

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



58218 PRIVATE

K. BANKS

6TH AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENT

1ST NOVEMBER, 1918

Kenneth BANKS

Kenneth Banks was born at Balmain, Sydney, NSW on 17th December (the year of birth listed on his Australian Imperial Force Attestation Papers is 1890, however NSW Births, Deaths & Marriages have his birth registered in 1892 in the district of Balmain - therefore his date of birth being 17th December, 1891 BUT the date of birth on his New Zealand Expeditionary Force Attestation Papers on 17th December, 1887) to parents John Alfred & Rebecca Georgina Banks (nee Rankin).

Rebecca Georgina Banks, mother of Kenneth Banks, died on 23rd August, 1897 in Queensland.

John Alfred Banks, father of Kenneth Banks, died on 10th August, 1898 in Queensland.

Kenneth Banks was raised by his aunt – Miss Laura Banks.

Kenneth Banks attended Boys Central School & Brisbane Technical College (according to information provided by his Aunt for the Roll of Honour.)

Kenneth Banks enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force at Greymouth, New Zealand on 12th December, 1914. He was born in Sydney with his date of birth listed as 17th December, 1887. Kenneth Banks was a Miner who was last employed by Gold Mining Company of Ross. His last New Zealand address was listed as Ross, Westland & his religion was Anglican. Kenneth Banks listed as his next of kin – Miss L. L. Banks (Aunt) of "Banksia" 120 Annie Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland & his sister Brenda Banks, Balgowlah, Macquarie Street, Glen Innes – later Mrs D. G. Walker (now married) of Bygoo Street, Ardlethan, via Temora, NSW.

Private Kenneth Banks was posted to 1st Battalion C.I.B. (Canterbury Infantry Battalion) 3rd Reinforcements on 12th December, 1914 with a service number of 6/1459. He was posted to Trentham on 20th December, 1914.

Private Kenneth Banks embarked on Transport No. 17 on 13th February, 1915 & disembarked at Suez on 26th March, 1915.

Private Kenneth Banks was transferred to N.Z. A.S.C. (New Zealand Army Service Corps) as Driver on 6th April, 1915 with Divisional Train No. 1 Company.

Driver Kenneth Banks was transferred to C. I. B. (Canterbury Infantry Battalion) at Anzac Cove as Private on 6th July, 1915. He was posted to 13th Company, Canterbury Infantry Battalion on 7th July, 1915.

Private Kenneth Banks embarked from Dardanelles on 24th August, 1915 for England on Hospital Ship "Canada."

Private Kenneth Banks was admitted to No.1 London General Hospital at Camberwell, England on 9th September, 1915. He was discharged to furlough on 16th December, 1915.

Private Kenneth Banks arrived at New Zealand Base Depot at Grey Towers on 12th January, 1916.

Private Kenneth Banks was written up at Grey Towers (Manor House at Hornchurch Convalescent Depot) on 20th March, 1916 for overstaying leave by 3 days, 23 hours & 50 minutes. He forfeited 4 days' pay & was awarded 14 days C.B. (confined to Barracks).

Private Kenneth Banks reported at Codford, Wiltshire on 6th July, 1916.

Private Kenneth Banks was admitted to No. 3 General Hospital at Codford on 12th July, 1916.

Private Kenneth Banks was written up while posted at New Zealand Command Camp at Codford, Wiltshire on 1st August 1916 for "Absent of pass from midnight 30th July, 1916 to 11 am on 31st July, 1916 – absent 11 hours". He was to forfeit 1 days' pay.

Private Kenneth Banks was admitted to Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 22nd August, 1916. He reported to Command Depot at Codford on 5th September, 1916 from Sutton Veny Hospital & was taken on strength the same day.

Private Kenneth Banks was admitted to 3rd New Zealand Stationary Hospital at Codford on 17th September, 1916 with Synovitis of Right Knee. He was transferred No. 1 New Zealand General Hospital at Brockenhurst on 25th September, 1916.

Private Kenneth Banks was transferred from Brockenhurst to No. 3 Convalescent Hospital at Hornchurch on 10th October, 1916.

