

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**9517 LANCE CORPORAL**

**A. J. FOOKS**

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**16TH JUNE, 1917**

## Archibald James FOOKS

James Archibald Fooks was born at Normandy Hill, Brisbane, Queensland on 5th September, 1894 to parents Harry William & Sophie Sophia Fooks (Crozier).

James Archibald Fooks attended State School at New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland.

Archibald James Fooks was a 21 year old, single, Carpenter when he enlisted on 9th October, 1915 in Brisbane, Queensland with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 9517 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mrs H. W. Fooks, Brunswick Street, New Farm, Queensland. Archibald Fooks stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served 3 years in Moreton Regiment & 1 year with Senior Cadets.

Private Archibald James Fooks was posted to No. 1 Depot Company, Army Medical Corps on 9th October, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 15th Reinforcements of 1st Australian General Hospital on 1st January, 1916. Private Fooks was promoted to Provisional Corporal on 1st February, 1916.

Provisional Corporal Archibald James Fooks embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Karoola (A63)* on 7th March, 1916 with the First Australian General Hospital, 15th Reinforcements.

Provisional Corporal Archibald James Fooks was marched out to Medical Stores at Heliopolis from Base Details at Tel-el-Kebir on 17th May, 1916.

Provisional Corporal Archibald James Fooks embarked from Alexandria on 3rd August, 1916 on H. T. *Tunisian*. He disembarked in England on 18th August, 1916 & was taken on strength of A.M.C. (Army Medical Corps) Details on 18th August, 1916. Provisional Corporal Fooks was attached for duty to A.B.D.M.S. (Australian Base Depot of Medical Stores) Bhurtpore Barracks, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England on 18th August, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks was medically classified at Tidworth, Wiltshire, England on 27th March, 1917 as B1A.

A letter was written on 30th April, 1917 to A.I.F. Headquarters, Tidworth from A.D.M.S., Tidworth advising that Lance Corporal A. J. Fooks had been classified by a Medical Board as follows: "*Cass B.1.b, B.2,b, C.2 or C.3 and to be transferred to Weymouth.*" His disability was listed as "*T.B. of Testicle & Knee.*"

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks was marched in to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, Dorset, England on 5th May, 1917 from Bhurtpore Barracks at Tidworth, Wiltshire.

A Medical Report was completed on Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks on 9th May, 1917 at No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, Dorset, England. His disability was recorded as Synovitis of Left Knee which had originated at Tidworth in March, 1917. "*3 years ago was kicked in the knee by a horse. Was in Egypt 5 months suffered a good deal then with knee. Has enlarged right testicle, soft & flabby in consistency.*" Lance Corporal Fook's disability was caused prior to enlistment but had been aggravated by Active Service conditions. The Officer in charge of the Case recommended that Lance Corporal Fooks be discharged as permanently unfit & returned to Australia. The Medical Board decided that Lance Corporal Fooks was permanently unfit for General & Home Service.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks was marched out from No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, Dorset on 20th May, 1917 for embarkation to Australia.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks was to return to Australia on H.T. *Ayrshire* due to Medical Stress & for discharge due to synovitis Left Knee. He embarked from Plymouth, England on 23rd May, 1917.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks died on 16th June, 1917 at Sea on board H.T. *Ayrshire (A33)* from Acute Tubercular Broncho-pneumonia. He was one of five soldiers to die on board H.T. *Ayrshire* on voyage to Australia – one died on 24th June, 1917 & three died on 6th July, 1917.



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### **H.T. Ayrshire (A33)**

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks was buried at Sea from H.T. Ayrshire (A33) on 16th June, 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.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks requested in his Will, dated 2nd August, 1916, that in the event of his death all his belongs & defence pay & money due to him to be left to his father – Mr H. W. Fooks, Herston, Brunswick Street, New Farm, Brisbane, Queensland.

Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks 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 Lance Corporal Fooks' father – Mr H. W. Fooks, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent November, 1921 & Plaque sent March, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal A. J. Fooks – service number 9517, of 1st Australian General Hospital, Australian Army Medical Corps. No family details are listed.

Lance Corporal A. J. Fooks is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 182.



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



A. Fooks is remembered on the New Farm State School War Memorial, located in New Farm State School, James & Heal Street, New Farm, Queensland.



