

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6479 PRIVATE

V. R. BURTON

3RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

16TH NOVEMBER, 1916

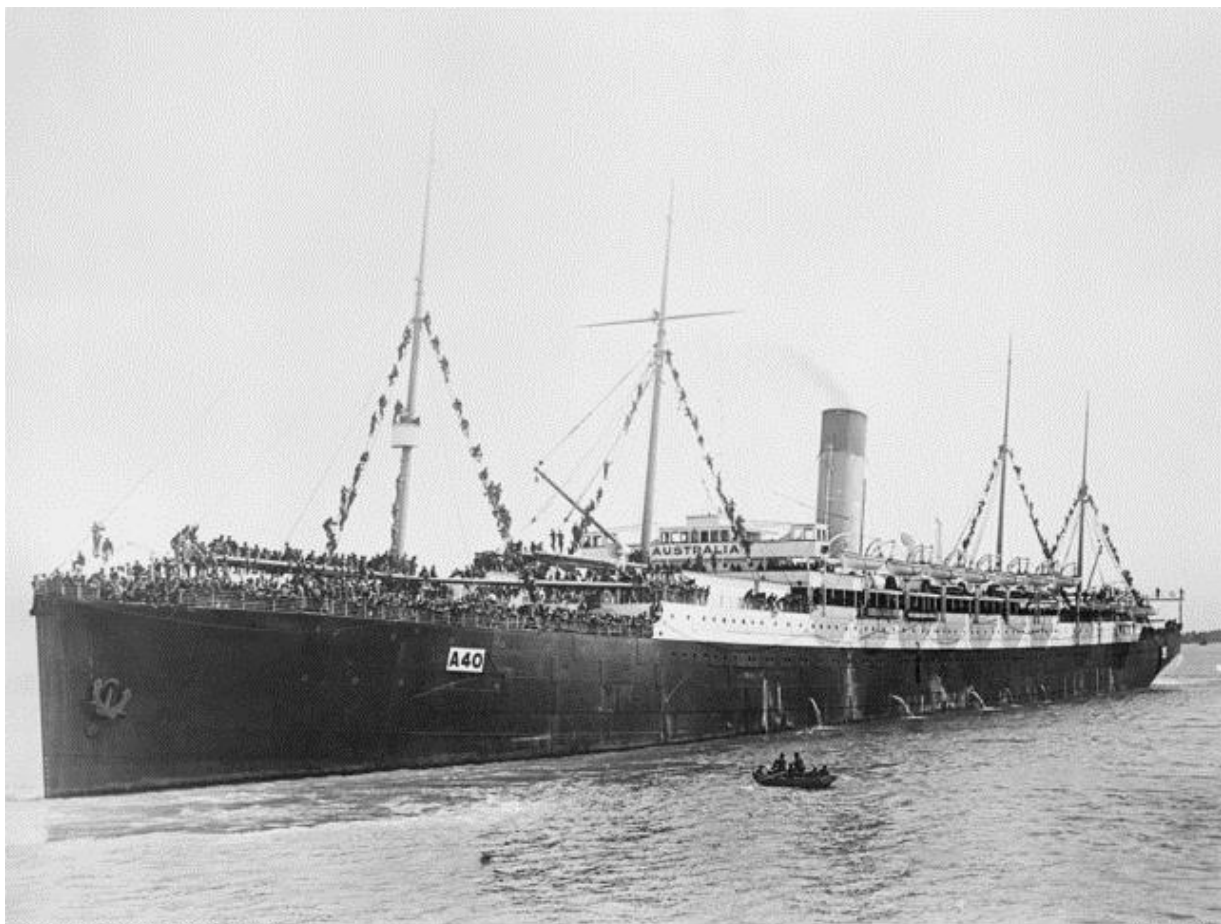
Victor Raymond BURTON

Victor Raymond Burton was born at Rookwood, New South Wales in 1897 to parents James Henry & Selina Amelia Emeline Burton (nee Schofield).

Victor Raymond Burton was a 19 year old, single, Locomotive Cleaner from Globe Hotel, Rylstone, NSW when he enlisted at Royal Agricultural Show Grounds, Moore Park, Sydney, NSW on 10th July, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6479 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Capes, of Globe Hotel, Rylstone, NSW (as listed on Embarkation Roll, however information provided for the Roll of Honour by his mother who was listed as Mrs S. A. E. Burton, 73 Carrington Avenue, Dubbo, NSW (1930).) Victor Burton stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets – 27th Battalion for 3 ½ years.