A Medical Report was completed on Private Kenneth Banks on 17th December, 1916 at Grey Towers, Hornchurch, England. His disability was listed as Synovitis Right Knee which he stated had occurred at Codford, England in June, 1916. *"Injury to knee due to fall off 12ft from a scaffold. Definite "crack" heard, and at the time of fall the knee "locked." Knee was swollen after the injury, and the swelling persisted ever since. He was placed in plaster in slightly flexed position for six weeks, and used it during the day for a fortnight following. Excess fluid in the joint after coming out of plaster. Since admission here he injured the knee again and had considerable swelling and pain, and was admitted to hospital for a fortnight. He had massage."* The Officer in charge of medical case recommended that Private Banks was permanently unfit for War Service for six months & unfit for Home Service for three months. This was approved by Medical Board at Hornchurch on 29th December, 1916.

Private Kenneth Banks was classified as unfit and placed on N.Z. Roll on 17th January, 1917.

Private Kenneth Banks was written up while posted at Hornchurch on 22nd January, 1917 – Absent without leave from 9.30 pm on 22nd January, 1917 till 7 am on 24th January, 1917. He forfeited 3 days' pay & awarded 6 days C.B. (confined to Barracks).

Private Kenneth Banks was on leave from New Zealand Command Depot at Hornchurch, England from 16th February, 1917 to 3rd March, 1917.

Private Kenneth Banks embarked from Plymouth, England on S.S. *Athenic* for New Zealand on 5th April, 1917 & was struck off strength of N.Z.E.F. (New Zealand Expeditionary Force).

Private Kenneth Banks was discharged from N.Z.E.F. (New Zealand Expeditionary Force) in New Zealand and struck off strength on 10th July, 1917. He had served 84 days in New Zealand & 2 years & 119 days overseas with a Total Service on 2 years & 203 days.

Private Kenneth Banks was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal for his Service with the New Zealand Forces. (The British War Medal was to be issued by the Australian Forces). The Medals were awarded to his Aunt – Miss L. Banks, 120 Annie Street, New Farm, Brisbane. His file was stamped *"Not Eligible Plaque & Scroll"* (Issued to the next of kin of deceased soldiers)

Kenneth Banks was a 27 year old, single, Assayer from Brisbane, Queensland when he enlisted on 15th July, 1918 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 58218 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his Aunt – Miss L. Banks, 120 Annie Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland.

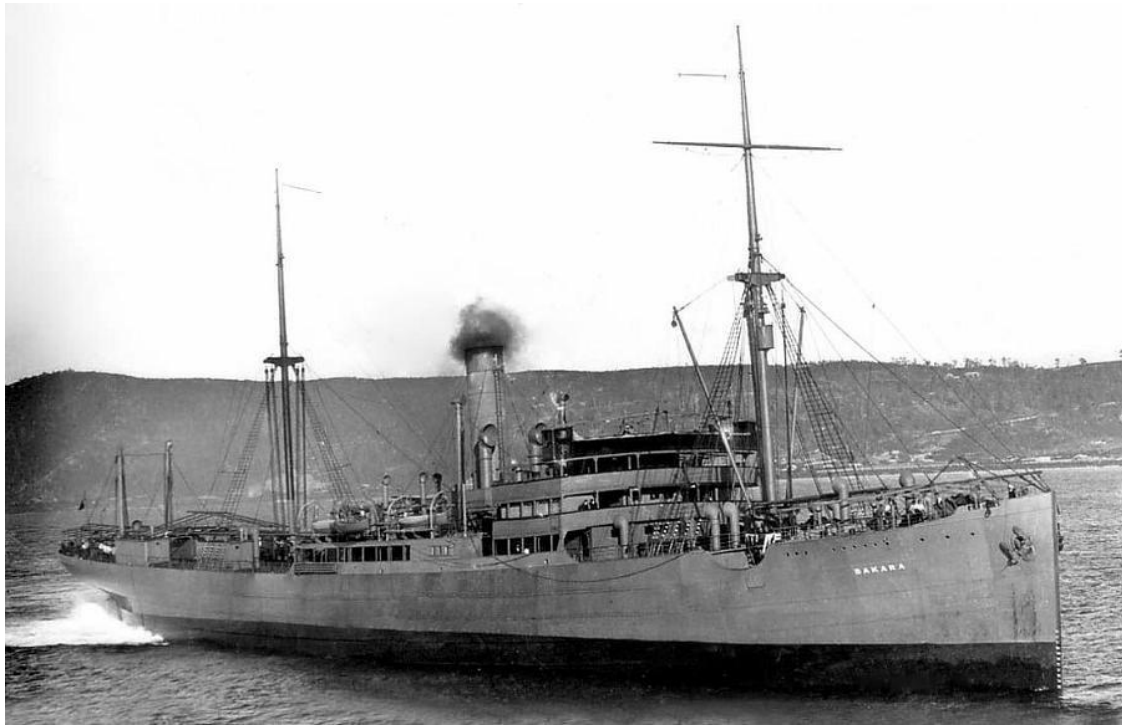
Private Kenneth Banks was posted to 7th Reinforcements – Queensland on 1st August, 1918 for recruit training. He was transferred to 6th General Service Reinforcements – Queensland on 1st September, 1918.

