

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2823 PRIVATE

T. J. BURKE

46TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

31ST DECEMBER, 1916

Thomas John BURKE

Thomas John Burke was born at St. Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria on 8th August, 1882 to parents Thomas Jonathan Burke & Kate Burke (nee Grimes).

Thomas John Burke was educated at Christian Brothers, East St. Kilda, Victoria.

Thomas John Burke was a 35 year old, single, Labourer from St. Kilda, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 20th September, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2823 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Kate Burke, 7 Martin Street, St. Kilda, Victoria.

Private Thomas John Burke was posted to 22nd Reinforcements of 6th Battalion on 20th September, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 46th Battalion at Royal Park on 16th October, 1916.

Private Thomas John Burke embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Port Lincoln* (A17) on 20th October, 1916 with the 46th Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcements.

Private Thomas John Burke was transferred to HMAT *Benalla* (A 24) at Sierra Leone on 16th December, 1916.



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HMAT *Benalla* (A 24)

Private Thomas John Burke was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 22nd December, 1916 with Malaria (pernicious).

Private Thomas John Burke died on 31st December, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Benalla* (A 24) from Malaria.

Private Thomas John Burke was buried at Sea from HMAT *Benalla* (A 24) on 31st December, 1916. 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 Thomas John Burke 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 Burke's mother – Mrs K. Bourke, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Thomas John Burke – service number 2823, of 46th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private T. J. Burke is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 141.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(37 pages of Private Thomas John Burke'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

DIED ON SERVICE

BURKE – Officially received, Private T. J. Burke, died at sea, of malarial fever, 31st December, 1916, dearly beloved son of Mrs K. Burke, and loving brother of William, Mrs J. James, and Edward of No. 7 Martin street, St. Kilda).

Sadly missed.

-(Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sister).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 January, 1917)

DEATHS

On Active Service

BURKE – A tribute to the memory of our dear friend, Tom Burke, who died on active service abroad, 31st December, 1916.

He did his best along with the rest.

-Inserted by Mick and Lal.

BURKE – Officially received, Pte T. J. Burke, died at sea, malarial fever, 31st December, 1916, dearly beloved son of Mrs K. Burke, and loved brother of William, Mrs J. James, and Edward, of No. 7 Martin street, St. Kilda).

Sadly missed.

-Inserted by his loving mother, brothers and sister.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 January, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

269th LIST

Died of Illness

Pte T. J. BURKE, St. Kilda

(*The Bendigo Independent*, Victoria – 30 January, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Tom, who died at sea 31st December, 1916.

Death often comes to show
We love more dearly than we know;
But love in death does make us see,
What love in life should always be.

Mother of sorrow, to thee we pray,
Comfort thy many sad hearts to-day;
And ask thy dear Son, at our request,
To grant our dear brother Tom eternal rest.

May his soul rest in peace.

-Inserted by his only sister (Mrs J. James, brother-in-law, nieces (Phyllis and Laura), Korumburra.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Thomas Burke, who died at sea, 31st December, 1916.

Dear to my heart is his watery grave,
Sweet is his memory that never will fade;
Roses may wither, leaves fade and die,
But your face I will always see, dear Tom.

Mother of Sorrows, to thee we pray,
Pity the many sad hearts to-day;
And ask they Son at our request,
To grant our dear Tom eternal rest.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, nieces Phyllis and Laura, Mrs J. James, Korumburra.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Thomas J. Burke, died at sea on the 31st December, 1916.

We are thinking of you to-day, dear Tom,
We are thinking of the past;
Picturing you in memory
Just as we saw you last.
Immaculate heart of Mary,
Your prayers for him extol
O, sacred heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law and nieces Phyllis and Laura, Mrs J. James, Korumburra.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In loving memory of my loving son, Private Thomas J. Burke, who died at sea on 31st December, 1916.

The shock was sudden, the blow severe
To part with one we loved so dear,
Our loss is great, I'll not complain,
But trust in God to meet again.
Oh sacred heart of Jesus
Have mercy of his soul.

-Inserted by his loving mother, K. Burke, No. 7 Martin-street, St. Kilda.

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Thomas J. Burke, who died at sea on 31st December, 1916.

A beautiful memory left behind
Of a loving brother, both true and kind.
We have lost, but heaven has gained,
One of the best the world contained.

-Inserted by his loving brother Ted (Paddy), and sister-in-law, Violet, nephews and niece, Cyril, Irene and Clarence.

BURKE - In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Thomas Burke, who died at sea on 31st December, 1916.

This day recalls sad memories
Of a loved one gone to rest,
And those who think of him to-day
Are those who loved him best.
O sacred heart of Jesus,
Have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law and nieces, Phyllis, Laura, James.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear son, Private Thomas J. Burke, who died at sea on 31st December, 1916.

