

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3297 AIR MECHANIC 2ND CLASS

C. O. BERG

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

30TH OCTOBER, 1918

Carl Oscar BERG

Carl Oscar Berg was born at Hobart, Tasmania on 4th August, 1879 to parents Carl G. and Susan Berg (nee Brown). (Note: Carl Oscar Berg listed his date of birth as 5th August, 1879 on his Attestation Papers, however Index of Tasmanian Names which show the record for Births in the District of Hobart for 1879 has the date as 4th August, 1879.)

Carl Oscar Berg attended Tempe Superior Public School, Sydney, NSW.

Carl Oscar Berg stated on his Attestation Papers that he had been apprenticed with NSW Government Railways for 6 years. According to "*NSW Railways Remember*" – Carl Oscar Berg joined the NSW Government Railways & Tramways on 1st May, 1896 as an apprentice in the Locomotive Branch at Eveleigh, Sydney, NSW. He was appointed to the position of carriage builder in 1st July, 1901.

Carl Oscar Berg, aged 22, married Mary Magdalene Woodward, aged 18, on 27th November, 1901 at St Paul's Church, Cleveland Street

Elizabeth E Berg, daughter of Carl & Mary Berg, was born on 18th April, 1902 at St. Peters, Sydney, NSW.

Carl James Berg, son of Carl & Mary Berg, was born on 13th November, 1910 at St. Peters, Sydney, NSW.

According to "*NSW Railways Remember*" – Carl Oscar Berg was dismissed by proclamation on 14th August, 1917 for having participated in the Great Strike of 1917. He was re-employed temporarily as a Porter between 17th & 24th December, 1917. He was re-instated as a Carriage Builder on 15th July, 1918 "*as his turn for re-employment has arrived.*"

According to information supplied by his wife for the Roll of Honour – Carl Berg worked for 23 years on NSW Railways. She also stated he had served 20 years in Military (Army Medical) & other Units. Carl Berg stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) Militia for 9 years.

Carl Oscar Berg was a 38 year old, married, Carpenter & Woodworker (as listed on Embarkation Roll. Listed as Coachbuilder on Attestation Papers) when he enlisted on 8th January, 1918 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3297 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. M. Berg, 101 Marrickville Road, Marrickville, NSW.

Private Carl Oscar Berg was posted to Recruits at Show Ground Camp, Sydney, NSW on 16th January, 1918. He was transferred to Recruit M. and D. Depot at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 22nd January, 1918. Private Berg was posted to 1st Pioneer Battalion Reinforcements on 30th January, 1918. He was transferred to R.A.S. (Royal Agricultural Show) Ground Camp on 5th February, 1918. Private Berg was then transferred to Flying Corps at Laverton, Victoria as 2nd Class Air Mechanic on 21st February, 1918.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg entrained at Melbourne, Victoria on 6th May, 1918 & embarked from Sydney, NSW on RMS *Osterley* (listed as H.M.A.T. *Osterley* on Service and Casualty Form Part II) on 8th May, 1918 with the Australian Flying Corps March 1918 Reinforcements. Air Mechanic Berg was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 18th May, 1918 with Tonsillitis & discharged on 20th May, 1918. He disembarked at Liverpool, England on 10th July, 1918.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England.

