

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6973 CORPORAL

D. J. BURGESS

14TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19TH JANUARY, 1917

Dominick John BURGESS

Dominick John Burgess was born in 1871 to parents William & Mary Ann Burgess (nee Gavin). His birth was registered in the district of Wollongong, New South Wales.

Dominick John Burgess married Margaret E. Darwall in 1892 in the district of Hume, New South Wales.

The 1903 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Indi, sub division of Wodonga, Victoria listed Dominick John Burgess, Contractor & his wife Margaret Emily Burgess, Home Duties from Wodonga.

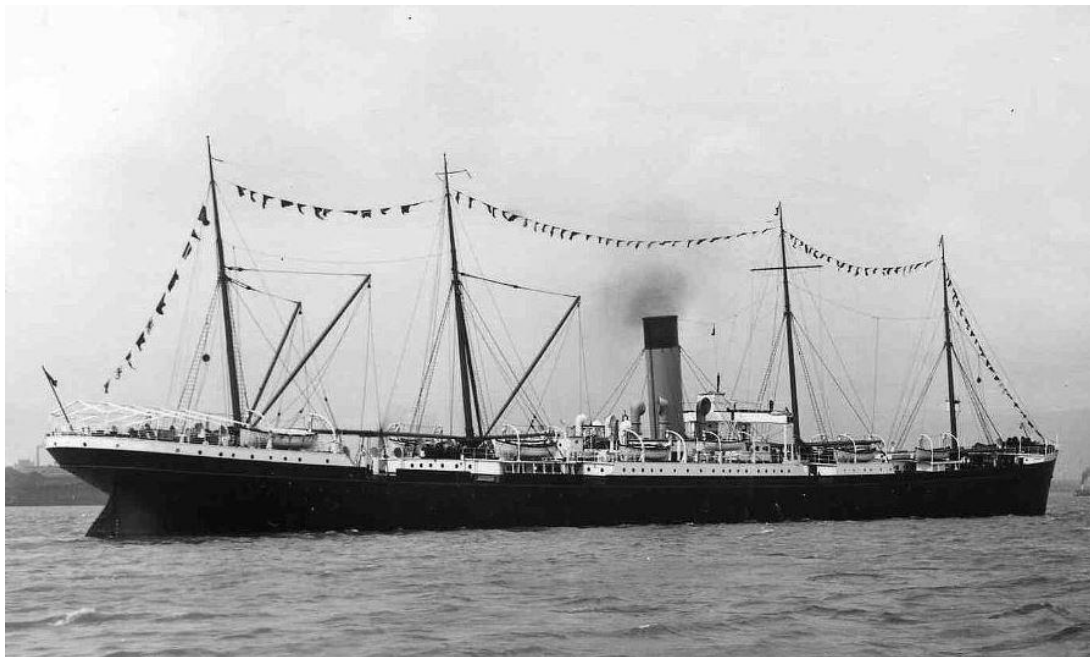
The 1909 & 1912 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Mernda, subdivision of Kilmore, Victoria listed Domonic John Burgess, Grazier & his wife Margaret Emely Burgess, Home Duties, of Wandong.

The 1914, 1915, 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Echuca, subdivision of Kenmore, Victoria listed Domonic John Burgess, Grazier, & his wife Margaret Emily Burgess, Home Duties, of Wandong.

Dominick John Burgess was a 44 year old, married, Grazier from Wandong, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 14th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6973 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. E. Burgess, Wandong, Victoria. Dominick Burgess stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with Volunteer Infantry for 3 months.

Dominick John Burgess was posted to 22nd Depot Battalion at Royal Park, Victoria on 14th October, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "D" Company, 1st Depot Battalion at Royal Park on 1st November, 1916.

Private Dominick John Burgess embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Medic* (A7) on 16th December, 1916 with the 14th Infantry Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements.



HMAT *Medic* (A7)

Private Dominick John Burgess was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 18th January, 1917 with Morbilli Haemorrhagica. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*Admitted complaining of headache & malaise. Had been out of sorts for about 2 weeks. Pulse rapid & weak. After admission developed a haemorrhagis rash intermingle with a measles rash. Pulse rapid ___ & feeble. Died early in the morning of 19th from Cardiac failure.*"

Acting Corporal (rank as stated on Field Service Army Form B. 2090A – Report of Death of a Soldier) Dominick John Burgess died on 19th January, 1917 at Sea on board HMAT *Medic* from Measles.

