Hollybrook Memorial,

Southampton, Hampshire, England

War Graves

Lest We Forget

World War 1

7219 PRIVATE

M. F. R. BUNBURY

11TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19TH MARCH, 1917

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Montray Frederick Richardson BUNBURY

Montray Frederick Richardson-Bunbury (listed on Western Australian Births, Deaths & Marriages website as Mowbray Frederic Bunbury) was born at Beachlands, Busselton, Western Australia on 6th January, 1865 to parents William Richardson Bunbury & Amelia Georgiana Bunbury (nee Molloy).

William Richardson Bunbury, father of Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury, died on 13th November, 1877.

Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury attended Perth High School, Western Australia.

Montray Frederick Bunbury married Mary Capel Vines at Busselton, Western Australia on 30th December, 1896.

Births were registered for the following children of Montray Richardson-Bunbury & Mary Bunbury: Frederic Moutray Richardson-Bunbury (born Sussex, birth registered 1897, death registered 1901); Richard Bunbury (born Picton, birth registered 1899); James Richardson Bunbury (born Busselton, birth registered 1901) & Kathleen Bunbury (born Bunbury, birth registered 1903).

The 1906 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Swan, subdivision of Balbarrup, Western Australia recorded Montray R. Bunbury, Farmer of Balingup.

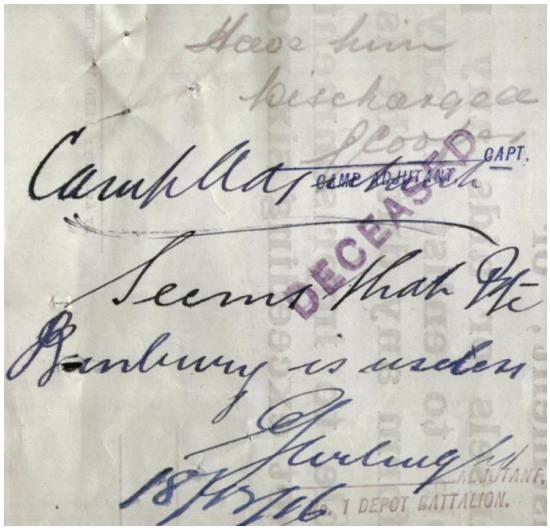
Amelia Georgiana Bunbury, mother of Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury, died in 1910.

Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury stated he was a 43 year old, widowed, Miner and Prospector from Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted at Fremantle, Western Australia (the Medical History form recorded he enlisted as Blackboy hill on 20th November, 1916 with "*Fremantle 17th November, 1916*" crossed out) on 18th November, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 7219 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his brother – Mr E. R. Bunbury, Busselton, Western Australia. (According to information provided for the Roll of Honour by Edward Richardson-Bunbury, brother of Montray Richardson Bunbury, Montray was aged 50 years when he died). A Specimen Signature sheet in the Service Record file shows that he signed his name as just "*Montray Bunbury*" on 17th November, 1916.

Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury was posted to 94 Depot on 18th November, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 24th Reinforcements of 11th Battalion on 30th December, 1916.

C. W. Read, O.C. 94 Depot, wrote to The Adjutant, No. 1 Depot Battalion (date not recorded on handwritten note) stating *"I beg to recommend that Pte M. F. R. Bunbury be dis[charged] from the A.I.F. as not likely [to] become an efficient soldier. [His] age will be 51 years on the 6th [January] 1917. He is very slow & the ___ parade marching is too much for [him]."* (Note: the letter was handwritten with the right hand side of the letter damaged & torn. the missing words or partial word have been added in [ ].) A reply was noted at the bottom of the letter: *"For your action OC 94 Depot. Please parade ___ man @ 8.45 am 13/12/__"*

A further handwritten note reads*: "have him Discharged (signed) P. Cooper Capt. Camp Adjutant."* The Adjutant of No. 1 Depot Battalion wrote: *"_____ Seems that Pte Bunbury is useless"* dated 18th December, 1916.



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The Adjutant of No. 1 Depot Battalion wrote to OC 94 [Depot] on 18th December, 1916: "*How is Bunbury going*". The OC 94 Depot replied the same day stating "*No good. Only throwing money away keeping him on*."

Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Miltiades (A28)* on 29th January, 1917 with the 11th Infantry Battalion, 24th Reinforcements.

Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 14th March, 1917 while at Sea with C.S.M.

Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury died at 9 pm on 19th March, 1917 at Sea on board HMAT *Miltiades (A28)* from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury was buried at Sea from HMAT *Miltiades (A28)* on 19th March, 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.