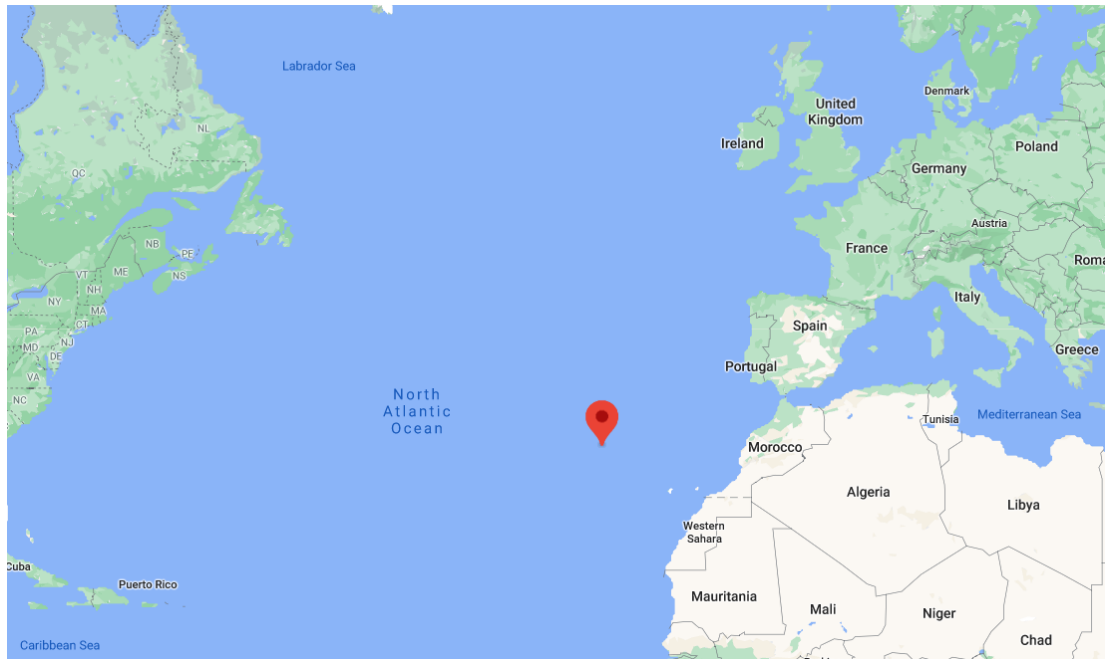
Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg was posted to A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) Depot at Wendover, England on 10th July, 1918.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg was taken on strength of 7th Training Squadron, 1st Wing, A.F.C. at Tetbury, England on 28th August, 1918.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg was to be returned to Australia "*per "D24" for duty Central Flying Corps Australia.*" on 19th October, 1918. (Note: Another Service and Casualty Form Part II recorded Air Mechanic 2nd Class Berg was to be returned to Australia "*per "D24" for Submarine Guard Duty*").

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 23rd October, 1918. The Hospital Admissions form recorded : "This man developed a very severe attack of Influenza with Broncho Pneumonia, his illness was marked with intense toxæmia & he died after an illness of eight days in hospital."

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg died on 30th October, 1918 at Sea on board H. T. *Sardinia* from 1. Influenza & 2. Broncho Pneumonia. (Statement of Service form recorded cause of death as Pneumonia following Influenza.) (Lat. 32 degrees 00' Long 23 degrees 00' W – as listed on Colony of the Cape of Good Hope – Form of Information of a DEATH on Shipboard)



Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg was one of eight Australian Service Personnel to die on H. M. Carrier D. 24 *Sardinia* from Influenza complicated by Pneumonia on the voyage. (Form below was located in Air Mechanic 2nd Class Berg's Service Record file.)

DEFENCE C 569/18/448.
H.M. Carrier D. 24. "Sardinia."

REPORT OF VOYAGE BY SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER.

X X

(2) CASUALTIES.

X X

The following died of influenza complicated by pneumonia :-

13308.	Driver	Rex	R.H.	A.S.C.M.T. Dtls.	28-10-18
235	Private	Cooper	W.L.	33rd Bn.	29-10-18
3297	2/AM	Berg	C.O.	A.F.C.	30-10-18
5	CSM	Montgomery	J.F.	26th A.A.S.C.	2-11-18
165	Private	Rowe	S.R.	33rd Bn.	2-11-18
30919	Gunner	Gresser	P.C.	10 MTMB	4-11-18
14	L/Corpl.	Catt	J.	5th M.G. Bn	6-11-18
7036	Private	Pratt	D.G.	49th Bn	8-11-18

X X

H.C. ADAMS,
Major,
Senior Medical Officer.

21-12-18.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg was buried at Sea. He is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England as he has no grave.

A death for Carl Oscar Berg, aged 39, was registered in the Cape Province, South Africa.

2nd Air Mechanic Carl Oscar Berg, of Australian Flying Corps, Laverton, Victoria, requested in his Will, which was lodged with the Officer in Charge, Base Records upon embarkation for Active Service abroad, that in the event of his death all his personal effects and property be given to his wife Magdalene Berg, of 10 Marrickville Road, Marrickville, Sydney, New South Wales.

The Grand Secretary of the Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australasia wrote to Base Records on 16th January, 1919 requesting the Certificate of Death of Second Air Mechanic C. O. Berg so that the Funeral Donation could be paid.

Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg 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 Air Mechanic 2nd Class Berg's widow – Mrs M. M. Berg, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1922 & Plaque sent January, 1924).

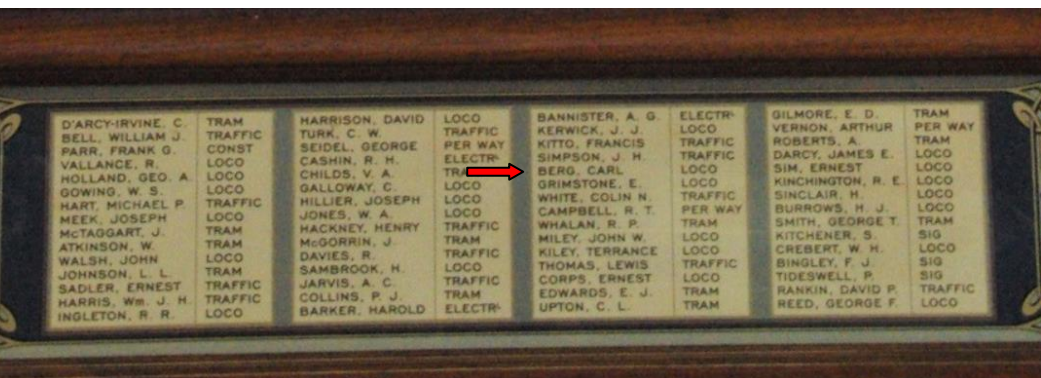
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg – service number 3297, of Australian Flying Corps. He was the son of Carl G. and Susan Berg; husband of Mary Magdalene Berg, of 286 Unwinsbridge Rd., St. Peters, NSW.

Carl Berg is remembered on the NSW Government Railways & Tramways Roll of Honour, located at Country Trains Concourse, Eddy Avenue, Haymarket, Sydney, NSW.

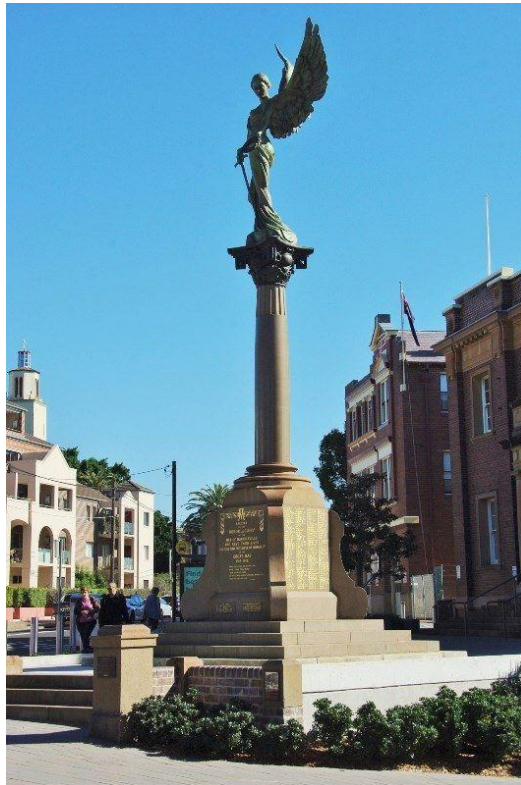


NSW Government Railways & Tramways Roll of Honour

(Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Peter F. Williams)



C. O. Berg is remembered on the Marrickville Soldiers' Memorial, located outside Town Hall, Marrickville Road, Marrickville, Sydney, NSW.



Marrickville Soldiers' Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



Air Mechanic 2nd Class C. O. Berg is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 187.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(55 pages of Air Mechanic 2nd Class Carl Oscar Berg'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

450th CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

2nd A.M. CARL OSCAR BERG, Marrickville

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 7 December, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BERG – At sea, Carl Oscar, beloved eldest son of Carl and Susan Berg, 40 Terry-street, St. Peters. At rest.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 14 December, 1918)

On Active Service

BERG – In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, 2nd A.M. Carl O. Berg, who died at sea (coming home), October 30, 1918, aged 39.

He who dies for others died a perfect man.

Inserted by his loving wife and children.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 30 October, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

JACOBSEN – In sad and loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, who departed this life December 11, 1918; also son and brother, Carl Oscar Berg, who died at sea, October 30, 1918. R.I.P. Inserted by their loving mother and family.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 12 December, 1919)

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.

