

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3267 PRIVATE

W. H. BATES

41ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

24TH AUGUST, 1917

William Henry BATES

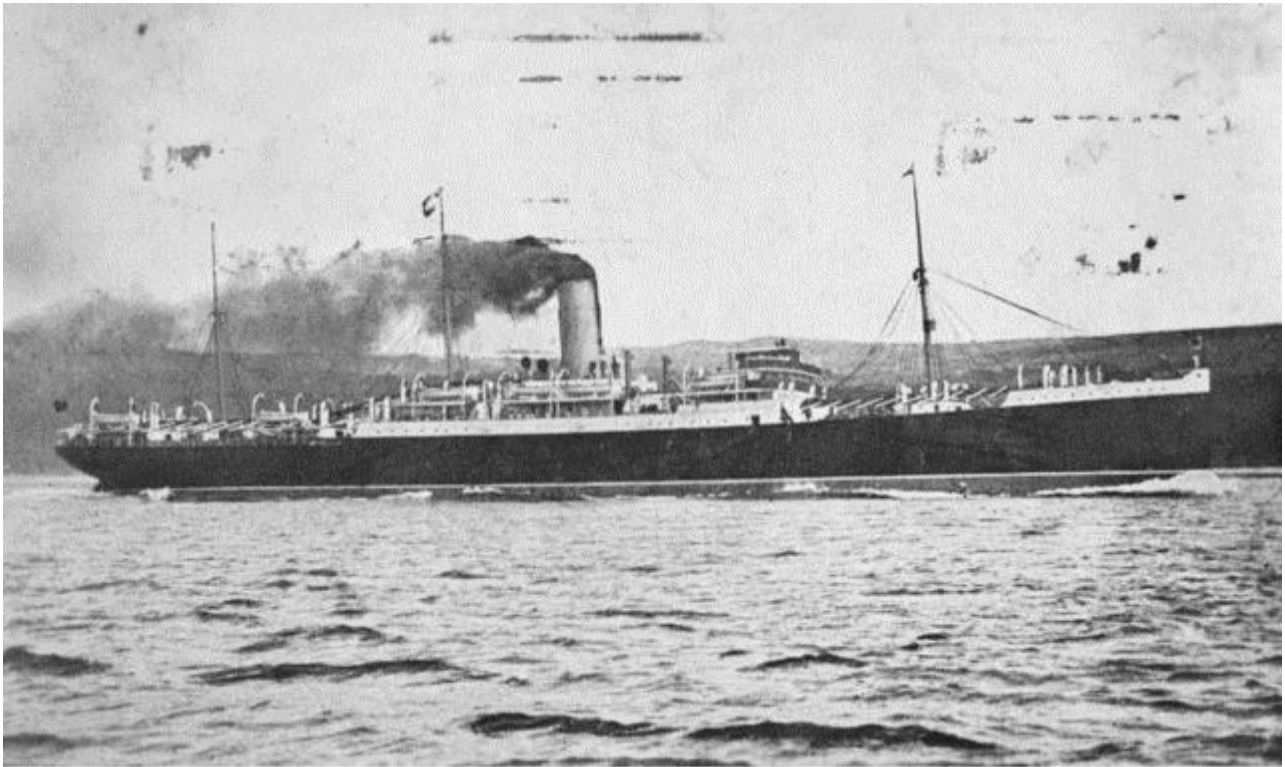
William Henry Bates was born at Kempsey, NSW in 1874 to parents Joseph Carson Bates & Margaret Bates (nee Field)

The 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Wide Bay, subdivision of Childers, Queensland recorded William Henry Bates, Farmer from Duingal.

William Henry Bates was aged 42 years & 7 months, single, and a Grazier from Gin Gin, Queensland when he enlisted at Maryborough, Queensland on 24th May, 1917 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3267 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Joseph Carson Bates, Wallaville, Gin Gin, Queensland.

Private William Henry Bates was posted to L.H.D.R. (Light Horse Depot Regiment) at Enoggera, Queensland on 5th June, 1917 for recruit training. He was transferred to 8th Reinforcements of 41st Battalion on 10th June, 1917.

Private William Henry Bates embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Hororata* (A20) on 14th June, 1917 with the 41st Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements.



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HMAT *Hororata* (A20)

Private William Henry Bates was admitted to Ship's Hospital in 11th August, 1917 with Influenza & discharged on 19th August, 1917.