Moutray Frederick Richardson Bunbury requested in his Will, dated 7th January, 1915: "*This is the last Will and Testament of me Moutray Frederick Richardson Bunbury of Balingup in the State of Western Australia. I revoke all testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me I appoint The West Australian Trustee Executor and Agency Company Limited to be the sole Trustees and Executors of this my Will and Guardians of my infant children (hereinafter called my Trustees). I give devise and bequeath all my property both Real and Personal unto my Trustees Upon Trust for sale and after payment of my just debts and testamentary expenses to invest the proceeds of any such sale or sales…. for all my children share and share alike on their respectively attaining the age of twenty one years And during the infancy of my children I authorise my Trustees to apply the whole or any portion of the income arising from my Trust Estate in and towards the maintenance education and advancement in life of my infant children…….And I direct my Trustees not to allow my Wife to reside on any portion of my property nor to receive any benefits under this my Will nor are my Trustees to pay her any moneys for the maintenance of my infant children….."*

Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury 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 Bunbury's brother, however they were to be issued to widow of the late Private B unbury – Mrs Bunbury, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued February, 1922 – marked "*to be returned to London for issue to Widow*").

Eastman & Jenour, Barristers & Solicitors, Bunbury, Western Australia, wrote to Base Records on 20th October, 1931 requesting a death certificate for Moutray Frederick Richardson Bunbury for Estate purposes. A death certificate was forwarded on 26th October, 1931.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Montray Frederick Bunbury – service number 7219, of 11th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private M. F. Richardson-Bunbury is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 63.

Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

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M. R. Bunbury is remembered on the St. Mary's Anglican Church Honour Roll, located at 43 Peel Terrace, Busselton, Western Australia.

St. Mary's Anglican Church Honour Roll, Busselton *(Photo from Monument Australia – Father Ted Doncaster)*

M. F. R. Bunbury is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.

Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park

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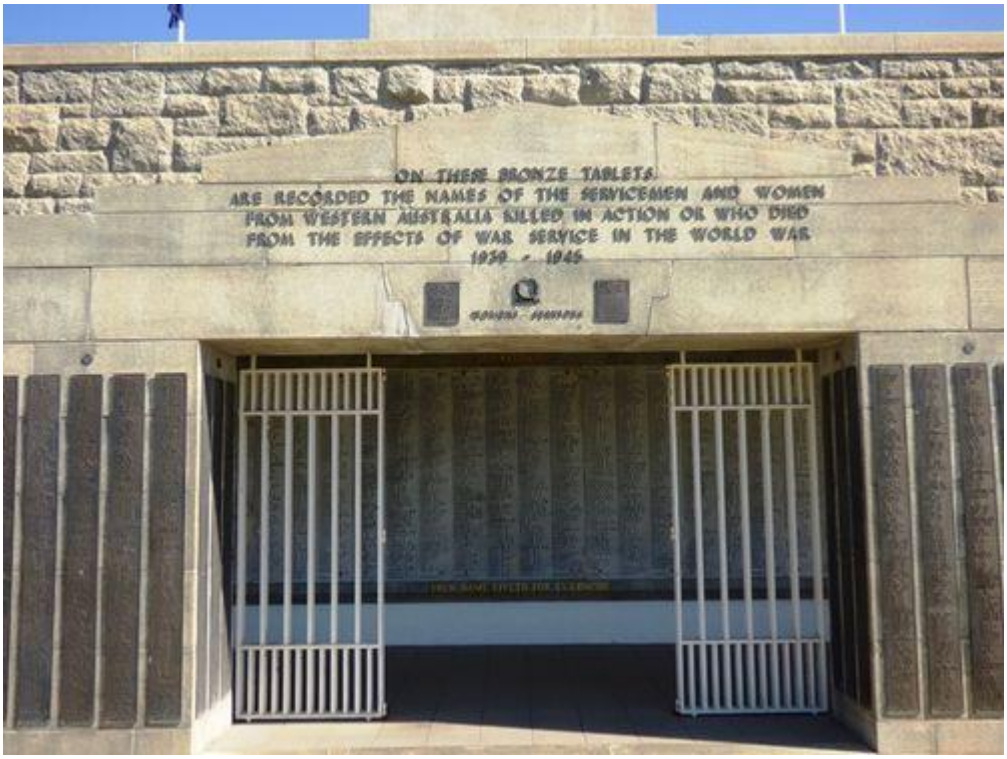

The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)

11th Battalion Panel *(Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)*

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M. F. Bunbury is remembered is remembered on Fremantle's 849, located at War Memorial, Monument Hill Memorial Reserve, High & Swanbourne Streets, Fremantle, Western Australia. Twelve plaques contain all 849 names of the Fremantle servicemen who died in service or were killed in action during World War One. The plaques were created as part of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations.