Private Kenneth Banks embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Bakara (A41)* for active service on 4th September, 1918 with the 6th Queensland Reinforcements.

Private Kenneth Banks was admitted to Ships Hospital on 19th October, 1918 with Influenza. He was discharged from Ship's Hospital on 22nd October, 1918.

Private Kenneth Banks was re-admitted to Ships Hospital on 27th October, 1918 with Pneumonia.

Private Kenneth Banks died on 1st November, 1918 at Sea on board HMAT *Bakara (A41)* from Heart failure following Pneumonia.



HMAT *Bakara* (A41)

Private Kenneth Banks was buried at Sea on 1st November, 1918 from HMAT *Bakara* (A41). 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 Kenneth Banks requested in his Will, dated 29th August, 1918, that in the event of his death the whole of his personal property and effects be given to his aunt – Miss Laura Banks, 120 Annie Street, New Farm, Brisbane.

Miss Laura L. Banks was advised on 28th July, 1919 that the personal effects of the late Private Kenneth Banks were being forwarded to her. She signed for receipt of the package on 16th August, 1919.

Base Records contacted Miss L. Banks, 120 Annie Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland, in June, 1921 stating she was noted on the records of the late Private K. Banks as the registered next-of-kin but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself & asked several questions – “Is the soldier’s father alive ? If not is his mother alive ? etc”

Base Records wrote again on 9th December, 1922 stating “*I wrote you on 10th June, 1921, concerning the affairs of the late No. 58218 Private K. Banks, General Service Reinforcements, asking you to let me know whether the parents, any brother, sisters, or any blood relations were still alive, and if so their address. No reply has so far been received and I shall be very much obliged of you will furnish me with the desired information as early as possible to that I may be in a position to properly dispose of the late soldier’s War Medals etc....*”

Laura L. Banks replied to Base Record son 14th January, 1923 stating “*...as previously stated the late soldier above referred to was an orphan, both his Father & Mother having passed away when he was quite a child. He was reared by me, I being practically the only mother he ever knew. As I was left next of kin by the late soldier & have received his other Medals etc which have been issued from time to time, I know of no other person or person who has a prior right to claim same.*”

Base Records relied to Miss L. L. Banks on 2nd February, 1923 advising her that it was proposed to hand the War Medals, etc of the late Private K. Banks to her but “*only on the distinct understanding that that they will be preserved with due care as memorials of the late soldier’s service and produced to this Department at any time upon receipt of its demand in writing.*” Base Records then requested that if Miss Banks was agreeable that she should complete the attached Declaration before a Justice of the Peace.

Miss Laura L. Banks, of "Banksia", Annie Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland, signed a Statutory Declaration on 17th February, 1923, stating that she "*will preserve with due care any War Medals and other items given into my care on account of the service of the late No. 58218 Private K. BANKS, General Service Reinforcements, Australian Imperial Force, and will produce same to the Department of Defence at any time upon receipt of its demand in writing.*"

Private Kenneth Banks was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War in regards to his service with the Australian Imperial Force. (Issued to Miss Laura L. Banks in May, 1923). A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Banks' Aunt (under Bond) – Miss Laura L. Banks, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent March, 1923).

Solicitor C. T. H. Broderick, Lachlan Street, Forbes, NSW, wrote to Officer in Charge of Records, Brisbane, Queensland on 27th October, 1950 regarding the Estate of late John Alfred Banks:

"We are acting on behalf of the beneficiaries under the will of the abovenamed deceased who died in Queensland in 1898, leaving some land at Byron Bay, New South Wales, which was omitted when the application for Probate of his will was made.

