

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**65738 PRIVATE**

**J. F. DELANEY**

**18TH AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENTS**

**22ND OCTOBER, 1918**

## John Francis DELANEY

John Francis Delea was born in Forbes, New South Wales on 14th September, 1884 to parents John Francis Delea & Isabella Selina Delea (nee Birt).

(According to NSW Births, Deaths & Marriages website – his birth was registered in 1885 in Forbes, NSW, however, John Francis Delaney recorded his date of birth on his Attestation Papers as 14th September, 1887. Keith Delaney from Ancestry has the birth certificate & has confirmed the date of birth is 14th September, 1884.)

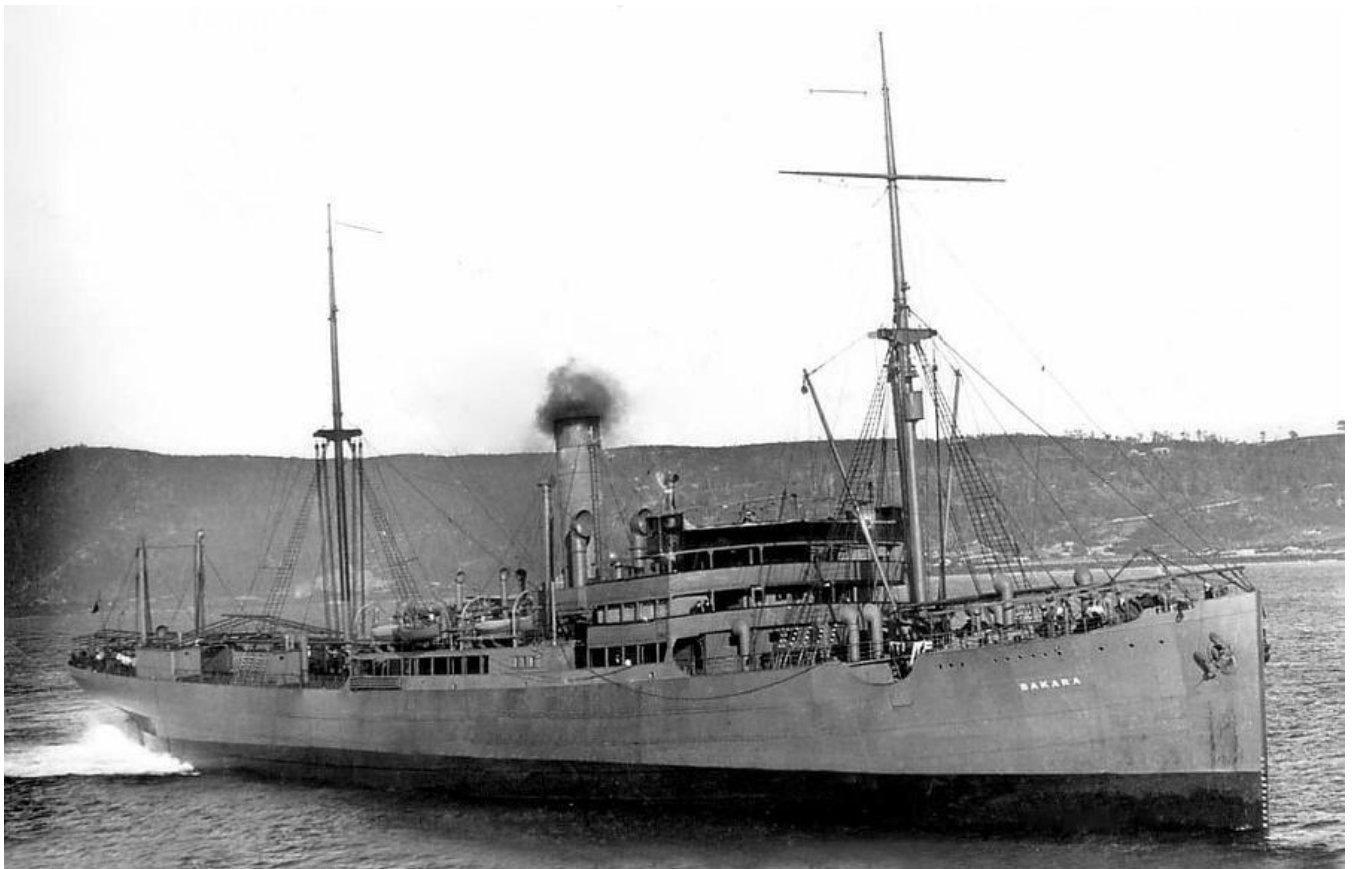
John Francis Delaney married Daisy Bridge in 1912 in the district of Redfern, Sydney, New South Wales. A son – Neville John Delaney was born on 17th December, 1912. A daughter – Norma Daisy Delaney's birth was registered in 1916.