Fallen Sailors & Soldiers Memorial *(Photos from Monument Australia)*

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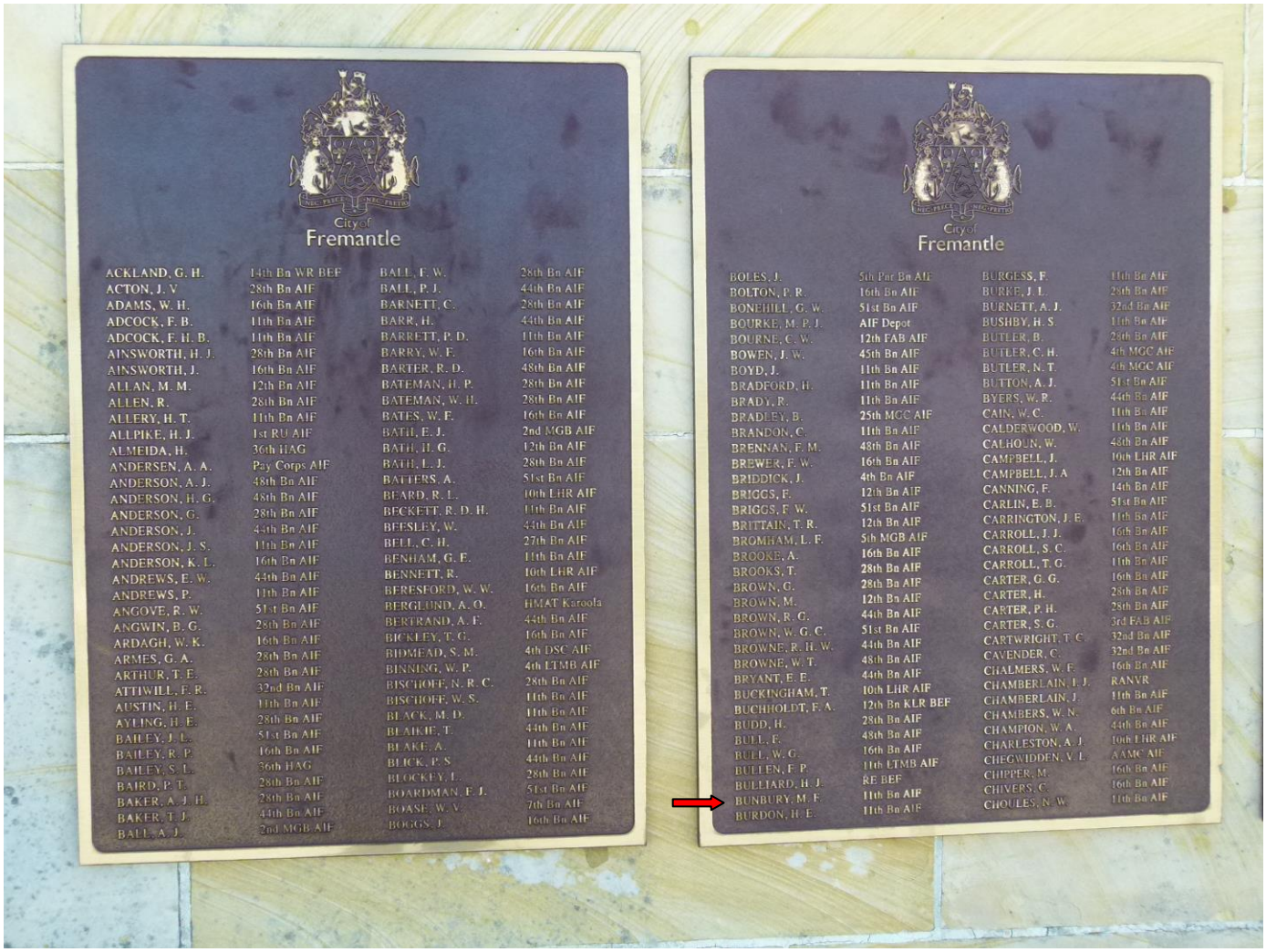

Fremantle's 849 *(Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)*

(54 pages of Private Montray Frederick Richardson Bunbury'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

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Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

286th CASUALTY LIST

5th MILITARY DISTRICT

DIED OF ILLNESS

M. F. R. Bunbury (Busselton)

(*Western Mail*, Perth, Western Australia – 13 April, 1917)

Mainly About People

News has been received of the death in England from illness of Private Montray, formerly of Bunbury.