He left 2 daughters and one son. Kenneth Banks, the son, originally joined up with the New Zealand Military forces at the beginning of the 1914 war and was a member of their forces on Gallipoli.

On his return to New Zealand he was discharged, and coming to New South Wales stayed for a short period with one of his sisters (Mrs B. Walker) and then returned to Queensland where he re-enlisted in February or March 1918.

He then sailed in the S.S. Bakara and died at sea of Spanish influenza on or about the 1st November, 1918. His age was 26 and he was unmarried.

The deed of the land at Byron Bay was only recently discovered lying in the Office of the Registrar General at Sydney, where it has been ever since it was issued.

The two beneficiaries, his sisters, now desire to straighten out the title, and in order to do this it will be necessary to obtain a copy of his death certificate....."

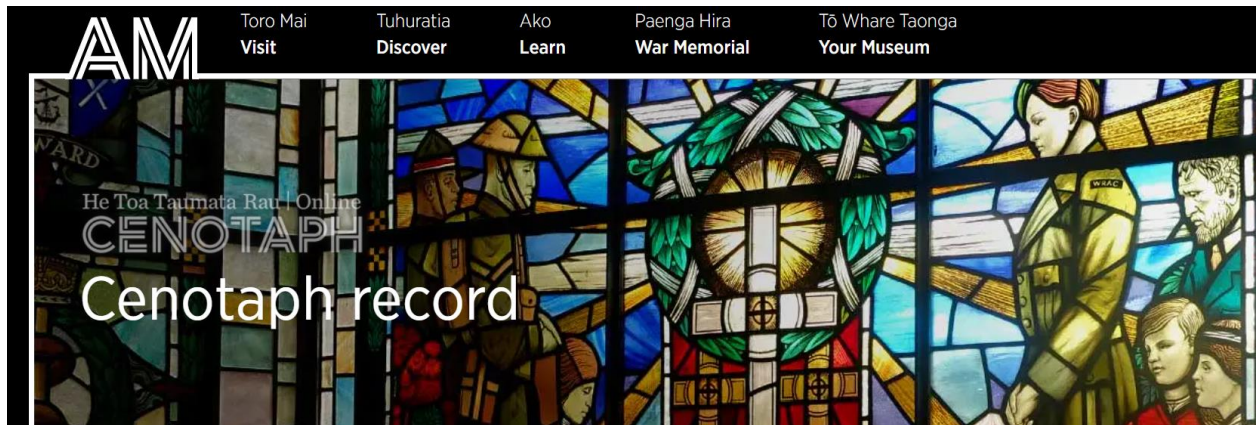
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Kenneth Banks – service number 58218, of 6th Australian Reinforcement. No family details are listed.

Private K. Banks is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.

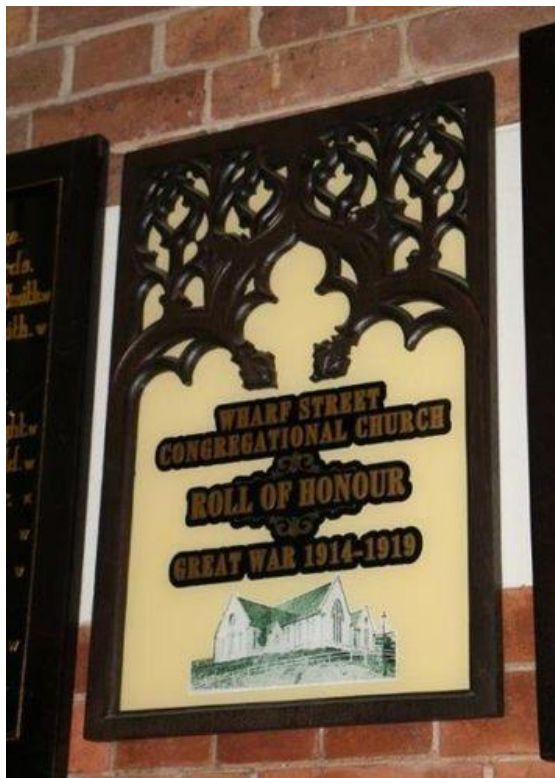


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Kenneth Banks is remembered on the Auckland Museum's Online Cenotaph.



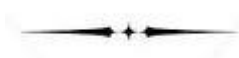
Kenneth Banks is remembered on the Wharf Street Congregational Church Roll of Honour, located in Merrington Memorial Peace Chapel at St Andrew's Uniting Church, , Ann & Creek Streets, Brisbane, Queensland.