John Francis Delaney stated he was a 31 year old, married, Union Secretary from Newtown, NSW when he enlisted on 3rd July, 1918 in Sydney, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Daisey Delaney, 4 Dickson Street, Newtown, NSW. John Delaney recorded on the "Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force" form: "*Address of parents unknown.*"

Private John Francis Delaney was posted to Recruits Depot on 14th July, 1918. He was transferred to "C" Company, Composite Battalion on 9th August, 1918.

Private John Francis Delaney, Service number 65738, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Bakara* (A41) on 4th September, 1918 with the 18th NSW General Service Reinforcements.

Private John Francis Delaney was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 17th October, 1918 with Pneumonia.



**HMAT *Bakara* (A41)**

Private John Francis Delaney died on 22nd October, 1918 at Sea on board HMAT *Bakara* (A41) from Heart Failure following Pneumonia.

The Officer Commanding, HMAT *Bakara* (A41), wrote to The Secretary for Defence, Melbourne, Australia on 23rd October, 1918 from Sierra Leone advising of five deaths of Soldiers who had died between 15th October, 1918 & 21st October, 1918 – all had died from Heart Failure & had been buried at Sea. Since typing his report, The Officer Commanding Troops. A41 added another three names – Private John Delaney, who had died on 22nd October, 1918 and Private Henry Thomas Marker & Private Herbert Stanley Parker who had both died on 23rd October, 1918 – all three dying from Heart Failure.

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H. M. A. T. BAKARA      A 41.  
Sierra Leone.  
23rd October 1918.

The Secretary for Defence.  
MELBOURNE.  
Victoria, Australia.

Sir,

In accordance with A.I.F. Standing Orders No. 41. I have the honor OF REPORTING IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

X      X      X      X      X      X      X

8. CASUALTIES :-

No. 60219 A/Cpl. GUNN, O.G., N 16. G.S.R., died 15/10/18, Heart Failure. No. 60272, A/Cpl. PERCY, C., N 16.G.S.R. died 17/10/1918, Heart Failure. No. 60524, Pte. RANSOME, J.H., N16, G.S.R. died 19/10/1918. Heart Failure. No. 60326, Pte. ANDERSON, E.A., N.16, G.S.R. died 19/19/1918. Heart Failure. No. 60303, Pte. WATT, M.J., N 16 G.S.R., died 21/10/1918, Heart Failure. These deaths all occurred at Sea and the men were buried at sea.

X      X      X      X      X      X      X

8. CASUALTIES: (Additional) Since typing my report I regret to state that the following additional deaths have occurred.

No. 65738, Pte. DELANEY, John Francis, N.18 G.S.R. died 22/10/1918, Heart Failure. No. 60248, Pte. MARKER, Henry Thomas, No. 16, G.S.R. died 23/10/1918. Heart Failure. No. 66054, Pte. PARKER, Herbert Stanley, N. 19, G. S. R., dæed 23/10/18. Heart Failure.

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H. E. ARNALL.      Major.  
O. C. Troops. A 41.

Private John Francis Delaney was buried at Sea on 22nd October, 1918 from H.M.A.T. *Bakara* (A41). 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 Officer Commanding, H.M.A.T. *Bakara* (A41), wrote to Base Records on 13th November, 1918 advising that two deaths had occurred from pneumonia of the 18th General Service Reinforcements – Private John Francis Delaney who was buried at Sea & Private Emanuel Teer who had died on 23rd October, 1918 & was buried at Sierra Leone.

H. M. A. T. BAKARA, A 41,  
DEVENPORT.  
13th November 1918

Officer in Charge  
Base Records,  
Victoria Barracks,  
MELBOURNE.

I hereby confirm advice by cable ~~xx~~ ~~aa~~ from Sierra Leone of deaths which occurred from pneumonia of members of the N 18 General Service Reinforcements :-

No.	Rank	Name	Date of Death	Buried at	Remarks
65738	Pte	DELANEY, John Francis	22/10/18	Sea	
65843	Pte	TEER, Emanuel	23/10/18	Sierra Leone	

*T. W. L. Seago* Major.  
O. C. Troops, A 41

Private John Francis Delaney requested in his Will, dated 10th August, 1918 that in the event of his death the whole of his property & effects to be given to his wife – Daisy Delaney, 4 Dickson, Street, Newtown, Sydney, NSW.