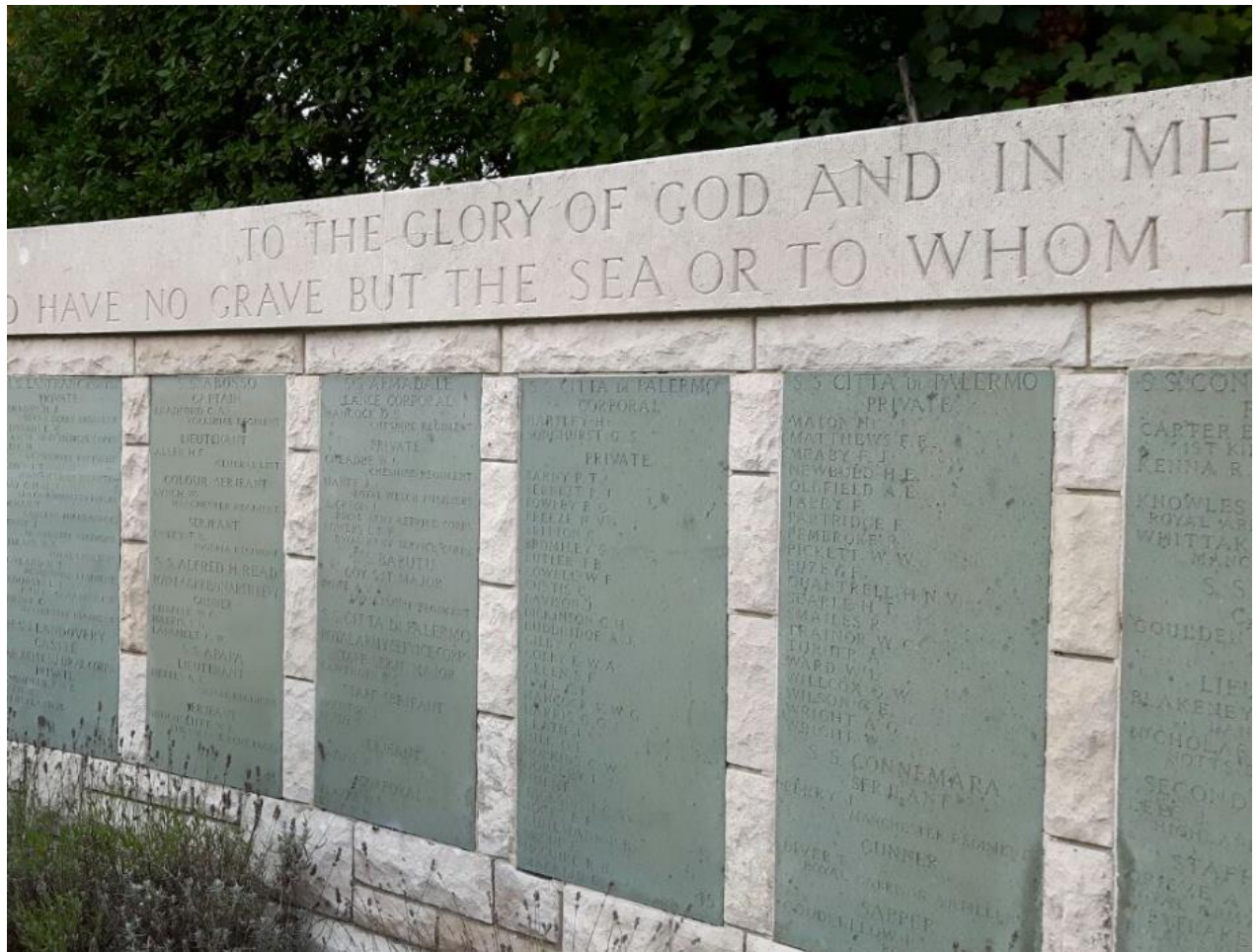
The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

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

(Information & photos from CWGC)