Private William Henry Bates was re-admitted to Ship's Hospital on 22nd August, 1917. The Hospital Admissions form recorded the following: "*Lumbar Puncture twice. Intense headache & pain in back. Cerebral vomiting and rash. Rigidity of neck and double Kerring. ___ fluid withdrawn, cloudy. 30 cc Serum injected. 12 hours late L. P. again performed. ___ lumbar fluid withdrawn. 30 cc Serum injected. Died 1 ½ hrs later.*"

Private William Henry Bates died on 24th August, 1917 at Sea on board HMAT *Hororata* from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

Private William Henry Bates was buried at Sea on 24th August, 1917 from HMAT *Hororata*. 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 William Henry Bates requested in his Will, extracted from his Pay Book, that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother – Margaret Ann Bates, Wallaville, Gin Gin, Queensland.

Private William Henry Bates 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 Bates' father – Mr J. C. Bates, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Henry Bates – service number 3267, of 41st Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

W. H. Bates is remembered on the Isis District Roll of Honour, located in Isis District RSL, 55 Churchill Street, Childers, Queensland.



Isis District Roll of Honour (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Liz Williamson)

W. Bates is remembered on the Gin Gin War Memorial, located at Mulgrave & Walker Streets, Gin Gin, Queensland.



Gin Gin War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



W. H. Bates is remembered on the Childers Memorial Hall and Honour Boards, located at Churchill Street & Crescent Street, Childers, Queensland.



Childers Memorial Hall and Honour Boards (Photos from Queensland War Memorial Register)





Childers Memorial Hall and Honour Boards

Private W. H. Bates is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 133.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(46 pages of Private William Henry Bates' 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



William Henry Bates



Newspaper Notices

DISTRICT RECRUITING

The following were accepted for active service at the Lennox Street Drill Shed:- William Henry Bates (Gin Gin), Edward Joseph McMahon (Bundaberg).

(Maryborough Chronicle, Wide Bay and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 26 May, 1917)

Roll of Honour

338th Casualty List

DIED OF ILLNESS

W. H. Bates, Wallaville, 24/8/17.

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 5 September, 1917)

NEWS FROM THE COUNTRY

CHILDERS

..... The roll of honor has been unusually heavy for this little district during the past month, when no fewer than five of our brave soldiers have made the supreme sacrifice, while many other have been report wounded. Word has been received of the death of Private William Henry Bates, who enlisted from here in June last. Deep regret was expressed on all sides when the news became known that he had died from omentitis aboard the troopship en route for Great Britain. The late soldier was well and favourably known throughout the town, and district, and was for many years a councillor, having represented No. 1 Division on the Isis Shire Council.

(The Daily Mail, Brisbane, Queensland – 10 September, 1917)

Death

BATES – On August 24th, on board the transport A20, somewhere at sea, PRIVATE WILLIAM HENRY (Willie), the dearly loved son of J. C. and M. A. Bates, aged 43 years and 11 months.

Deeply regretted.

(The Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 18 September, 1917)

Roll of Honor

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BATES – TROOPER WILLIAM H. BATES, who died at sea of illness on 24th August, 1917.

He died on the far off billows,
Bound for old England,
No loved ones to smooth his pillow
Not to hold his darling hand.
He answered the Call of Duty,
And left the one he loved;
But we know we will meet him in Heaven,
Safe in the Arms of God.

(Inserted by his sorrowing Brother and Sister-in-Law, Newcombe and Dorothy Bates, Walla)

(The Bundaberg Mail and Burnett Advertiser, Queensland – 20 September, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

BATES – In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private William Henry Bates, who died at sea, 24th August, 1917.

“Asleep in Jesus.”

Inserted by his sorrowing father and sisters.

(The Bundaberg Mail, Queensland – 24 August, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

BATES – In sad but loving memory of our dear Mother, MARGARET ANN BATES, who departed this life, June 20th, 1918; also dear WILLIE, who died at Sea, August 24th, 1917.

(Inserted by their sorrowing Family).

(The Bundaberg Mail, Queensland – 20 June, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

WORKMAN – In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Margaret Ann Bates, who died June 20th, 1918.

ALSO

Dear Willie, who died at Sea, August 24th, 1917.

Sadly Missed.

Inserted by their sorrowing family.

