

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



18351 SAPPER

S. W. DAVIS

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

28TH SEPTEMBER, 1917

Stanley Wyman DAVIS

Stanley Richard Wyman Davis was born at Armadale, Victoria in 1895 to parents Richard William & Frances Lilian Davis (nee Fudge). (Armadale was listed as place of birth by his mother for the Roll of Honour. Stanley stated on his Attestation Papers he was born at Toorak)

Stanley Wyman Davis attended school at "Hailebury", Brighton Beach, Victoria.

The 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Henty, subdivision of Elsternwick, Victoria recorded Stanley Wyman Richard Davis, Clerk, from 36 Horne St., Elsternwick.

Stanley Wyman Davis was aged 21 years & 10 months, single & an Architectural Draughtsman from Elsternwick, Victoria when he enlisted at Royal Park, Victoria on 15th November, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 18351 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Francis Lilian Davis, 36 Horne Street, Elsternwick, Victoria. Stanley Davis stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with Citizen Forces & had been discharged due to a bad knee. He also stated he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to his bad knee.

Private Stanley Wyman Davis was posted to 18th Reinforcements of 23rd Battalion on 13th November, 1916 at Royal Park for recruit training. He was transferred to 2nd Depot Battalion at Royal Park on 18th November, 1916 then transferred to Engineer Reinforcements at Seymour on 30th November, 1916 with the rank of Sapper. Sapper Davis was transferred to Engineer Depot, Moore Park, Sydney, New South Wales on 13th January, 1917.

Lieutenant R. McKay, O.C. B. Company, Field Engineers wrote to Commanding Officer Camp on 30th March, 1917 stating "*The papers of V56381 Sapper Davis Stanley Wyman are marked "Paraded to SO AMS who directs that this man shall not be embarked." The man states that he was boarded at Royal Park and passed for service abroad but the papers have not been marked in accordance with that statement. I therefore recommend that this man be boarded for Medical Examination and for decision as to whether he is to embark with B Coy.*"

Lieutenant T. C. Stephens replied "*This man can embark his transfer examination is signed.*"

Lieutenant McKay added the following "*This man enlisted October 1916 – His papers were lost & so a new attestation paper was made out on 15/11/16 as for this later date. His inoculations were done in October, 1916.*"

Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis was written up for "*Insulting words*" on 22nd May, 1917 while posted at Engineer Depot, Moore Park, NSW. He was fined 10/.

Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis (name listed as Stanley "Wizman" Davis on Embarkation Roll) embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Miltiades* (A28) on 2nd August, 1917 with the Field Companies Engineers – April, 1917 Reinforcements.

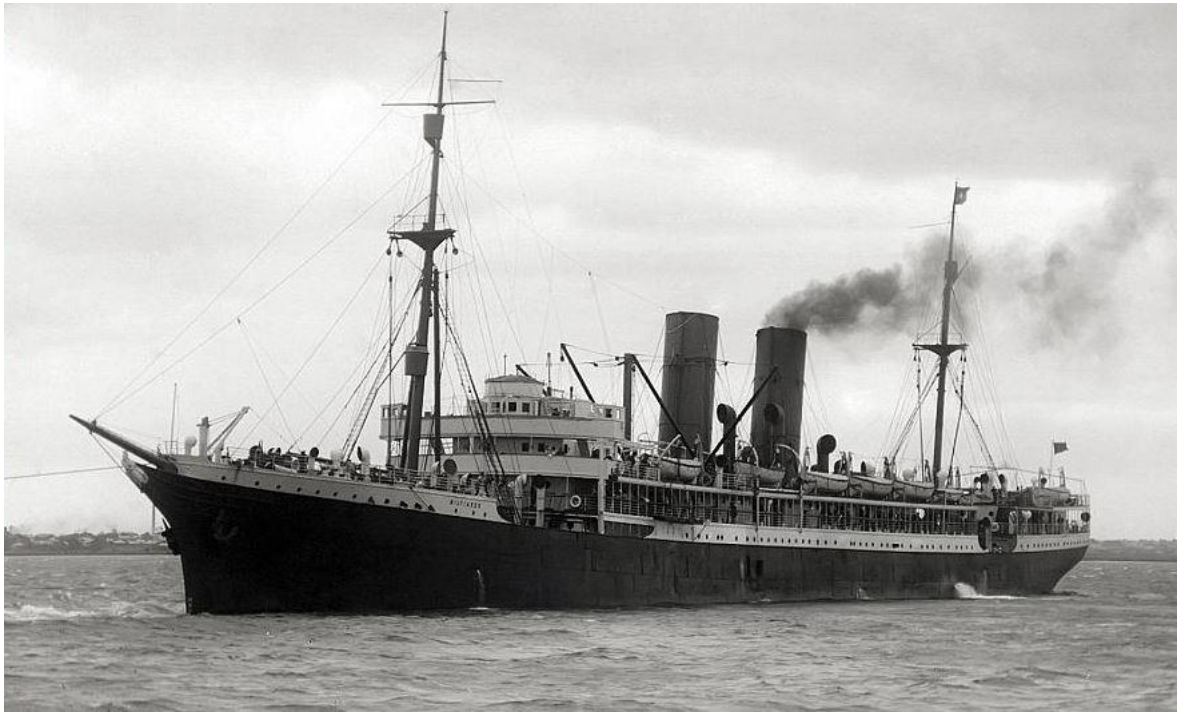
Australian Engineers in the First World War

Engineers, also known as sappers, were essential to the running of the war. Without them, other branches of the Allied Forces would have found it difficult to cross the muddy and shell-ravaged ground of the Western Front. Their responsibilities included constructing the lines of defence, temporary bridges, tunnels and trenches, observation posts, roads, railways, communication lines, buildings of all kinds, showers and bathing facilities, and other material and mechanical solutions to the problems associated with fighting in all theatres.

