

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



6997 PRIVATE

A. E. JEFFRIES

1ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

25TH NOVEMBER, 1916

Arthur Ernest JEFFRIES

Arthur Ernest Jeffries was born at Tamworth, New South Wales on 10th September, 1892 to parents Reuben & Grave Jeffries (nee Streeting).

Arthur Ernest Jeffries was a 24 year old, single, Farmer from Tamworth, NSW when he enlisted at Armidale, NSW on 18th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 6997 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr R. Jeffries, Appleby Siding, via Tamworth, NSW.

Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries was posted to Armidale Depot Battalion for recruit training on 18th October, 1916. He was transferred to “B” Company, 1st Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements.

Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) 9th November, 1916 with the 1st Infantry Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements.

1st Battalion

The 1st Battalion was the first infantry unit recruited for the AIF in New South Wales during the First World War...

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries died at 6.15 pm on 25th November, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Benalla* (A24). The Senior Medical Officer on board HMAT *Benalla* wrote “*This is to certify that I attended Private Jeffries during his last illness, and that I last saw him on November 25th, 1916 at 6.15 pm. And that he died at 6.15 pm November 25th, 1916. To the best of my knowledge the cause of death is as follows:- Primary Broncho Pneumonia. Secondary Syncope.*”

Private Jeffries was one of four soldiers to die on board HMAT *Benalla* – No. 7057 Sydney George Style died on 27th November, 1916 from Meningitis; No 7049 Horace Bowden Osborne died on 29th November, 1916 from Meningitis & No. 2652 Eric William Toms died on 30th November, 1916 from Meningitis – as listed in a Telegram from South African Military Command to Secretary of Defence, Melbourne, Victoria on 30th November, 1916.



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HMAT *Benalla* (A24)

Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries was buried at Sea on 25th November, 1916 from HMAT *Benalla* (A24). 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 Arthur Ernest Jeffries 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 Jeffries' father – Mr R. Jeffries, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent October, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries – service number 6997, of 1st Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

A. E. Jeffries is remembered on the Anzac Park Memorial Gates, located in Anzac Park, Brisbane Street, Tamworth, NSW.



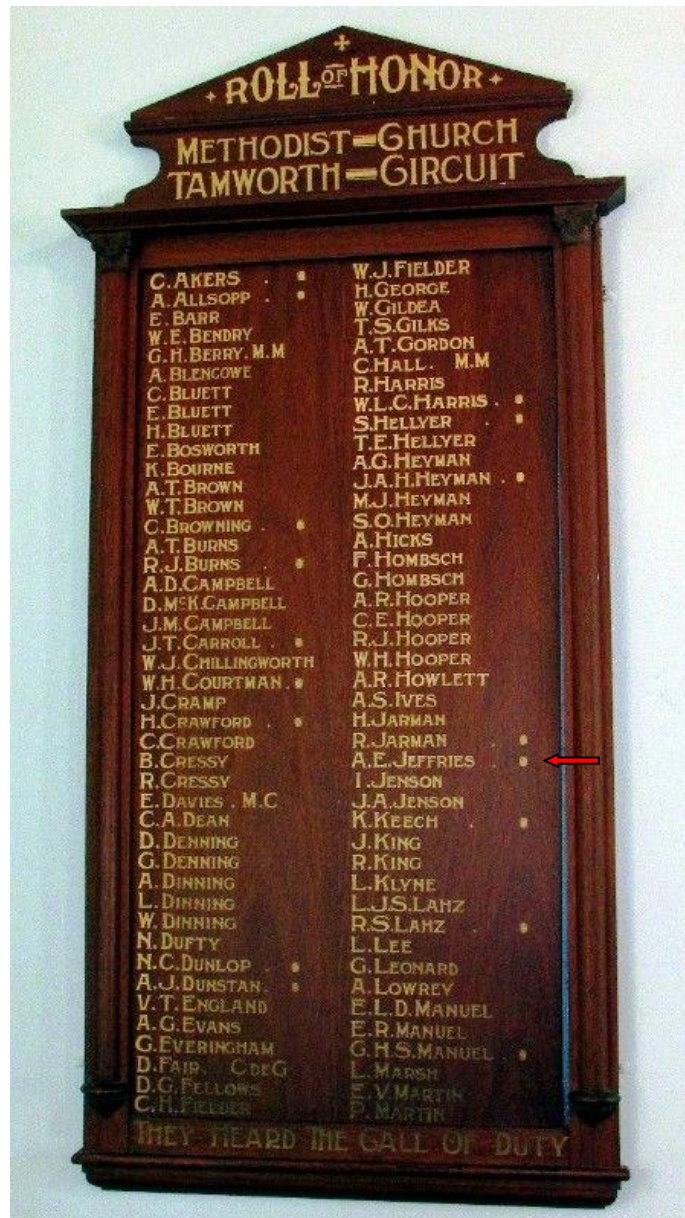
Anzac Park Memorial Gates (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