(The Bundaberg Mail, Queensland – 21 June, 1920)

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.

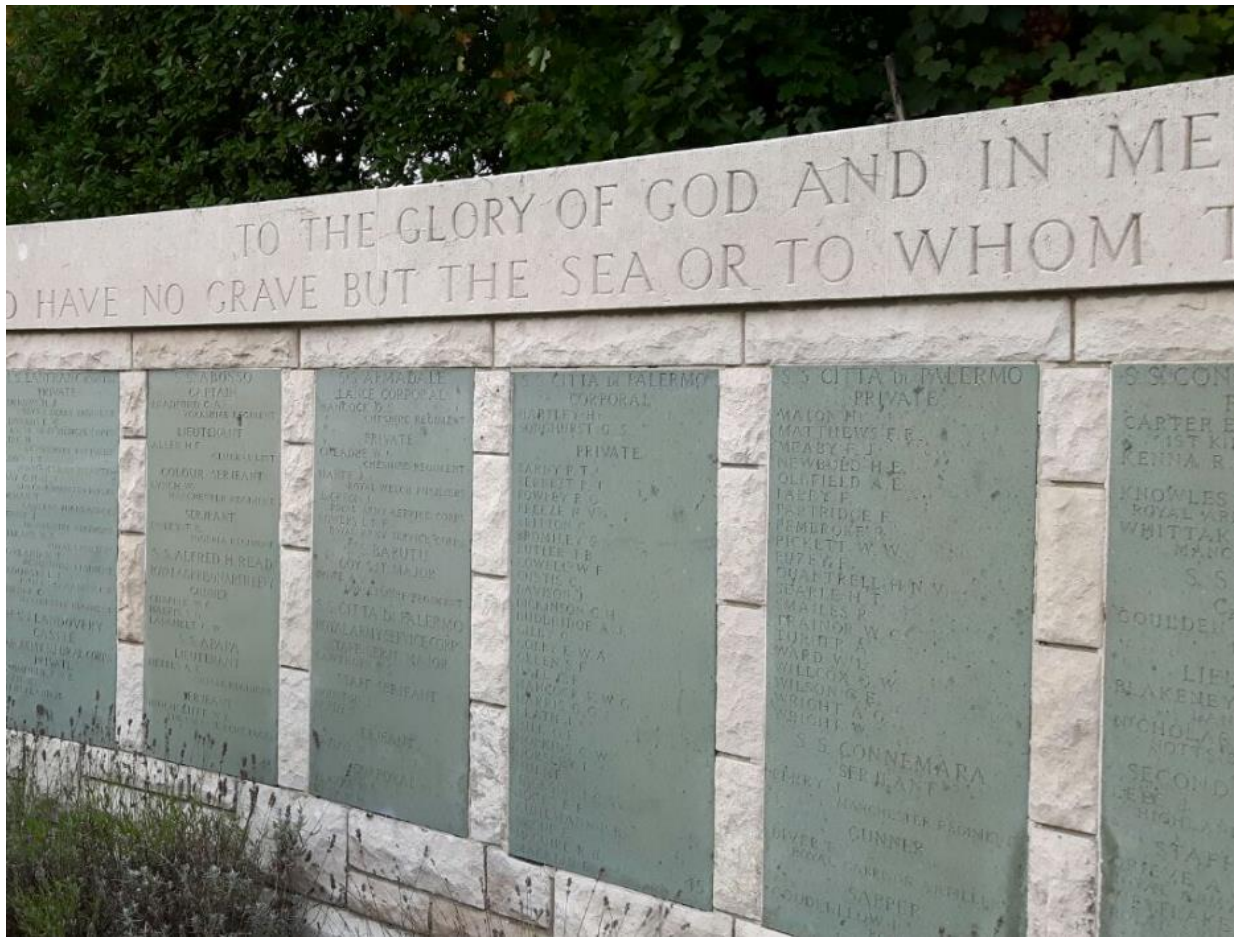
The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

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

(Information & photos from CWGC)