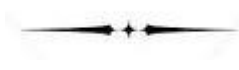
**New Farm State School War Memorial** (Photos from Queensland War Memorials)





(34 pages of Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks' 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*



**Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks**



*(The Queenslander Pictorial – 2 September, 1916)*



**LANCE-CORPORAL A. J. FOOKS,**  
Second son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W.  
Fooks, and brother of Mrs. E. A.  
Hofmann; died at sea, 16th June,  
1917; after active service in Egypt  
and England.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 22 December, 1917 & *The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 28 December, 1917)



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

Australian casualty list No. 324 was issued tonight....

Died of Illness

Lance-corporal A. J. Fooks (New Farm)

(*The Capricornian*, Rockhampton, Queensland – 21 July, 1917)

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### **DEATHS**

FOOKS – On 16th June, L.-Cpl Archibald James Fooks, second son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Fooks, New Farm, died at sea whilst returning to Australia, aged 22 years 9 months.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 11 August, 1917)

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FOOKS – On 16th June, L.-Cpl Archibald James Fooks, second son of Mr and Mrs H. W. Fooks, New Farm, died at sea whilst returning to Australia, aged 22 years 9 months.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 14 August, 1917) & (*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 17 August, 1917)

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### **Personal Notes**

Information has been received by his friends that Lance-corporal A. J. Fooks, who left Brisbane 11 months ago, attached to the first hospital ship, and who has seen service in the Army Medical Service in Egypt and England, died at sea, on 16th June, and was buried with full military honours. The chaplain who officiated was the Rev. F. M. Nightingale, M.A., of All Saints' Brisbane. The cause of his death was a form of tuberculosis.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 18 August, 1917) & (*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 24 August, 1917)

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FOOKS – In proud and loving memory of our dear son, brother, and brother-in-law, Lance-Corporal Archibald James Fooks, who was invalided home to Australia, but died at sea on 16th June, 1917, aged 22 years 9 months.

Sadly missed.

Inserted by mother and father, Dolly and Hughie, Polly and Alf, Violet, Floss, Walter and Arthur.

FOOKS – In loving memory of L.-Cpl Archibald James Fooks, who died at sea whilst returning to Australia, on 16th June, 1917.

Just as his life was brightest,

Just as his hopes were best,

His country called, he answered,  
In God's hands he rests.

Inserted by his loving friend, D. O'D and A.W.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 15 June 1918) & (*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 21 June, 1918)

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FOOKS – In proud and loving memory of our dear son, brother, and brother-in-law, Lance-Corporal Archibald James Fooks, who was invalided home to Australia, but died at sea on 16th June, 1917. Age 22 years 9 months.

His, the noble sacrifice;

Ours, the sacred loss.

Inserted by mother and father, Dolly and Hughie, Polly and Alf, Violet, Floss, Walter and Arthur.

(*The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 15 June, 1918)

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FOOKS – In proud and ever loving memory of our dear son and brother, L.-Corporal Archibald James Fooks, who was invalided home to Australia, but died at sea on 16th June, 1917, aged 22 years 9 months.

Inserted by mother, father, sisters, and brothers.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 16 June 1919) & (*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 20 June, 1919)

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

FOOKS – In proud and loving memory of our dear son and brother, L.-Corporal Archibald J. Fooks, 9517, who was invalided home to Australia, but died at sea on 16th June, 1917, aged 22 years 9 months.

To memory ever dear.

Inserted by mother, father, sisters, and brothers.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 16 June 1920)

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\*\*Notices were also placed in the newspapers in 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1929

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A letter was written to Base Records on 25th August, 1949 from P. J. Lowther & Son (Monumental), Bowen Bridge, Brisbane, Queensland which reads: *"We are performing some monumental work for Mr H. W. Fooks of 989 Brunswick St., New Farm, Brisbane, and he is anxious to incorporate an inscription for his late son, Archibald James Fooks, who was buried at sea after having been wounded on the first World War. Unfortunately, Mr Fooks is unable to trace the exact date of death and burial, also age, and we are endeavouring to assist him in this connection, Would you be kind enough to furnish these details at you earliest convenience. The relevant particulars are as under:-*

*Name: Fooks, Archibald James*

*Address at time of enlistment: 989 Brunswick St., New Farm, Brisbane*

*Next of kin: Harry William FOOKS (father) Sophia FOOKS (mother)"*

Base Records replied to Messrs P. J. Lowther & Son, P.O. Box 41, Fortitude Valley, Queensland on 30th August, 1949 to advise that No. 9517 Lance Corporal Archibald James Fooks, 1st Australian General Hospital, *"died at Sea on 16th June, 1917 and was buried at Sea on the same day. The actual date of birth of the soldier is not recorded, however on enlistment 9th October, 1915, he stated his age to be 21 years."*

Photo of Fooks' Family headstone in Toowong Cemetery, Brisbane, Queensland - includes Archibald's parents – Sophia & Harry. It is unknown if Archibald is listed as the headstone is illegible.