Wharf Street Congregational Church Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)

(51 pages of Private Kenneth Banks' Australian Imperial Force Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website. 22 pages of Private Kenneth Bank's New Zealand Expeditionary Force Service records are available from Archway Archives New Zealand).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



Possibly Private K. Banks - NOTE: "J" Banks not "K" Banks

(Page 26 of the *Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 5 October, 1918)

Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

LATEST CASUALTY AND HOSPITAL REPORTS

YESTERDAY'S LIST

HOSPITAL PROGRESS REPORTS

ADMITTED FIRST LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL

Canterbury Battalion

Banks, Kenneth, 6/1459 Private.

(New Zealand Times, Volume XL, Issue 9159 – 27 September, 1915)

Roll of Honour

Casualty lists Nos 450a and 450 were issued from the censor's office last night....

DIED OTHER CAUSES

Kenneth Banks, New Farm, 1/11/18, illness

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 7 December, 1918)

PERSONAL

Mr G. F. Banks (Goomburra) received the sad intelligence on Monday that his nephew, Sergeant Kenneth Banks, had died at sea on 5th November from pneumonia. Sergeant Banks enlisted from New Zealand with the first contingent, and after serving at Gallipoli and France for two years and ten months, was invalided home and discharged. He was wounded at Gallipoli, also in France. Having recovered from his wounds Sergeant Banks re-enlisted in Queensland, and it was whilst returning home that he succumbed to the attack of pneumonia.

(Warwick Examiner and Times, Queensland – 9 December, 1918) & (Darling Downs Gazette, Queensland – 10 December, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BANKS – November 1, at sea, of pneumonia, Private Kenneth Banks, beloved and only brother of Mrs D. G. Walker, Ardlethan, and Mrs E. Long, Brisbane, aged 25. An Anzac.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW - 21 December, 1918)

TOWN & COUNTRY

Word has been received in Brisbane of the death at sea on board the Bakara, November 1 last, of Private Kenneth Banks, from Spanish influenza. Private Kenneth Banks was one of the original Anzacs, having served with the 3rd reinforcements of the 13th Canterbury Infantry, New Zealand. He was invalided home early in 1918, and was returning to active service, having re-enlisted in Brisbane with the 6th RQ. He was the only son of the late Mr. J. A. Banks, of H.M Customs, and grandson of the late Mr. J. J. Banks, New Farm, Brisbane.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 25 January, 1919) & (Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 1 February, 1919) & (Cairns Post, Queensland – 5 February, 1919) & (The Northern Herald, Cairns, Queensland – 13 February, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BANKS – On November 1, 1918, at sea, on board s.s. "Bakara," of Spanish influenza, Private Kenneth Banks, A.I.F., and formerly with the 13th Canterbury Infantry.

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 25 January, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BANKS – In loving memory of Private Kenneth Banks. died at sea, 1st November, 1918. Three years' service with the New Zealanders, and later re-enlisted in the A.I.F.

Inserted by his loving sister, Meba, brother-in-law, Edgar, and little niece, Royal Long.

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 1 November, 1919) & (The Week, Brisbane, Queensland – 7 November, 1919)

Kenneth Banks is remembered on his grandparents' headstone in Allora Cemetery, Queensland.



(Photos by nettlyne – Find a Grave)

In Memory of

ELIZABETH SUTTON BANKS

Died February 2nd 1894

Aged 58 Years.

*"The Eternal God is Thy Refuge, and
Underneath are The Everlasting Arms.*

JOHN JONES BANKS

Died August 10th 1916

Aged 84 Years 7 Months.

And

Private KENNETH BANKS A. I. F.

Grandson,

Died November 1st 1918, Aged 26 Years 11 Months

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.