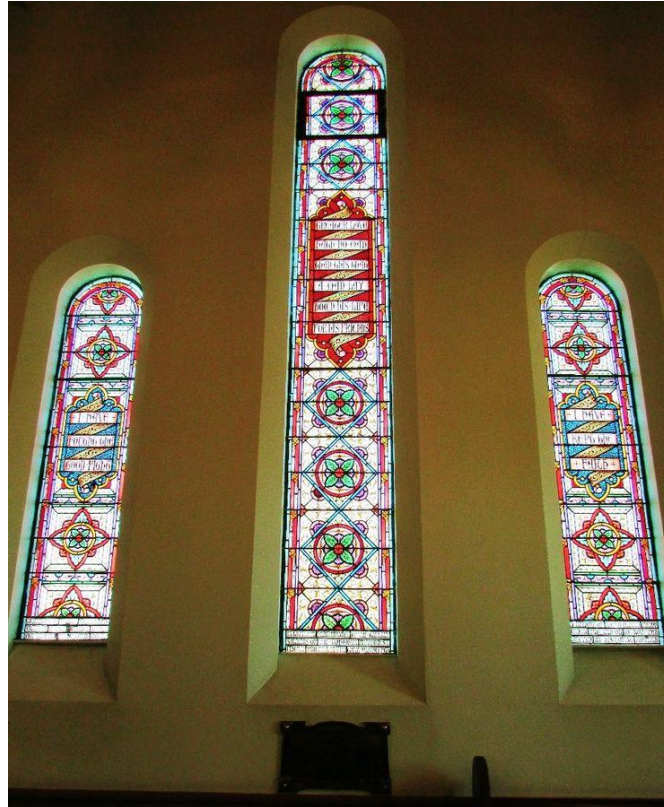
A. E. Jeffries is remembered on the Methodist Church Tamworth Circuit Roll of Honour, located in Tamworth Uniting Church, Marius & Bourke Streets, Tamworth, NSW.



Methodist Church Tamworth Circuit Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



A. E. Jeffries is remembered on the Tamworth Methodist Stained Glass Window Plaque, located in Tamworth Uniting Church, Marius & Bourke Streets, Tamworth, NSW.



Tamworth Methodist Stained Glass Window Plaque (Photos from Monument Australia)



Private A. E. Jeffries is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 29.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(31 pages of Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries' 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



Jeffries Family

Back Row: (Left to right) Florence, Eva, Adah

Front Row: (Left to right) Aubrey Keith, Reuben, Grace, **Arthur**, Alvin, Francis Robert,



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Private Arthur Ernest Jeffries



Newspaper Notices

RECRUITING NEWS

Recruiting still continues briskly at the Armidale Depot. On Wednesday 13 men offered and the following passed:-
....A. E Jeffries, P. Sullivan (Tamworth).....

(*The Armidale Chronicle*, NSW – 21 October, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR

JEFFRIES – Private E. A. Jeffries, son of Mr and Mrs R. Jeffries, of Appleby, died of pneumonia, on 20th November, and buried at sea.

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW – 6 December, 1916)

DEATHS AT SEA

It is officially reported that Private A. E. Jeffries, 1st Battalion, died and was buried at sea on 25th November, the cause of death being pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. R. Jeffries of Appleby Siding.

Private S. G. Styles, 1st Battalion, died and was buried at sea on November 27, the cause of death being meningitis. He was a son W. J. Styles of Ogunbil.

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW – 7 December, 1916)

BURIED AT SEA

Private JEFFRIES - It is officially reported that Private A. E. Jeffries, died and was buried at sea on November 27, the cause of death pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. R. Jeffries of Appleby Siding.

Private S. G. STYLES died and was buried at sea on November 27, the cause of death being meningitis. He was a son W. J. Styles of Ogunbil.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 8 December, 1916)

Latest Casualties

251st LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of Illness

Ptes S. G. Style, Ogumbil; A. E. Jeffries, Tamworth;....