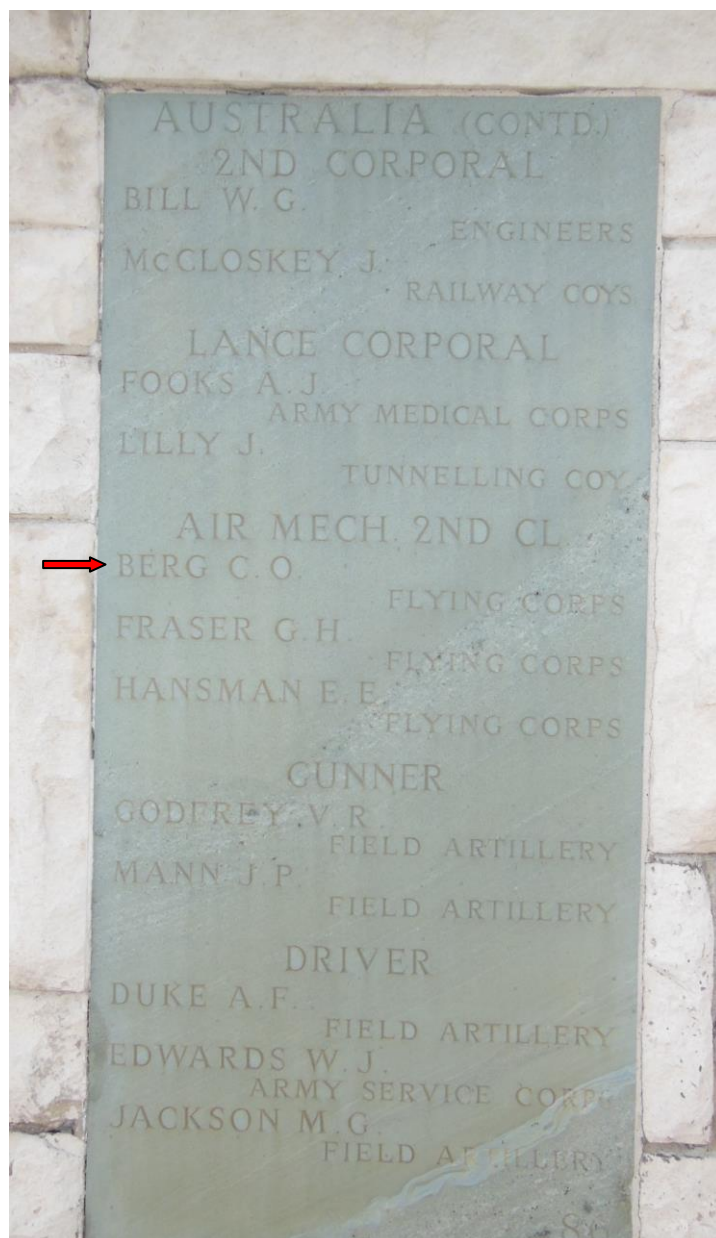
Cross of Sacrifice



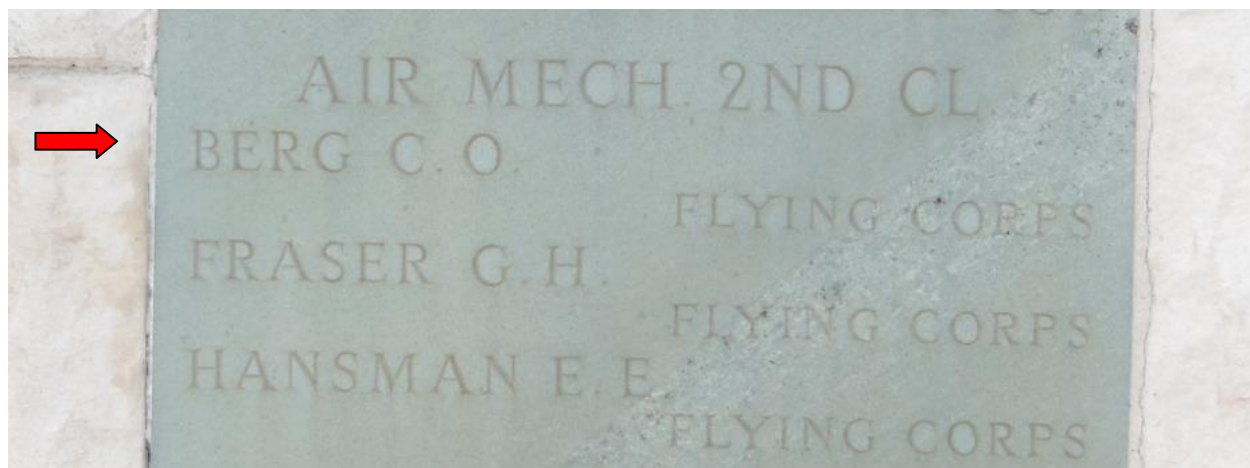
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