Private Victor Raymond Burton was posted to “C” Company, 2nd Battalion at Cootamundra on 30th July, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 21st Reinforcements of 3rd Battalion at Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 22nd August, 1916.

Private Victor Raymond Burton embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Ceramic* (A40) on 7th October, 1916 with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements.



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HMAT *Ceramic* (A40)

Private Victor Raymond Burton died at 1.40 pm on 16th November, 1916 while at Sea on board HMAT *Ceramic* (A40) from Pneumonia.

Private Victor Raymond Burton was buried at 5.45 pm on 16th November, 1916 at Sea from HMAT *Ceramic* (A40). 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.

The 2nd District Base , Australian Military Forces wrote to Base Records in Melbourne, Victoria on 14th August, 1922 regarding 6479 Private V. R. Burton, 3rd Battalion (deceased) & stated the following: *“In connexion with your communication of the 12th April last, I have to advise that the Mother of the deceased soldier, Mrs Selina A. Burton whose address is noted as c/- Mrs Burns, Darling St, Dubbo, does not know the whereabouts of her husband from whom she was divorced in 1912.”*

Private Victor Raymond Burton 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 Burton’s mother – Mrs S. A. E. Burton, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1922 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Victor Raymond Burton – service number 6479, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

V. R. Burton 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)



Private V. R. Burton is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 35.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Rylstone War Memorial located at Rylstone Shire Memorial Hall, corner Louee & Cudgegong Streets, Rylstone, NSW does not list individual names.



Rylstone War Memorial (Photo from War Memorials Register of NSW)

(29 pages of Private Victor Raymond Burton'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



PTE. V. R. BURTON,
Kylstone.—Died at Sea.

(*Sydney Mail*, NSW – 20 June, 1917)

Newspaper Notices

246th LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte V. R. BURTON, Rylstone

(*The Land*, Sydney, NSW – 8 December, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

BURTON – In memory of my beloved son Private Victor Raymond, who died at sea November 16th, 1916. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, E. Burton, also brother Jim (on active service).

Asleep in the deep,
With many brave dead,
O'er him the billows are rolling,
Night with its tears
And toils have fled,
Change for a morn never ending.

BURTON – In loving memory of my dear nephew, Private V. R. Burton, who died at sea November 16th, 1916.

Missing, aye, for all time missing,
One that home so ill could spare,
But the toll call over yonder
Shall not call him missing there.

Inserted by his loving auntie, Leah Colbert.

BURTON – In loving memory of my dear brother and uncle, Private Victor Raymond Burton, who died at sea November 16th, 1916.

The hardest part is yet to come,
When all the heroes return;
We miss among the cheery crowd,
The face of our dear brother Vic.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Will Fitzgerald, also little niece and nephew, Kidgie and Victor

(*Evening News*, Sydney, NSW – 16 November, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – In loving memory of my beloved son, Private V. R. Burton, who died on his way to the front at sea.

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother, brother, Jim (on active service), and sister, Jean. E. Burton.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 November, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

BURTON – In loving memory of my dear son Private V. R. Burton, who died on board the “Ceramic,” November 16th, 1916.

No marble cross marks his grave,
This son so dear to me,
Hushed his gentle heart so brave,
He sleeps beneath the sea.

Inserted by is sorrowing mother, S. Burton.

(Evening News, Sydney, NSW – 16 November, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

BURTON – In loving memory of my beloved son, Victor, who died on board the Ceramic, November 16, 1916. Nearer, my God, to Thee. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, E. Burton, Dubbo.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 18 November, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BURTON – Sacred to the memory of my dearly loved son, Private Victor Raymond Burton, who died at sea November 16, 1916.

Why should our tears of sorrow flow
When God recalls His own?
He left this world of grief and care
For a bright and better home.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 November, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

BURTON – In loving memory of Victor Raymond Burton, late of Lidcombe, who died on his way to the front.

Though angels took him from my side,

To yonder realms divine,

The link that bound us here below,

Still binds my heart to thine.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sister, Jimmie and brother Jim.