[Note: there is no record in the Service Record file of Dominick John Burgess as to when he was "Acting Corporal". The Embarkation Roll shows his rank as Private. There is a list of the personal effects belonging to D. J. Burgess, No. 6973 where he was referred to as "Sergeant"]

Acting Corporal Dominick John Burgess was buried at Sea from HMAT *Medic* on 19th January, 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.

Newspaper item – *Kilmore Advertiser*, Victoria – 3 March, 1917:

Wandong

(From our Correspondent)

Regret was caused locally when the news was received and transmitted by Father Little to Mrs Burgess from the Defence Department recently that Corporal D. J. Burgess (Ex-Councillor) of Wandong, had succumbed to an attack of measles on the steamer while journeying for active service abroad. He appeared to be a strong robust man and to succumb to an infantile complaint seemed almost incredible. The late Mr Burgess enlisted fully prepared to avenge those German atrocities (which have become so common but none the less dreadful), of which he openly and candidly expressed his opinion. He naturally possessed a dominant spirit which affected his persona to such an extent that in many cases, being misunderstood, did not make him the favorite he might have been. As a councillor he was an advocate of improved ideas and conditions and at one time it appeared as though his presence at the council table would prove advantageous to all concerned. One thing can be said, through his instrumentality, several very necessary improvements in the portion of the Shire he represented were effected and which well received the approbation of the ___ at Wandong. Behind his bluff manner, to those who had the pleasure of a personal acquaintanceship many characteristics of a genuine nature were to be found. It was sad to know he was cut off, without a chance of taking his part in the great battle for liberty and justice. It can be said "He did his part nobly." "He paid the extreme penalty, and gave his life for his country." To his widow we extend our real sympathy, and trust that Mrs Burgess in her sad tr___ will find consolation in the fact that "Greater love hath no man than this," that a man lay down his life for his friends.

A War Pension was granted to Margaret Emily Burgess, Burnside, Wandong, widow of the late Corporal Dominick John Burgess, in the sum of £2. 12. 3 per fortnight from 1st April, 1917.

Corporal Dominick John Burgess 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 Corporal Burgess' widow – Mrs M. E. Burgess, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent March, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Corporal Dominick John Burgess – service number 6973, of 14th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Corporal D. J. Burgess is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 71.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

D. J. Burgess is remembered on the Wandong Heathcote Junction War Memorial, located at Epping-Kilmore Road, Wandong, Victoria.



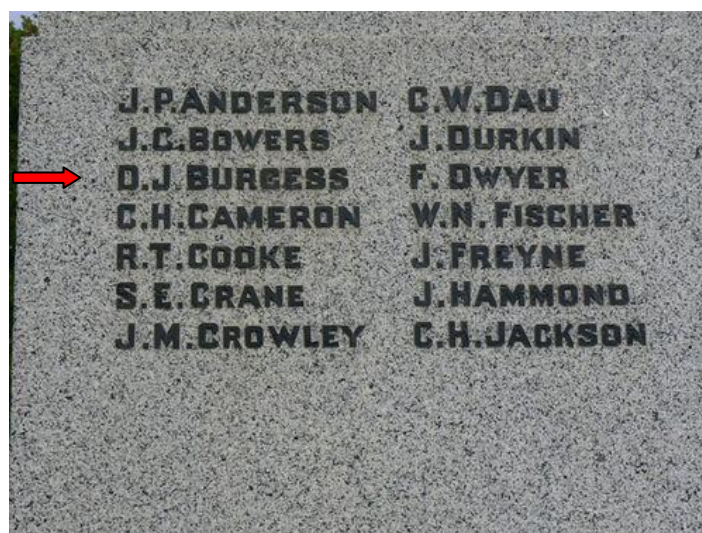
Wandong Heathcote Junction War Memorial (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride)



D. J. Burgess is remembered on the Kilmore War Memorial, located at Sydney Street & Skehan Place, Kilmore, Victoria.



Kilmore War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)



(33 pages of Corporal Dominick John Burgess' 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

COUNCILLOR ENLISTS

KILMORE – At Wednesday's meeting of Kilmore shire council, Cr. D. J. Burgess tendered his resignation, having enlisted for active service. Cr. Burgess was warmly complimented upon his action.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 October, 1916)

AUSTRALIANS ABROAD

Died on Steamer

KILMORE – News has been received that Private D. J. Burgess, ex-councillor of Kilmore Shire, who enlisted last year, died from an attack of measles on board of a steamer, and was buried at sea. He leaves a widow residing at Wandong.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 February, 1917)

THE TOLL OF WAR

271st LIST

VICTORIAN CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Cpl. D. J. Burgess, Wandong

(The Evening Echo, Ballarat, Victoria – 8 February, 1917)

OBITUARY

After going to press last week we heard, with deep regret, of the death of Corpl D. J. Burgess, which sad event occurred at sea. Deceased resigned his seat as one of the members of Bylands and Glenburnie riding of Kilmore shire to enlist, and seemed in robust health on his departure for the front. He leaves a widow, a well known resident of Wandong. As a councillor for over two years he exhibited a truly independent spirit and proved a useful member for the riding he represented, although his combative qualities occasionally evoked hostility.