(Description of Engineers Information from The Australian War Memorial)

Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 16th September, 1917.

Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis died at 12.15 am on 28th September, 1917 while at Sea on board H.M.A.T. *Miltiades* on voyage from Halifax to England from Pneumonia.



H.M.A.T. *Miltiades*

Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis was buried at Sea, in North Atlantic, at 11 am on 28th September, 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.

Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis 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 Sapper Davis' father – Mr R. W. Davis, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis – service number 18351, of Australian Engineers. No family details are listed.

Sapper S. W. Davis is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 27.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Sapper S. W. Davis is remembered in the Brighton & Caulfield Avenue of Honour, located in Kammersburgh Garden Anzac Hostel, 78 North Road, Brighton, Victoria.



Brighton & Caulfield Avenue of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



(30 pages of Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis' 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





Sapper Stanley Wyman Davis



Newspaper Notices

DIED ON SERVICE

DAVIS – On the 28th September, at sea (of pneumonia), Sapper Stanley Wyman, aged 22, only beloved son of Richard William and Frances Lilian Davis, Elsternwick; loved brother of Elsie Navaretti and Lilian Edith Dobie.

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 20 October, 1917)

MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE

..... Of another soldier, whose departure for the front was recorded a week previously, there is sad news. Stanley Davies, only brother of Madame Navaretti, the Australian dramatic soprano from Italy, who is now settled in Australia for the duration of the war, has died of pneumonia aboard a transport on his way to Europe.

(Graphic of Australia, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 November, 1917)

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

VICTORIAN LOSSES SHOWN

Casualty Lists Nos. 356 and 357 were released by the Defence Department today....

Died of Illness

Spr S. W. DAVIS, Elsternwick, 28.9.17

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 24 November, 1917)

ELSTERNWICK

Sapper S. W. Davis died at the front on the 28th September.

(The Prahran Telegraph, Victoria – 1 December, 1917)

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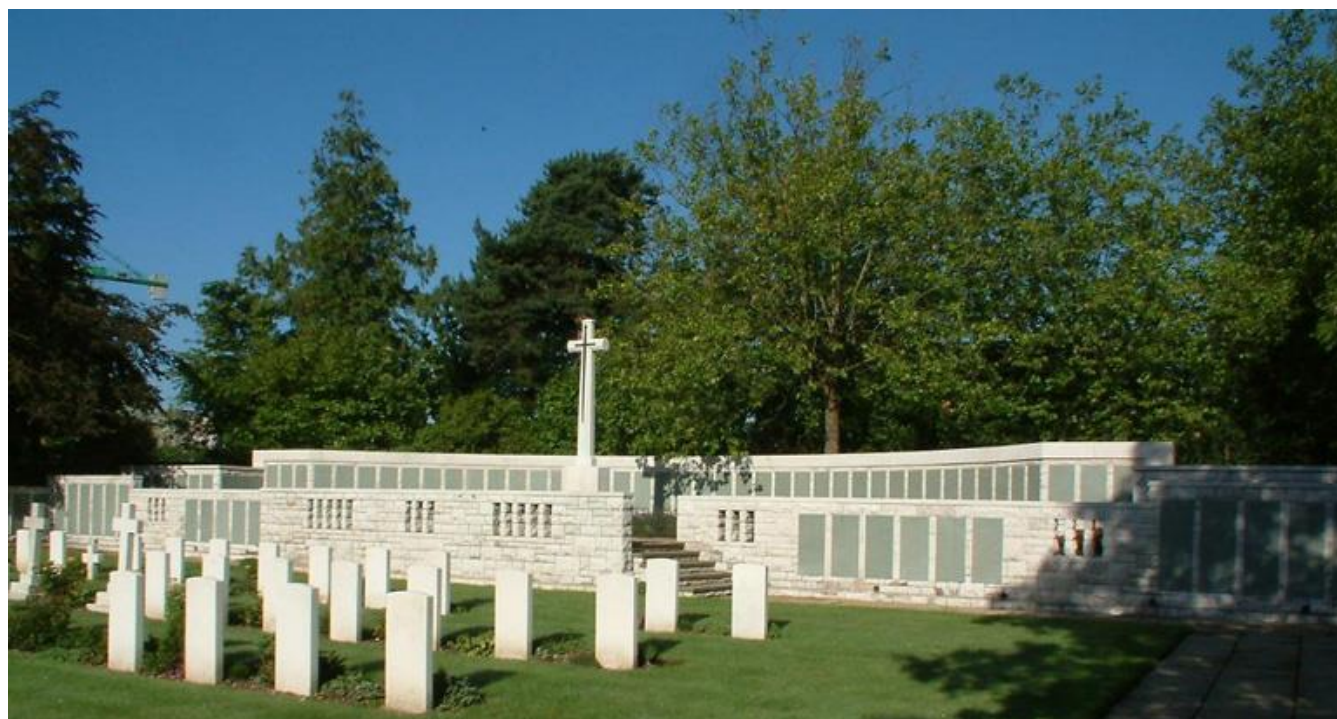
The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