(Evening News, Sydney, NSW – 16 November, 1926)

On Active Service

BURTON – In memory of Private Victor Raymond Burton, died on the Ceramic, November 16, 1916. Asleep in the deep. Inserted by his sorrowing mother, E. Burton, late of Lidcombe.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 November, 1928)

On Active Service

BURTON – In memory of my dear son, Victor, who gave his life for his King and country, November 16, 1917.

Step softly and gently, bow thy head,

Let us kneel and pray

For our boy this day,

Who sleeps with our glorious dead.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother, E. Burton, of Dubbo.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 17 November, 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.

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)



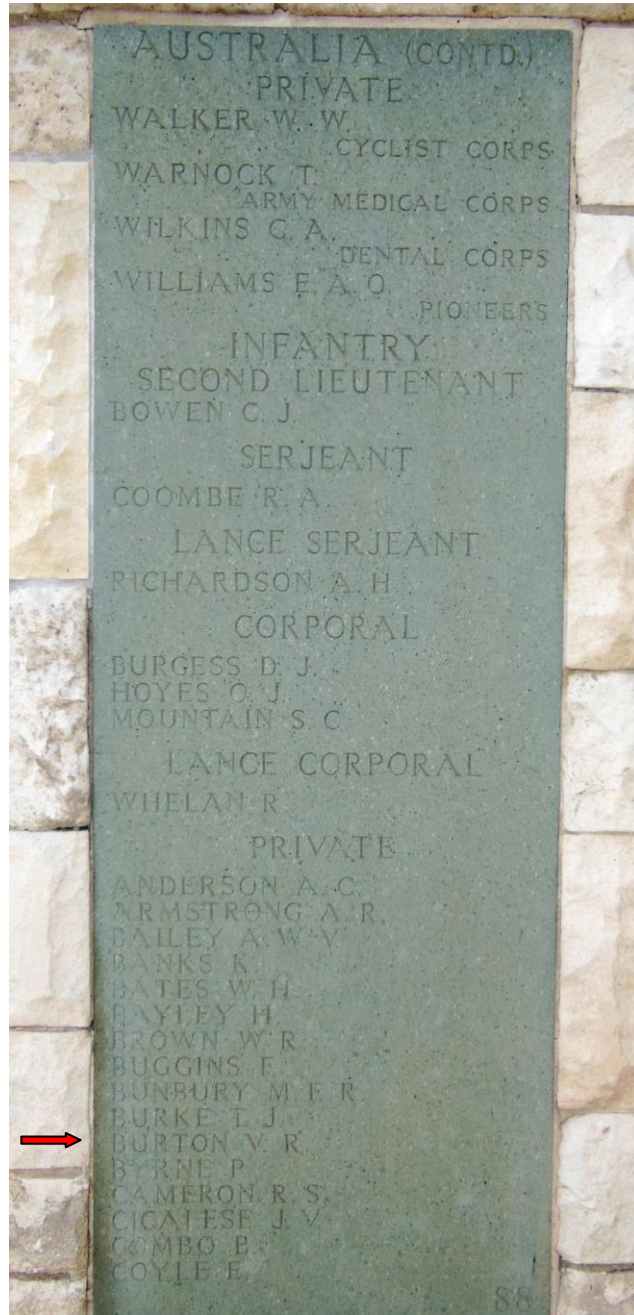


Cross of Sacrifice

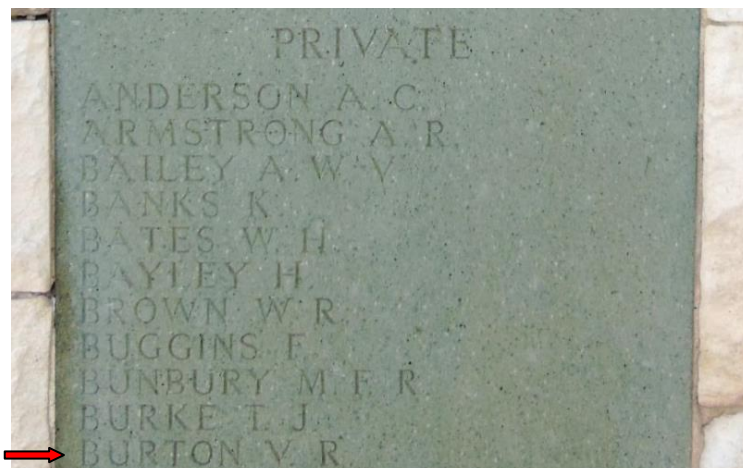


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Private V. R. Burton'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)