strait in 1929.

(Information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Albert Victor Anderson died suddenly at 8.30 pm on 8th October, 1917 while at Sea on board Australian Hospital Ship *Kanowna* from Haemorrhage of Lungs.

Private Albert Victor Anderson was buried at Sea at 8.30 am on 9th October, 1917. 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.

Caroline Anderson, of 15 Johnson Street, Ballarat, Victoria, wrote a letter stating that "*Clara Anderson, widow of the late Sgt A. V. Anderson is deceased and his elder son Stanley Morris Anderson, of whom I am the guardian, is the person entitled to receive his late father's War Medals.*" Caroline Anderson, mother of the late Acting Sergeant Albert Victor Anderson signed a Statutory Declaration on 31st July, 1922.

Private Albert Victor Anderson was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Anderson's eldest son – Stanley Morris Anderson (held in Trust by Mrs C. Anderson, his grandmother), as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Albert Victor Anderson – service number 14156, of 2nd Gen. Hosp., Australian Army Medical Corps. No family details are listed.

Private A. V. Anderson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 182.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Geelong West War Memorial, located in front of the Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West, Victoria does not list individual names.



Geelong West War Memorial (Photo from Monument Australia – Nancy Alford)

(23 pages of Private Albert Victor Anderson'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

DEATH ON HOSPITAL SHIP

Mr David Anderson, of Messrs Tunbridge and Co., yesterday received word that his brother, Sergeant A. V. Anderson, had died suddenly on the hospital ship Kanowna. The deceased, whose wife and family reside at Geelong, sailed from Victoria about 2 weeks ago. Death occurred from haemorrhage.

(The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 17 October, 1917) & (The Evening Echo, Ballarat, Victoria – 17 October, 1917)

Fallen Soldiers Honored – The flags at the City and Town Halls were flown at the half-mast yesterday morning, to mark a civic tribute of respect to the memory of our Ballarat soldiers whose deaths on active service, were recorded during the week. The names of the fallen are-.....and Sergeant A. V. Anderson.

(The Evening Echo, Ballarat, Victoria – 27 October, 1917) & (The Ballarat Star, Victoria – 29 October, 1917)

THE 356th and 357th CASUALTY LISTS

The Victorian names are:-

DIED OF ILLNESS

Sergeant A. V. Anderson, Geelong

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 28 November, 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.

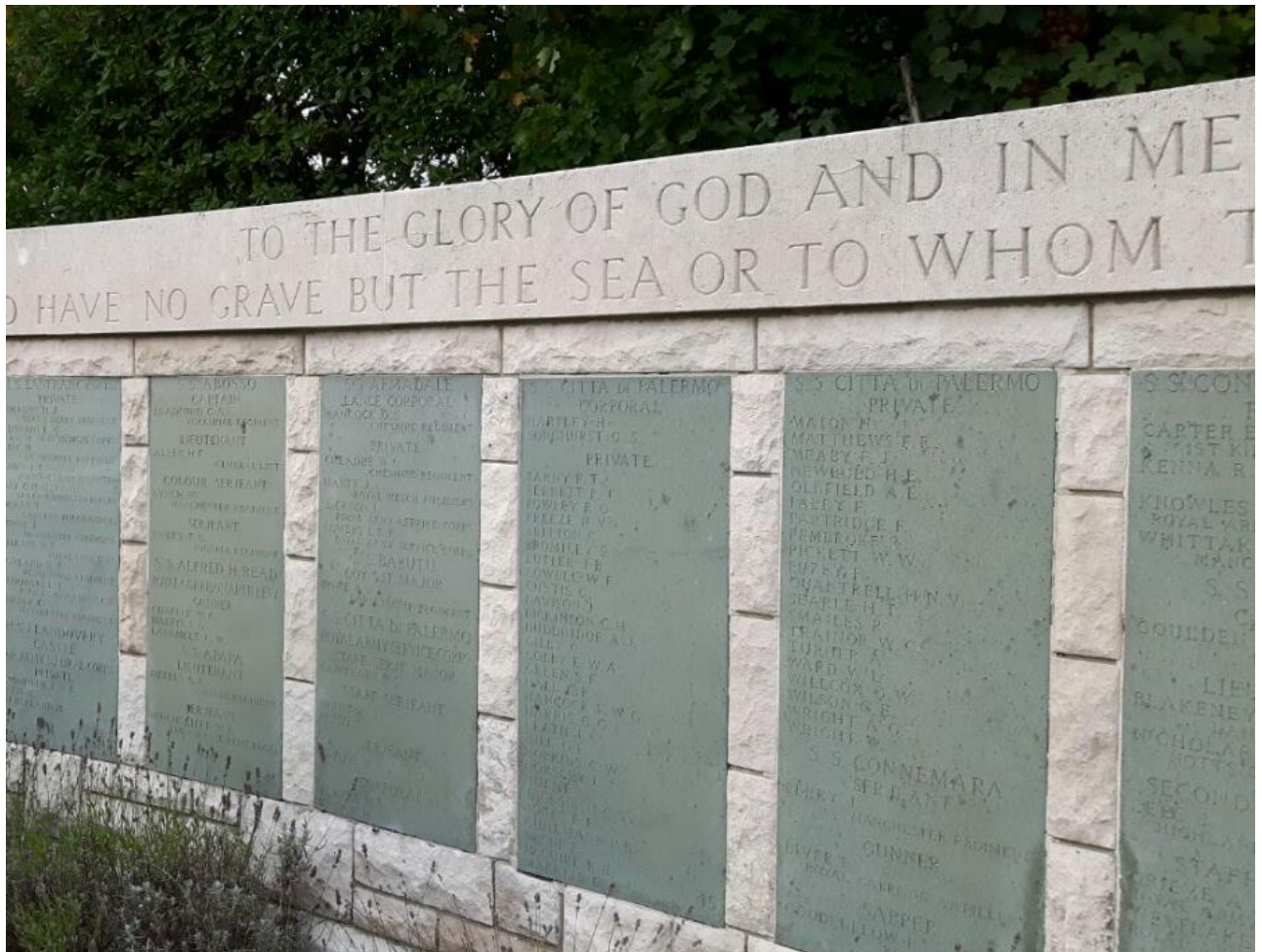
The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