In our hearts your memory lingers,
Tender, fond and true;
There is not a day goes by, dear Tom,
But what we think of you.

-Inserted by his loving mother, Mrs K. Burke, 7 Martin-st., St. Kilda.

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private T. J. Burke, who died at sea 31st December, 1916; also loving brother of Violet, Bomb. P. F. Dix (killed in action 1st January, 1918).

Ever remembered.

-Inserted by loving brother (Ted), Violet, nephews and niece.

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private Thomas J. Burke, who died at sea, 31st December, 1916.
May his soul rest in peace.

Sweet, is the word remembrance,
And these few lines will show,
We hold you still in memory,
As the years they come and go.

-Inserted by his loving sister, Ethel, brother-in-law; nieces, Phyllis and Laura, of Korumburra.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In sad remembrance of my dear son and brother, who died at sea on 31st December, 1916.

Just a sweet remembrance

Of a son and brother, so good and true,

Just a token of affection,

Dear Tom, we still think of you.

-Inserted by his loving mother and brother, Ted, St. Kilda.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 December, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURKE – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private T. J. Burke, who died at sea on the 31st December, 1916. Sadly missed.

Inserted by his loving brother, Ted, and sister-in-law, Violet.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 31 December, 1923)

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

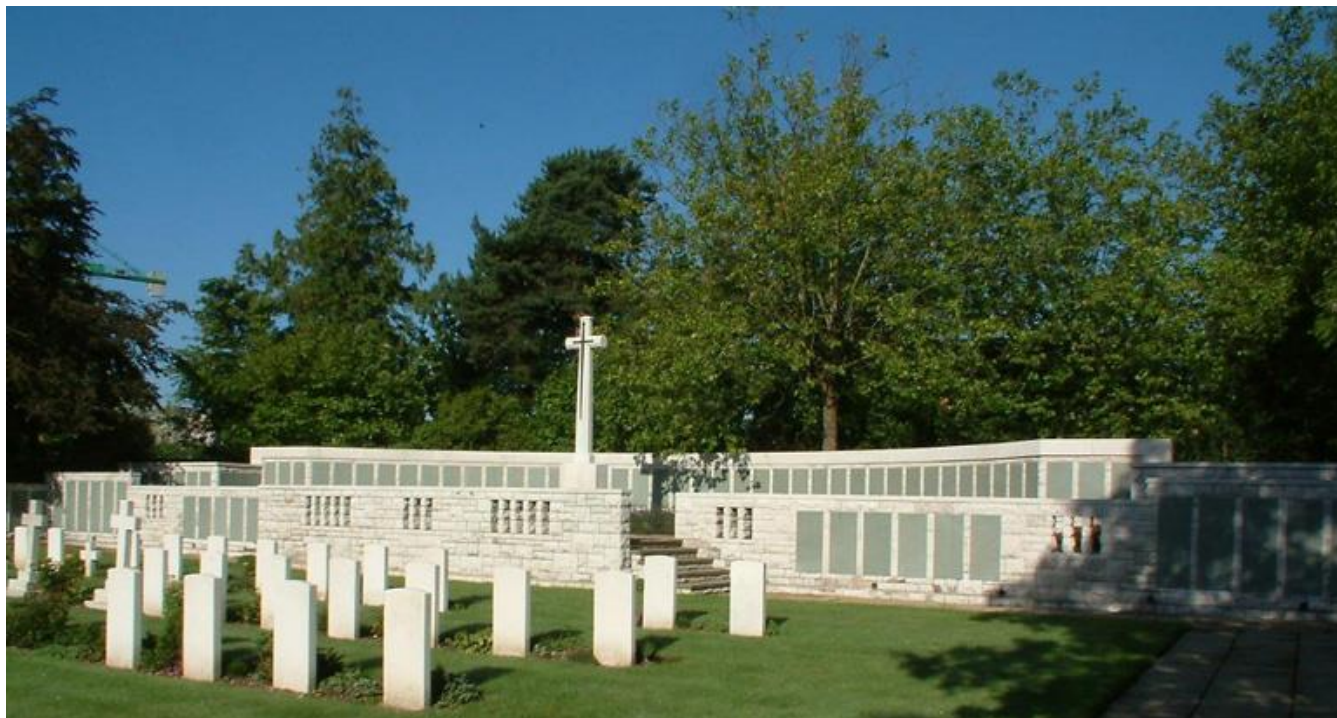
The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