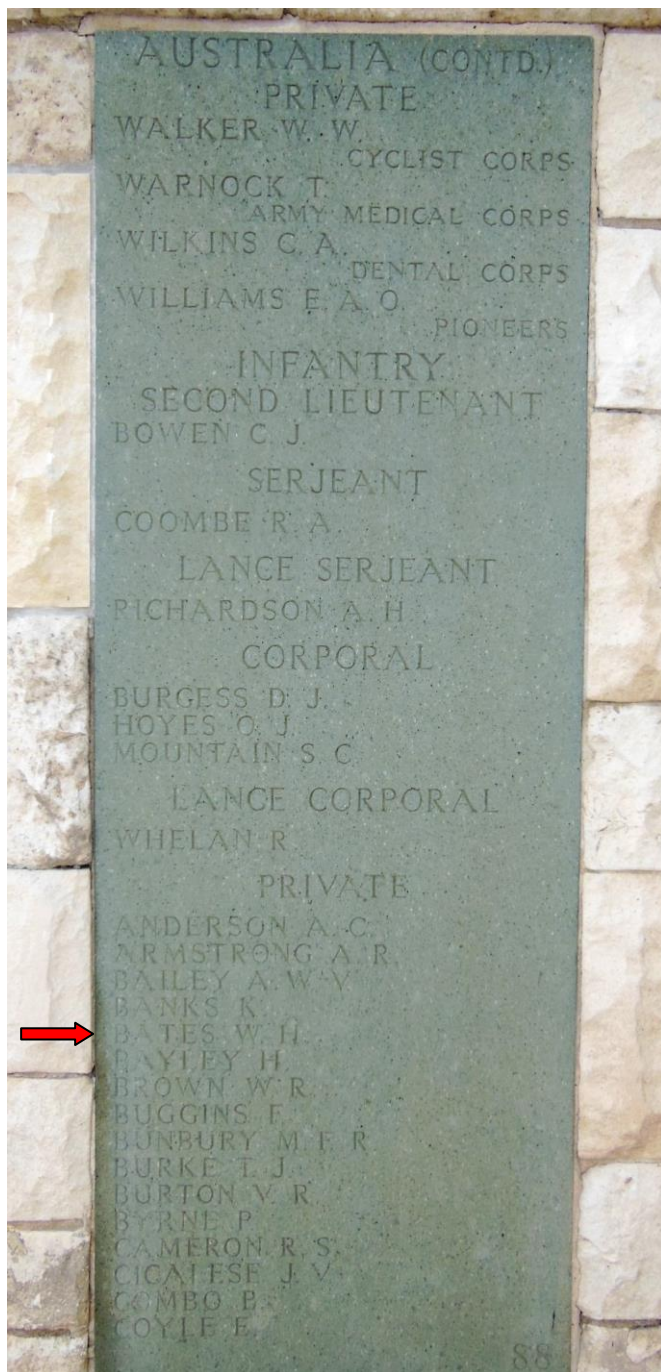
Cross of Sacrifice



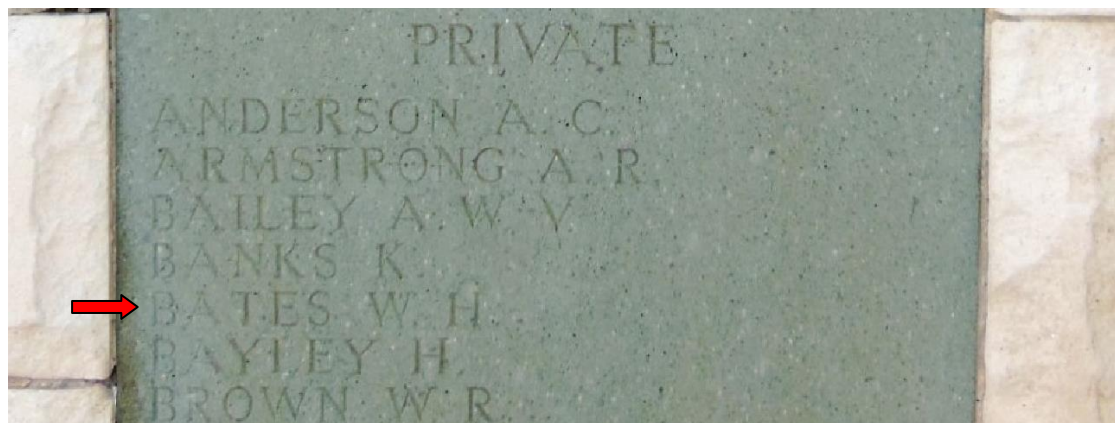
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



Photo of Private W. H. Bates' 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)