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

(Information & photos from CWGC)



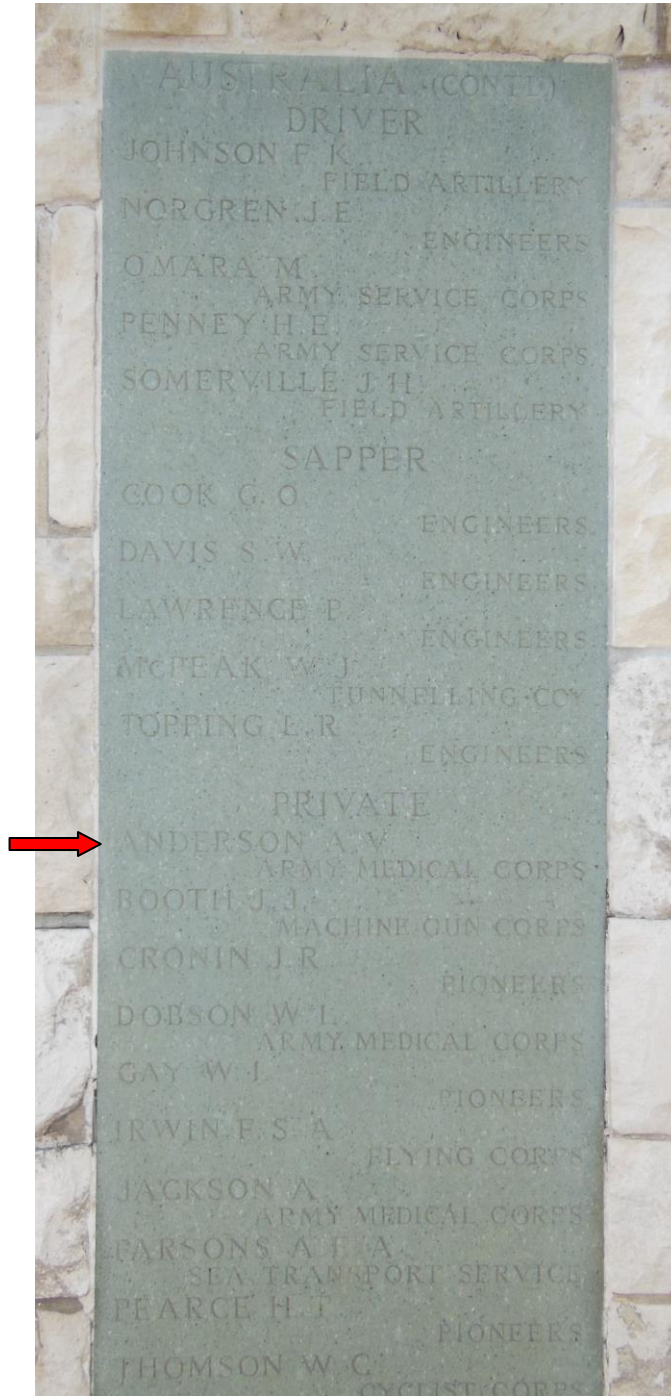
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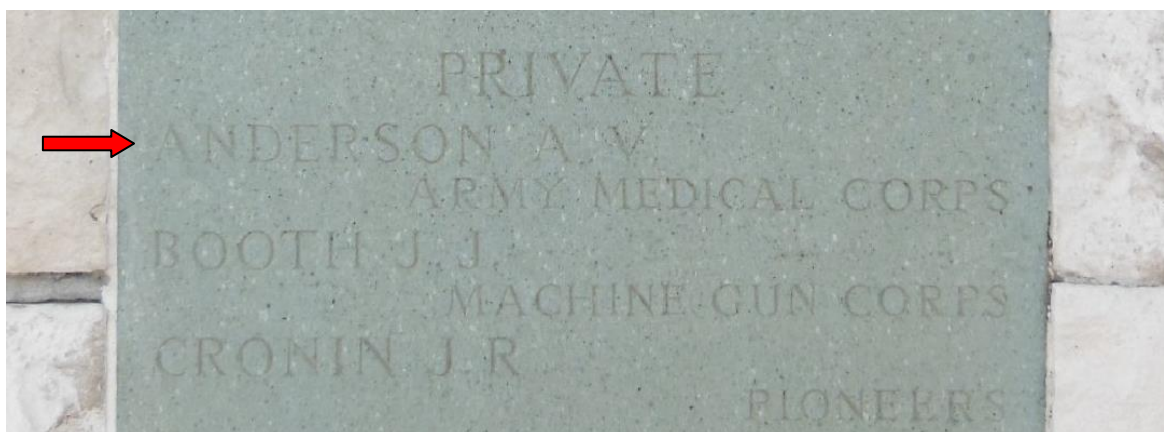
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



Photo of Private A. V. Anderson's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





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

(Photo from CWGC)