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)



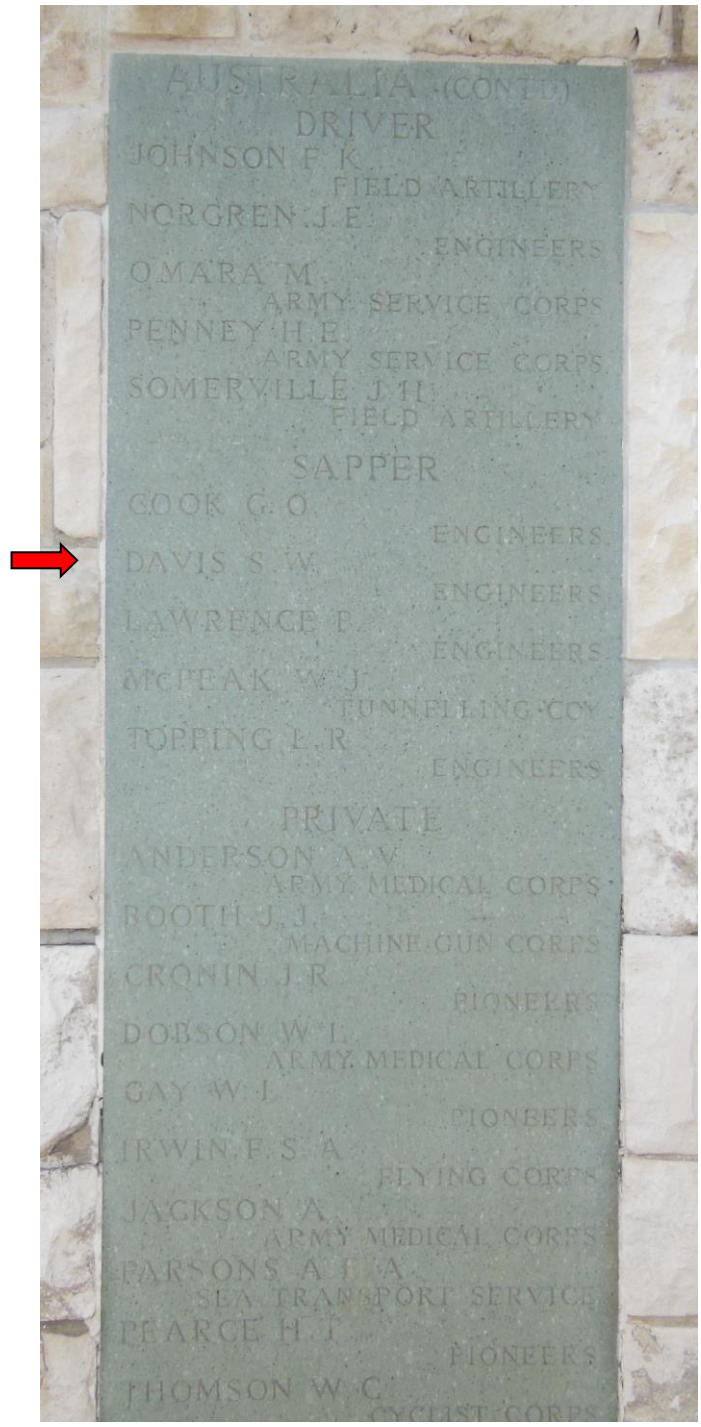


Cross of Sacrifice

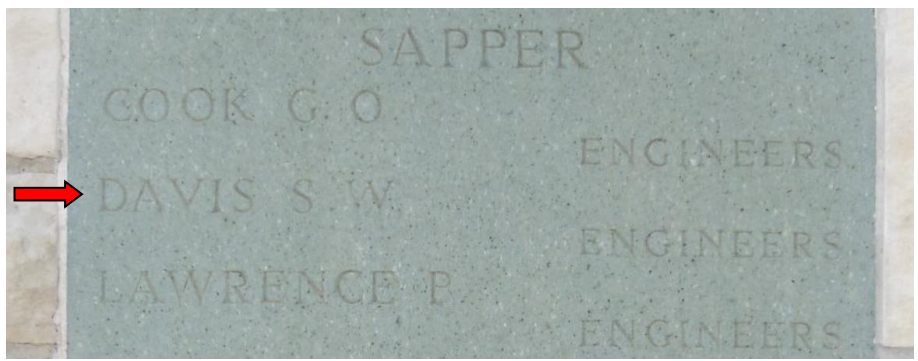


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Sapper S. W. Davis'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)