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

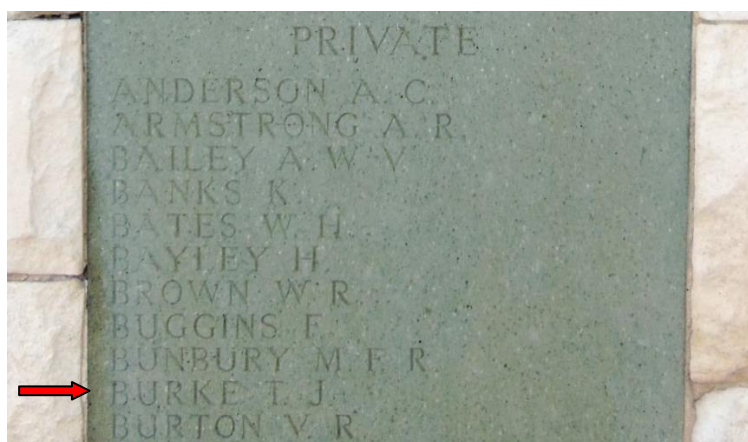


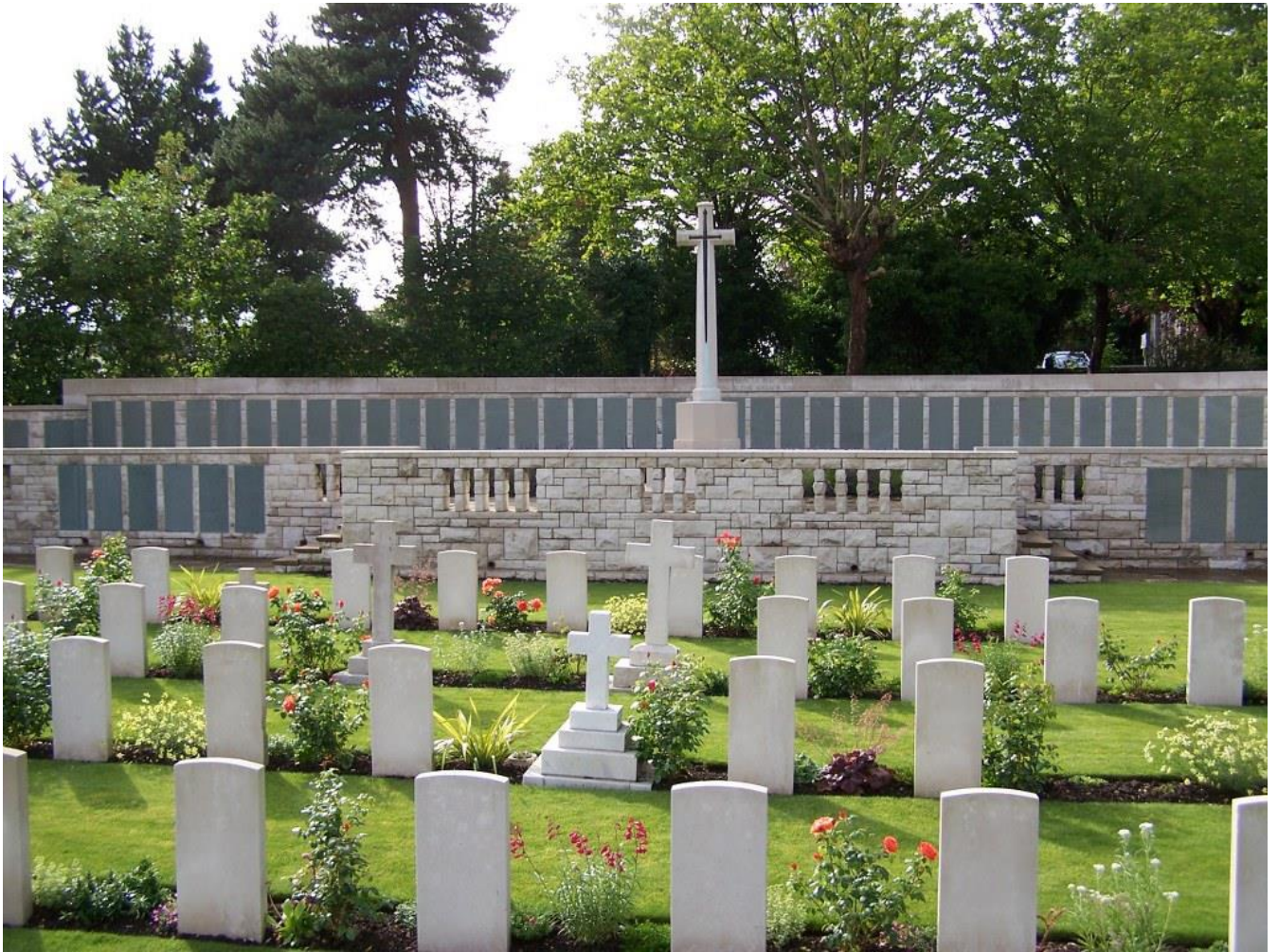
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Private T. J. Burke'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)