(The Land, Sydney, NSW – 22 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOR

For Tamworth and District

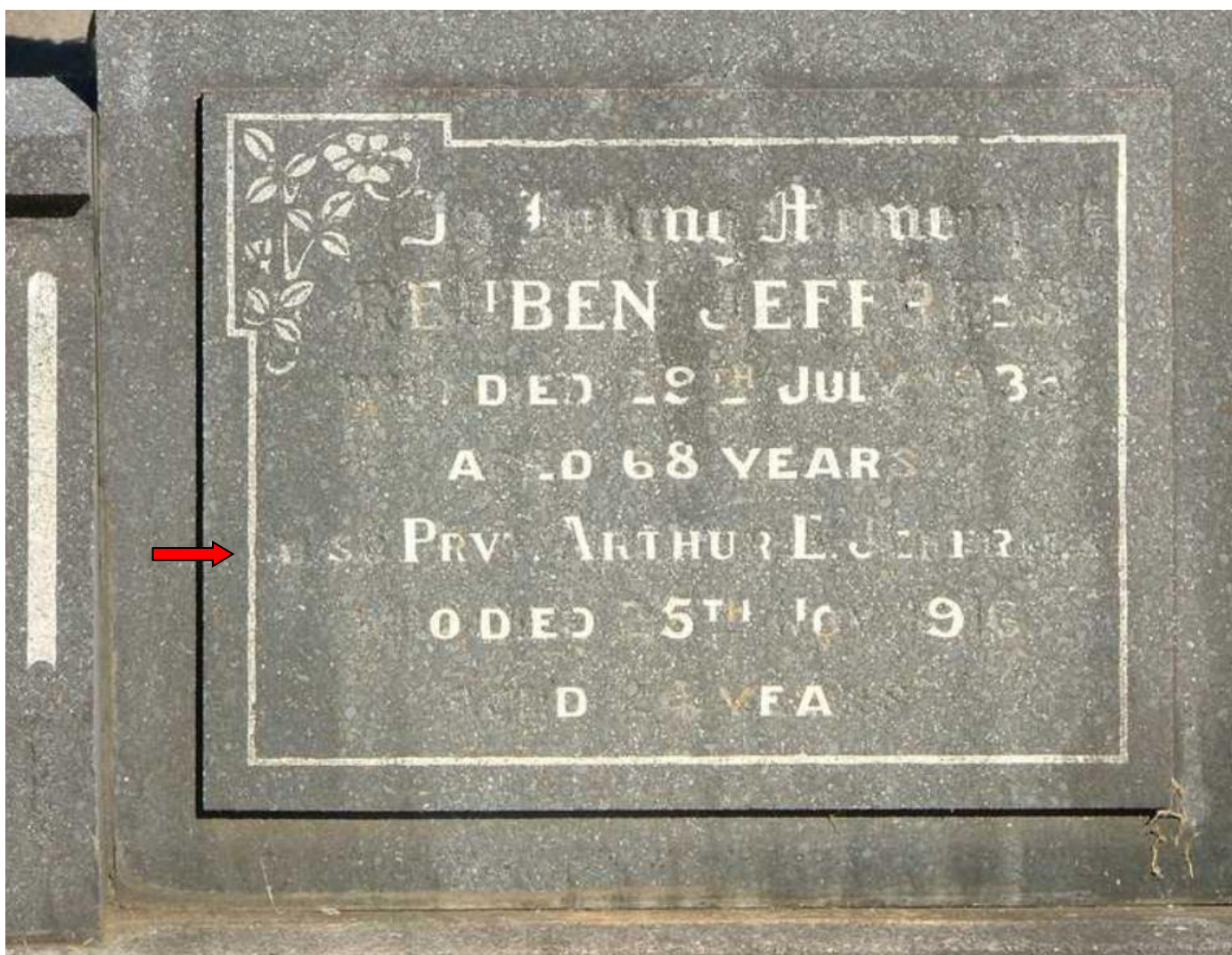
Names of Soldiers Wanted

Definite steps are being taken for the erection of an Honor Roll in Tamworth to record the names of all those within the Municipality of Tamworth, and the Peel, Cockburn and Nundle Shires, who have enlisted for active military service abroad, and relatives and friends are particularly requested to hand in the name, title and battalion number of any soldier or nurse, known to them, to one of the following....