(Kilmore Free Press, Kilmore, Victoria – 15 February, 1917)

Are You Aware ?

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That Pte D. J. Burgess, an ex-councillor of the Kilmore Shire, who enlisted last year, has died from an attack of measles on board a steamer.

(Tungamah and Lake Rowan Express and St. James Gazette, Victoria – 15 February, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

BURGESS – (By Cable) – Died at Sea, January 19, Sergeant D. J. Burgess, beloved husband of Margaret E. Burgess, of "Burnside," Wandong, aged 45 years.

There was no loved one with him
To hear his faint sight,
To whisper just one loving word
Before he closed his eyes.

-(Inserted by his sorrowing wife, M. E. Burgess)

BURGESS – In memory of our late friend, Sergeant D. J. Burgess, who died at sea from measles, January 19, 1917.

What better gift hath a man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

-(Inserted by his neighbours at Wandong).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 3 March, 1917)

Wandong

Regret was expressed here when it became known that Mrs Burgess had sold her property known as "Burnside." Mrs Burgess recently suffered a very sad bereavement in the loss of her husband, Private D. J. Burgess, on active service abroad, which did not improve her vitality, and the strain of managing her estate was too much for her. She wisely relinquished same by selling out. Mrs Burgess carries with her the good wishes of Wandong residents.

[The above arrived late for last issue.]

(*Kilmore Free Press*, Kilmore, Victoria – 24 May, 1917)

Local and General

It transpires that Private D. J. Burgess, formerly of Wandong, who died on board a transport at sea whilst on the way to the front, did not succumb to an attack of measles as first reported, but from heart disease. He retired to bed as usual one night, and next morning, when his camp mate, another resident of Wandong, attempted to rouse him, he found the soldier quite dead and cold, death having taken place early in the night.

(*Kilmore Advertiser*, Kilmore, Victoria – 26 May, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURGESS – In loving memory of my dear husband, Sgt. D. J. Burgess, who died at sea on 19th January, 1917.

God saw when his footsteps faltered
And his heart grew weary and weak,
So he bade him rest for a while,
For the pathway had grown too steep.

(Inserted by his loving wife, M. E. Burgess, 845 Mount Alexander road, Essendon.)

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 January, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURGESS – In loving memory of my dear husband, Sergt. D. J. Burgess, who died at sea on 19th January, 1917.

Do not ask me if I miss him,
As it dawns another year;
In my lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of him are always dear.

(Inserted by his loving wife, M. E. Burgess, 845 Mount Alexander road, Essendon.)

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 January, 1919) & (*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 18 January, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

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Ever remembered.

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 January, 1920)

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 January, 1921)

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(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 January, 1921)

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 January, 1923)

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 19 January, 1924)

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(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 January, 1925)

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.

