

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



30297 DRIVER

F. K. JOHNSON

AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY

11TH DECEMBER, 1916

Frederick Keith JOHNSON

Frederick Keith Johnson was born at Summer Hill, Sydney, New South Wales on 19th April, 1898 to parents Frederick Daniel & Elizabeth Ann Johnson (nee Starr).

Frederick Keith Johnson attended Sydney Boys' High School, Sydney, NSW.

Frederick Keith Johnson was appointed Junior Clerk on 30th June, 1914 with Office of Inspector -General of Police, New South Wales.

Frederick Keith Johnson was an 18 year old, single, Clerk from 44 Moonbie Street, Summer Hill, Sydney, NSW when he enlisted at Royal Agricultural Show Grounds, Sydney, NSW on 1st August, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 30297 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr F. D. Johnson, 44 Moonbie Street, Summer Hill, Sydney, NSW. Frederick Keith Johnson stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets & Militia for 4 ½ years.

As Frederick Keith Johnson was under the age of 21 his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in active service abroad. Frederick Johnson (father) & Elizabeth A. Johnson (mother) signed the following note: *"We, the undersigned, hereby give our consent for our son, Frederick Keith Johnson, enlisting for Active Service in the A.I.E.F."*

Gunner Frederick Keith Johnson was posted to 11th Brigade, 8th Reinforcements on 1st August, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 5th D.A.C. (Divisional Ammunition Column, 8th Reinforcements, Field Artillery as Driver on 1st November, 1916.

Driver Frederick Keith Johnson embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla* (A24) on 9th November, 1916 with the 5th Divisional Ammunition Column, 8th Reinforcements, Australian Field Artillery.

Driver Frederick Keith Johnson died on 11th December, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Benalla* (A24) from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.



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HMAT *Benalla* (A24)

Driver Frederick Keith Johnson was buried at Sea on 11th December, 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.

Driver Frederick Keith Johnson 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 Johnson's father - Mr F. D. Johnson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent January, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission Driver Frederick Keith Johnson – service number 30297, of 5th Div. Ammunition Colum, Australian Field Artillery. No family details are listed.

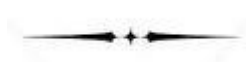
Driver F. K. Johnson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 21.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(31 pages of Driver Frederick Keith Johnson'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





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Artillery guard parade on board the HMAT *Benalla* at sea.

Identified, fourth from left is 30297 Driver Frederick Keith Johnson, 5th Division Ammunition Column, Australian Field Artillery. A clerk of Summer Hill, NSW, he enlisted on 1 August 1916 and embarked on the HMAT Benalla with the 8th Reinforcements. He died of sickness at sea, off Sierra Leone, on 11 December 1916, aged 18.

Newspaper Notices

DEATHS

JOHNSON – December, 1916, our dear friend, Keith, who died at sea. Inserted by his sincere friends, Mr and rs Hudson and family.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 21 December, 1916)

FOR AUSTRALIA

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

The 257th and 258th casualty lists were issued lats night...

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Dvr F. K. Johnson, Summer Hill

(The Sun, Sydney, NSW – 27 December, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

JOHNSON – Driver Frederick Keith, Field Artillery, died at sea December 11, 1916, dearly loved eldest son of Mr and Mrs F. O. Johnson, and brother of Allan and Edna, of 44 Moonbie-street, Summer Hill.

For honour he laid down his life, a noble thing to do.

He died for King and country, a soldier brave and true.

JOHNSON – Dvr. F. K., dearly loved grandson of Mr and Mrs J. Starr, of Leura, and Mrs S. Johnson, of Camperdown. Greater love hath no man than this.

JOHNSON – Dvr F. K., aged 18 years, died at sea December 11, 1916. He heard the call and obeyed.

Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs Chas. Starr, and cousins, Lyris, Dot, and Joyce, of Ryde.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – 30 December, 1916)



Dvr. F. K. Johnson
OF SUMMER HILL.
died of illness.

(*The Town and Country Journal*, Sydney, NSW – 10 January, 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.

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.

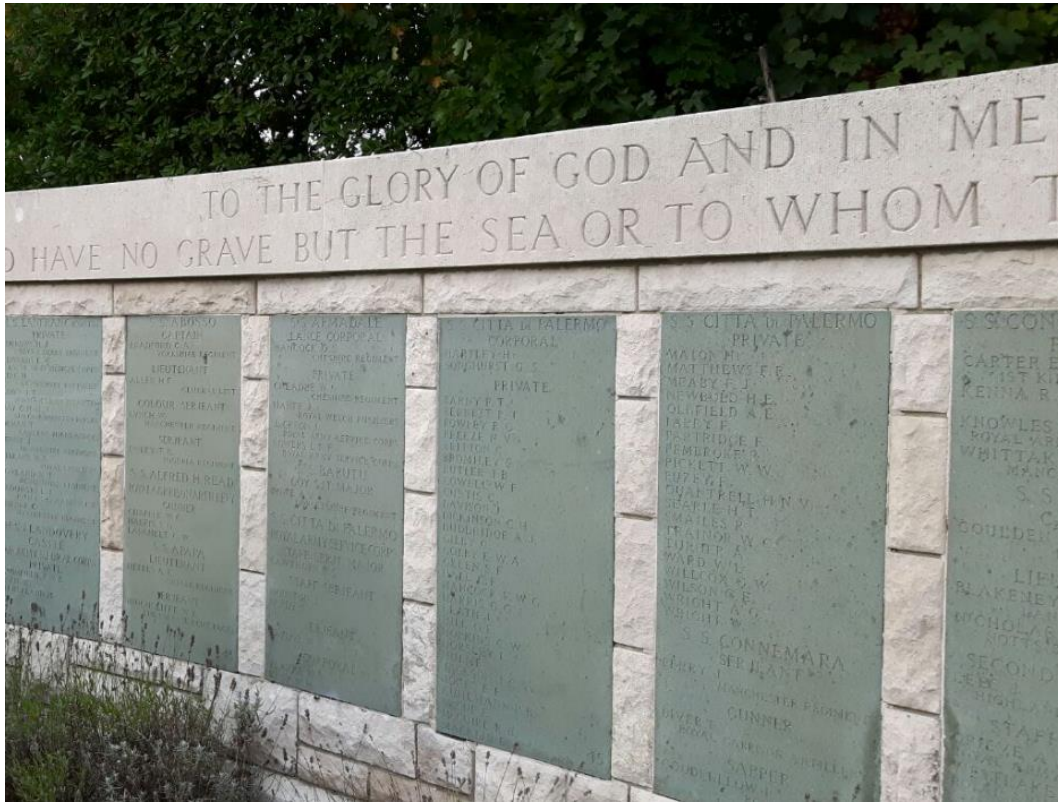
There are approximately 162 Australian World War 1 Service Personnel commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.

(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 Driver F. K. Johnson's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