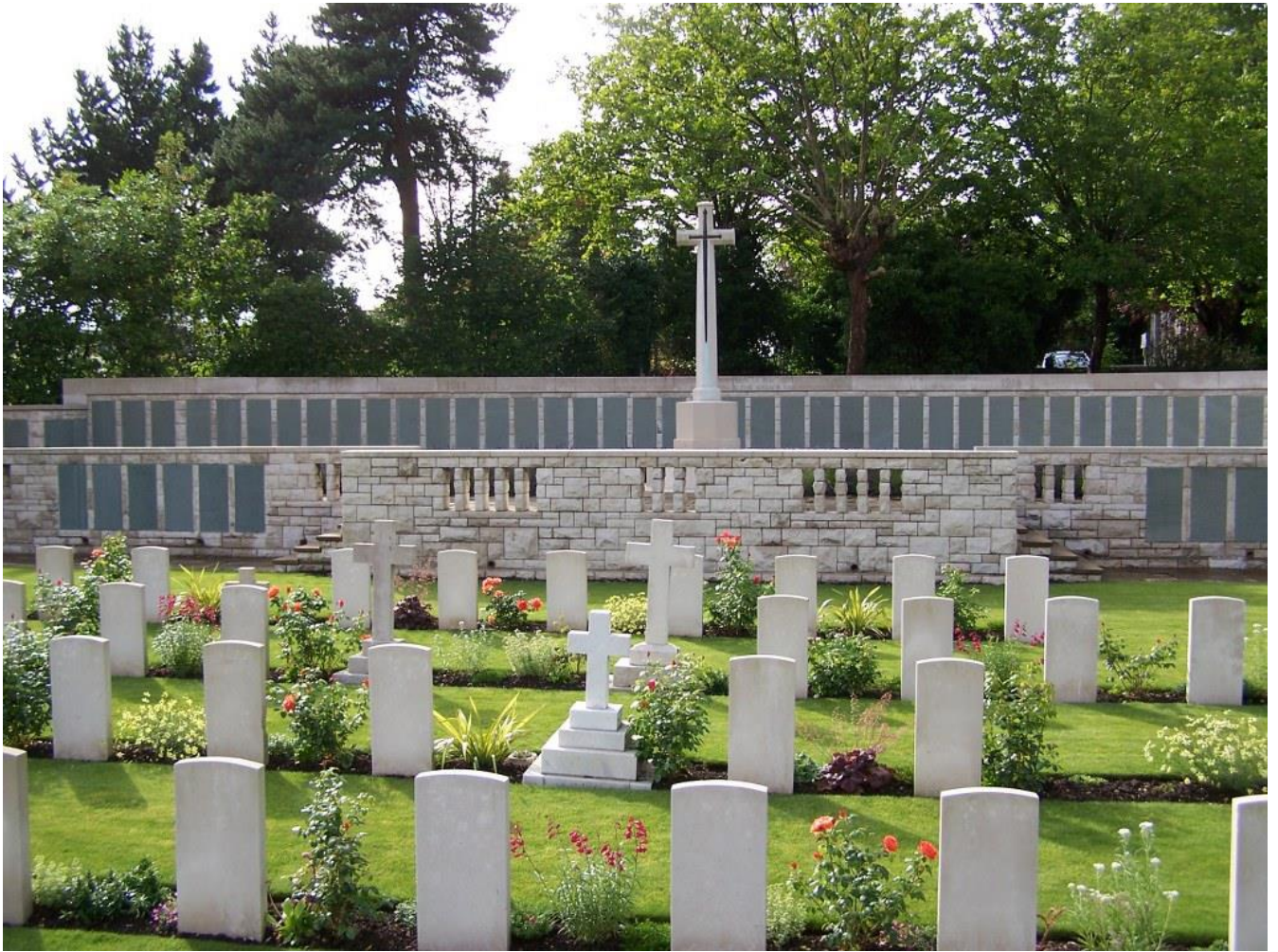


Photo of Air Mechanic 2nd Class C. O. Berg's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





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

(Photo from CWGC)