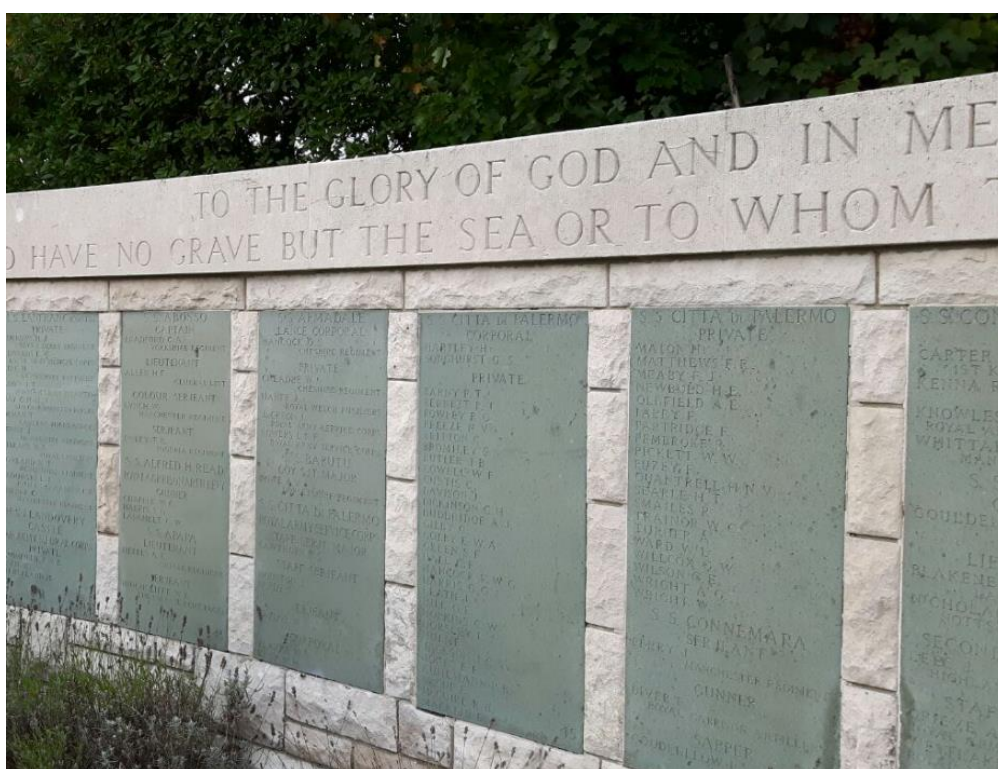
The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England. *(Information & photos from CWGC)*



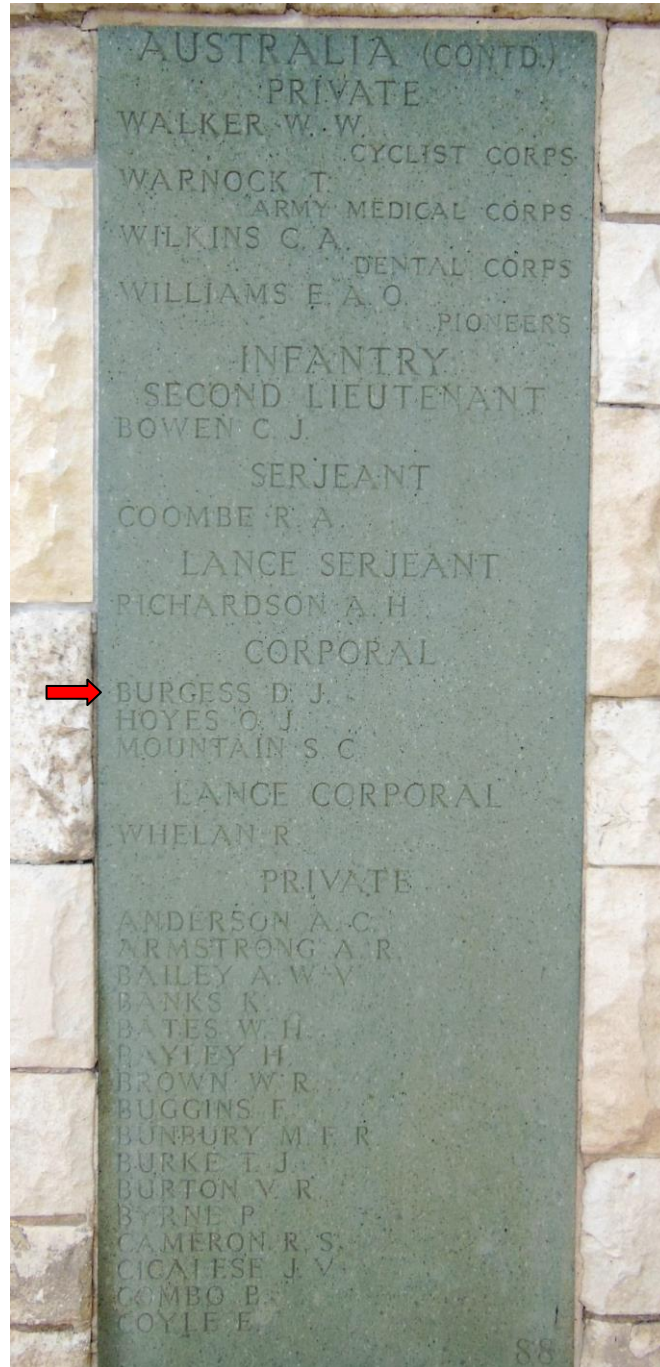


Cross of Sacrifice



Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Corporal D. J. Burgess' 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)