## 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**

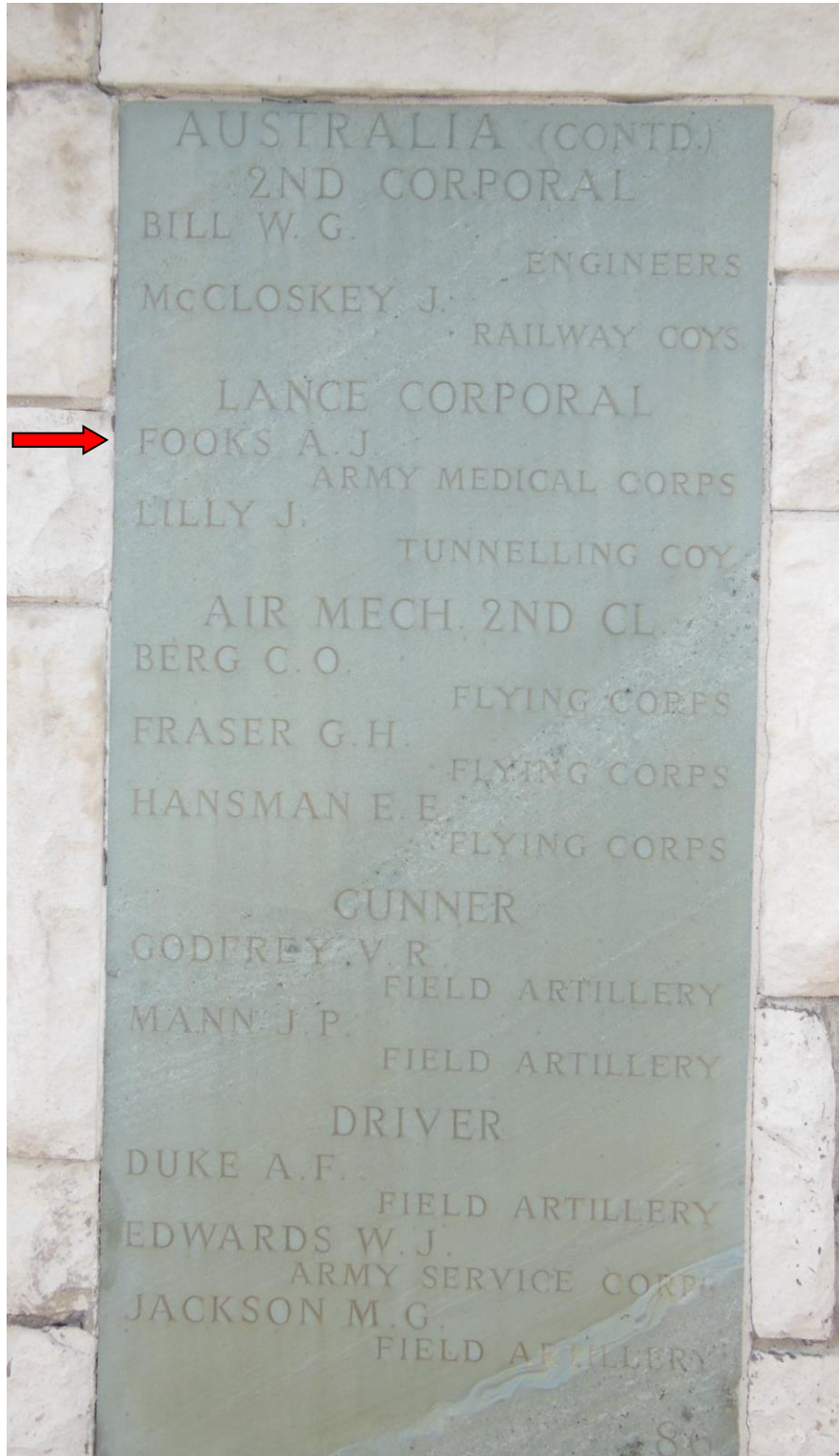


**CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial**

*(Photo from CWGC)*



Photo of Lance Corporal A. J. Fooks' name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