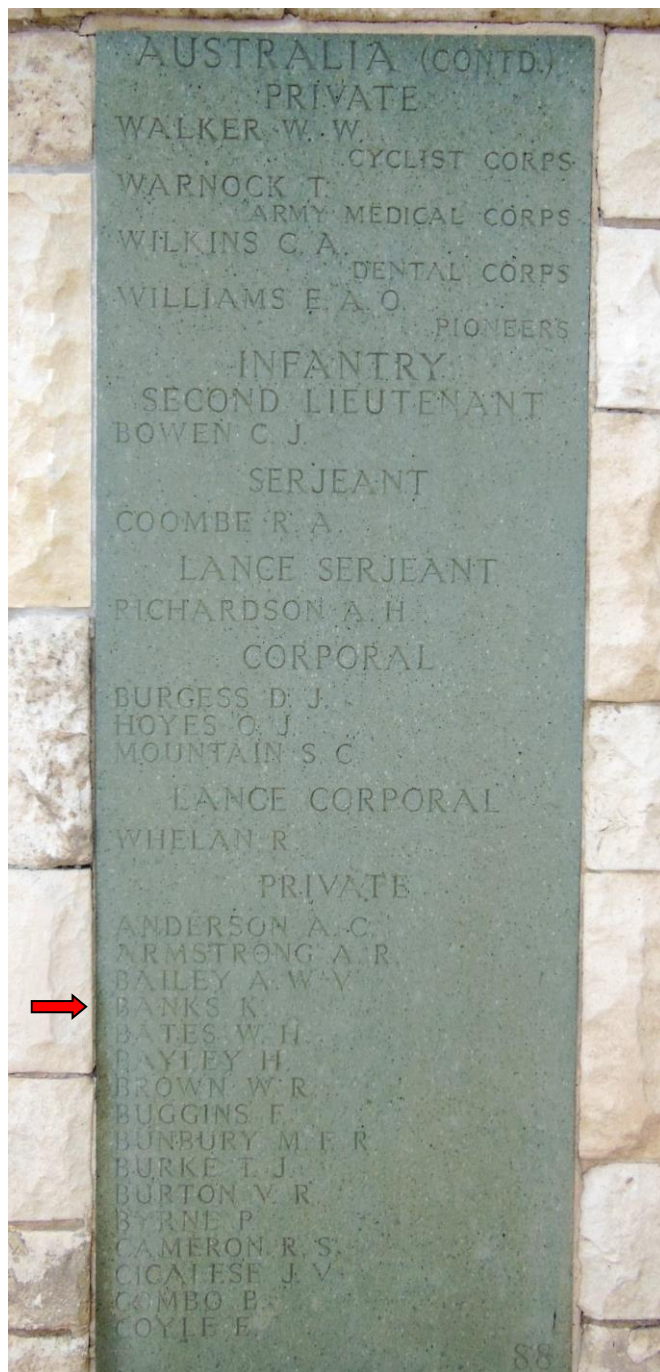
There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

(Information & photos from CWGC)

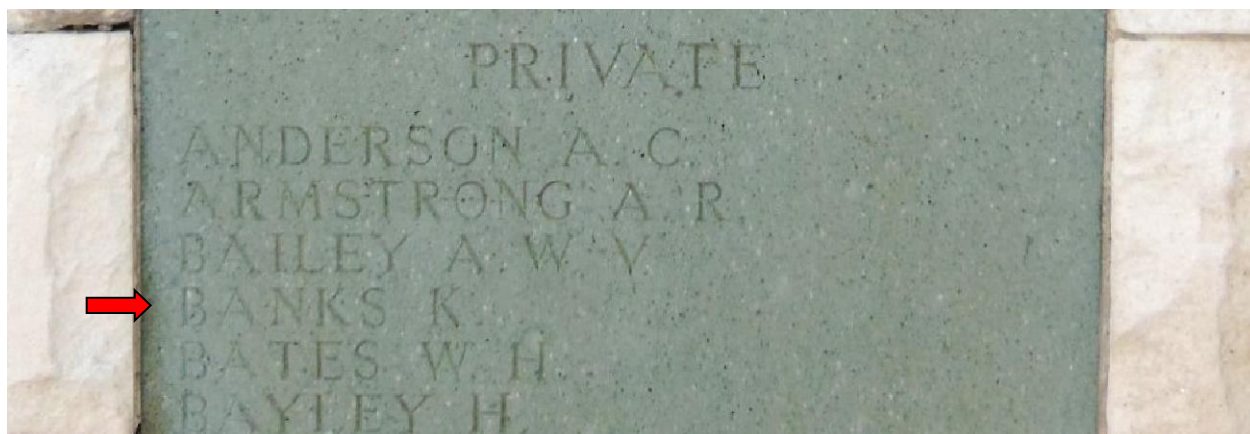


Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Private K. Banks' 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)