(*The Daily News*, Perth, Western Australia – 19 April, 1917)

STATE WAR MEMORIAL

NAMES FOR TABLETS

A Further List

The names of all West Australian soldiers who gave their lives during the Great War are to be handed down to posterity by means of a series of tablets bearing those names on the walls of a section of the State War Memorial, on Mount Eliza…..

A further section of the list of names is published below:-

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Pte BUNBURY, Montray Frederick Richardson, 11th Bat.

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(*The West Australian*, Perth, Western Australia – 18 July, 1930)

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.

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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

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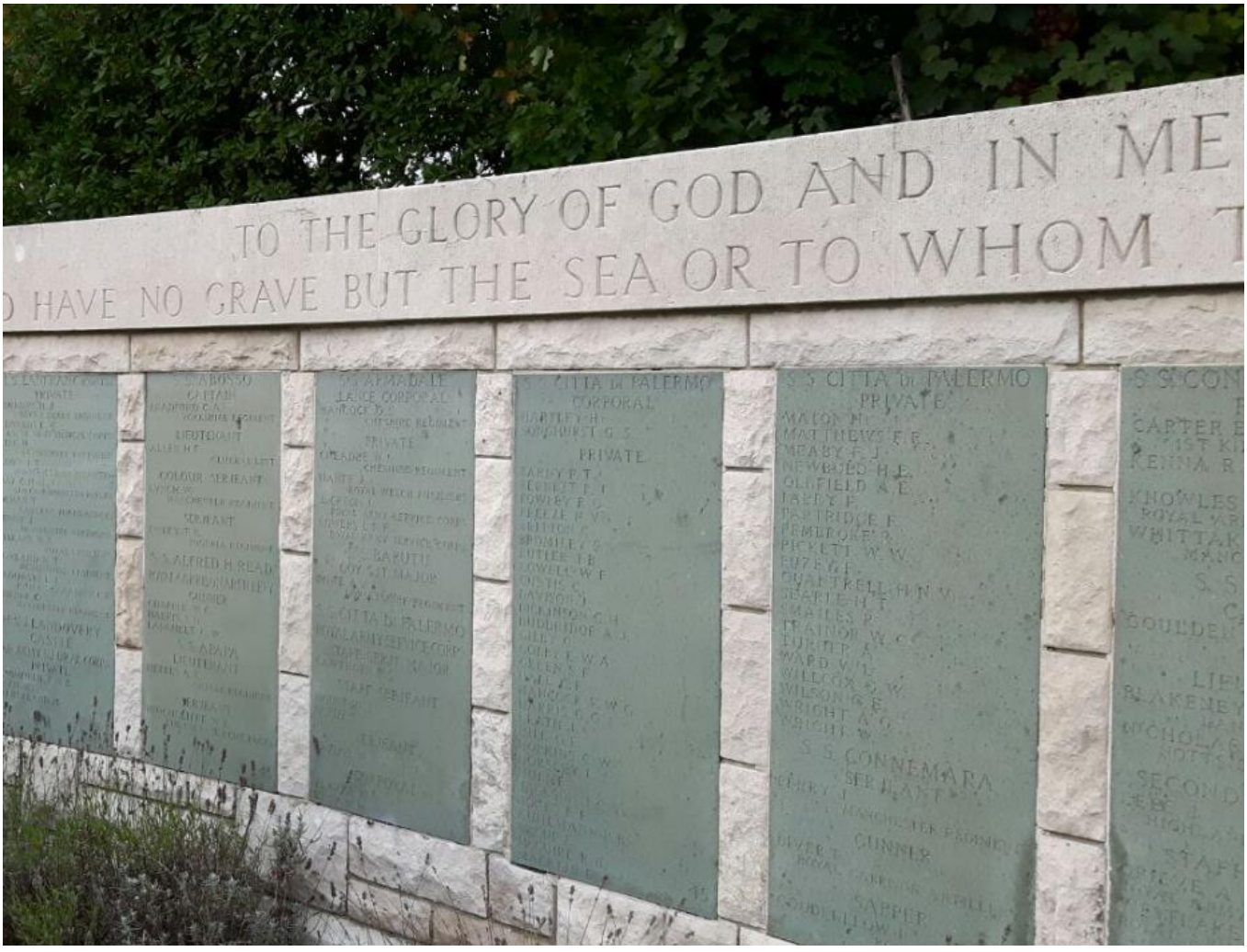

Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

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Photo of Private M. F. R. Bunbury's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

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

(Photo from CWGC)

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