The following additional names have been received.....Private A. E. Jeffries, 1st Batt.;.....

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 29 October, 1917)

Private Arthur E. Jeffries is remembered on a headstone with his father – Reuben Jeffries in Tamworth General & Lawn Cemetery, Tamworth, NSW.



Also Private Arthur E. Jeffries

Who Died 5th Nov, 1916

Aged 24 Years

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.

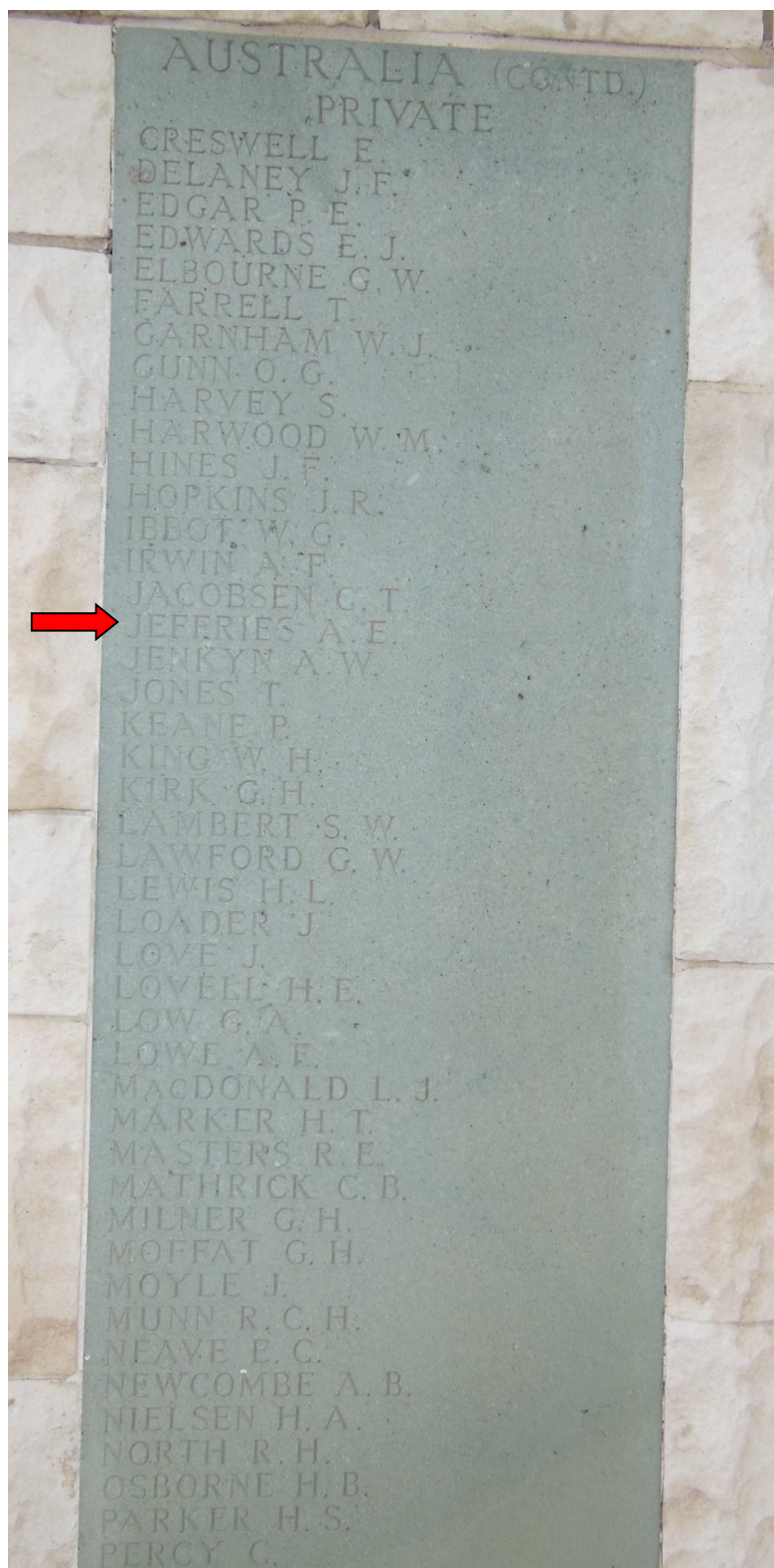
(Information & photos from CWGC)





Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Private A. E. Jeffries' name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