Private John Francis Delaney 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 Delaney's widow – Mrs D. Delaney, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private John Francis Delaney – service number 65738, of 18th Australian Reinforcement No family details are listed.

Base Records wrote to Mrs D. Delaney, 4 Dickson Street, Newtown, Sydney, NSW on 2nd January, 1931 with the following letter: *"I am forwarding herewith at the request of the Imperial War Graves Commission a printed order form referring to the publication of Hollybrook Memorial Register containing the particulars of your husband, the late No. 65738 Private J. F. DELANEY, 18th General Service Reinforcements. It will be noted from the proof slip entry that date of death has inadvertently been shown in error, and the discrepancy is being brought to the notice of the Commission with a view to correcting the Memorial records. It is regretted, however, that it will not be practicable to similarly amend the Register entry at this late juncture as the printed copies have already been prepared for publication."*

[Note: Many of the Memorial notices in the Newspaper have the incorrect date of death of 23rd October, 1918]

Private J. F. Delaney is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

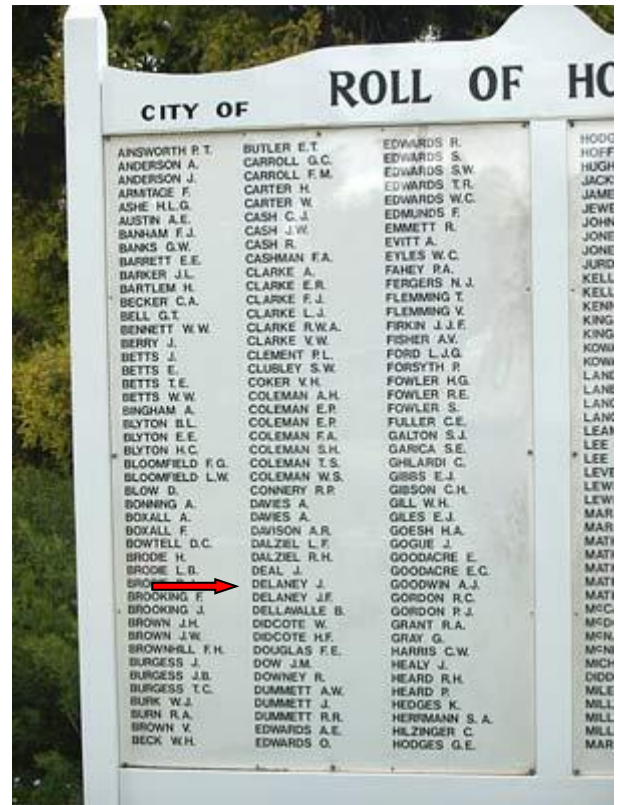
J. F. Delaney is remembered on the Roll of Honour Board for the city of Fairfield which is located in the McCarthy Memorial Park opposite the Smithfield RSL, Cumberland Highway, Smithfield, NSW.



### **Roll of Honour in McCarthy Memorial Park, Smithfield**

*(Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW - Mr Ken Thomson (lodged by Fairfield City Library), David Roden and Peter Levarre-Waters*





(44 pages of Private John Francis Delaney'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



Private John Francis Delaney (cropped from family photo below)



**Daisy & John Francis Delaney & their children Norma & Neville**

*(Photo with permission – Keith Delaney)*





## **Newspaper Notices**

Department of Labour and Industry

Sydney, 4th May, 1916.

IN pursuance of the provisions of the "Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912," and upon the recommendation of the Court of Industrial Arbitration, New South Wales, I, JOHN ESTELL, Minister for Labour and Industry, being the Minister of the Crown administering the said Act, do hereby appoint Mr John Francis Delaney, of 1 Wels-street, Newtown, as a Member representing the Employees on the Furniture Trades Group No. 8 (Bedsteads, &c., Cumberland), Board, in place of Mr Walter S. Ainsworth, resigned, and for the residue of the period for which Mr Ainsworth was appointed.

JOHN ESTELL,

Minister for Labour and Industry

*(Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW – 5 May, 1916)*

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### **NEARER THE END**

#### **DOUBLE CASUALTY LIST**

#### **MANY AUSSIES ILL**

#### **NO. 448**

#### **DIED OTHER CAUSES**

J. F. DELANEY, Newtown (illness)

*(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 30 November, 1918)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

DELANEY – Died of pneumonia, October 23, 1918, at sea, L.-cpl John Francis Delaney, dearly beloved husband of Daisy, and daddy of Neville and Norma Delaney, 4 Dickson-street, Newtown.

God will link the broken chain

Closer when we meet again.

DELANEY - Died of pneumonia, October 23, 1918, at sea, L.-cpl John Francis Delaney, dearly beloved son-in-law of Mr and Mrs C. Bridge, 4 Dickson-street, Newtown.

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

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **On Active Service**

DELANEY – In loving memory of Lance-corporal John Francis Delaney, died at sea, October 23, 1918. Inserted by his loving wife, Daisy, and children, Neville and Norma.

DELANEY - In loving memory of our dear son-in-law, Lance-corporal John Francis Delaney, died at sea, October 23, 1918. Inserted by Mr and Mrs C. Bridge, 4 Dickson street, Newtown.

*(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 23 October, 1919)*

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**\*\*Memorial notices were also placed in the newspapers in 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927**

All notices have incorrect date of death as October 23, 1918 – should be October 22, 1918.

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### 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**



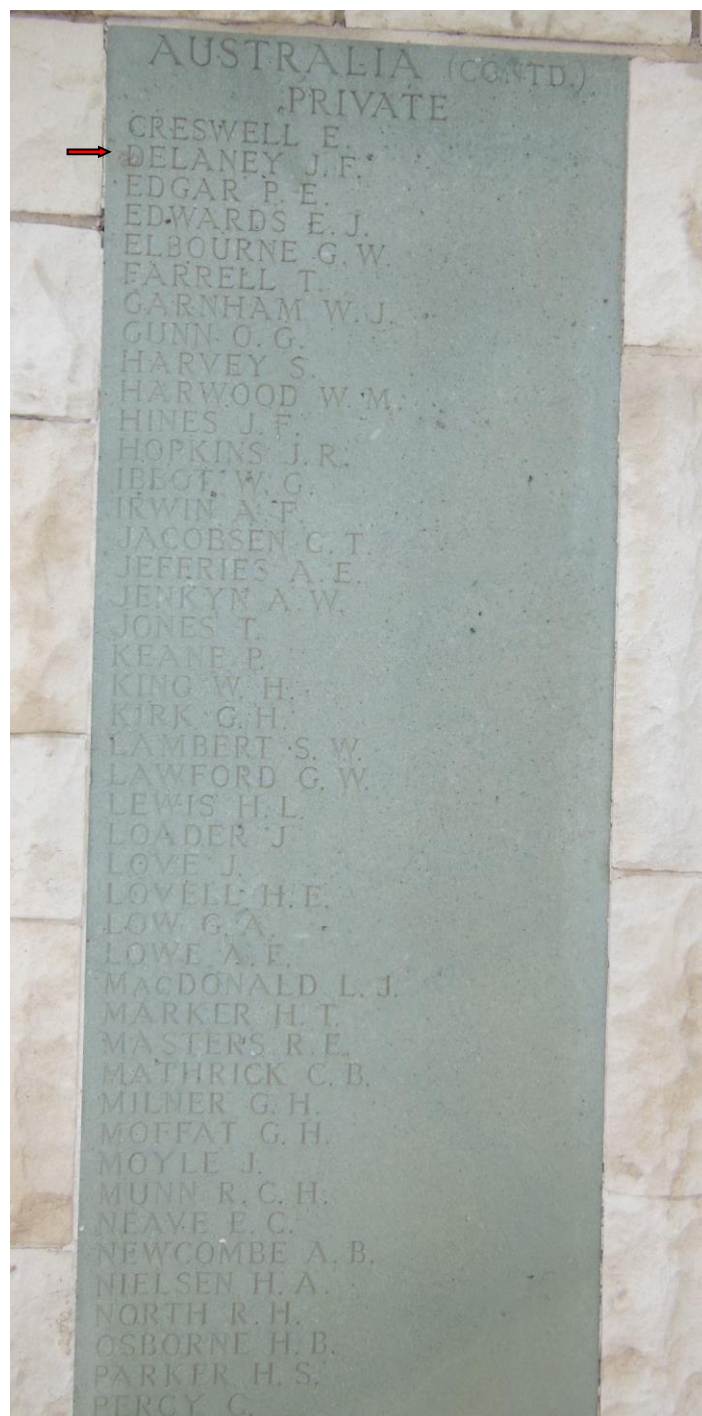
**Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice (Photo from CWGC)**



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

*(Photo from CWGC)*

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



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

