

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**1149 PRIVATE**

**T. JONES**

**36TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**23RD MAY, 1916**

## Tresselyn JONES

Tresselyn Carlyle Twible Jones was born at Lawrence, New South Wales on 12th October, 1889 to parents John Owen & Emmeline Ann Jones (nee Baker). He was baptised on 21st May, 1890 at Clarence, New South Wales.

Tresselyn Jones was a 26 year old, single., Labourer from Coffs Harbour, NSW when he enlisted on 23rd January, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1149 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr John Owen Jones, Coffs Harbour, NSW.

Private Tresselyn Jones was posted to N.C.R.M. on 24th January, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "D" Company, 36th Battalion on 21st February, 1916.

Private Tresselyn Jones embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 13th May, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Brigade, 36th Infantry Battalion "D" Company.

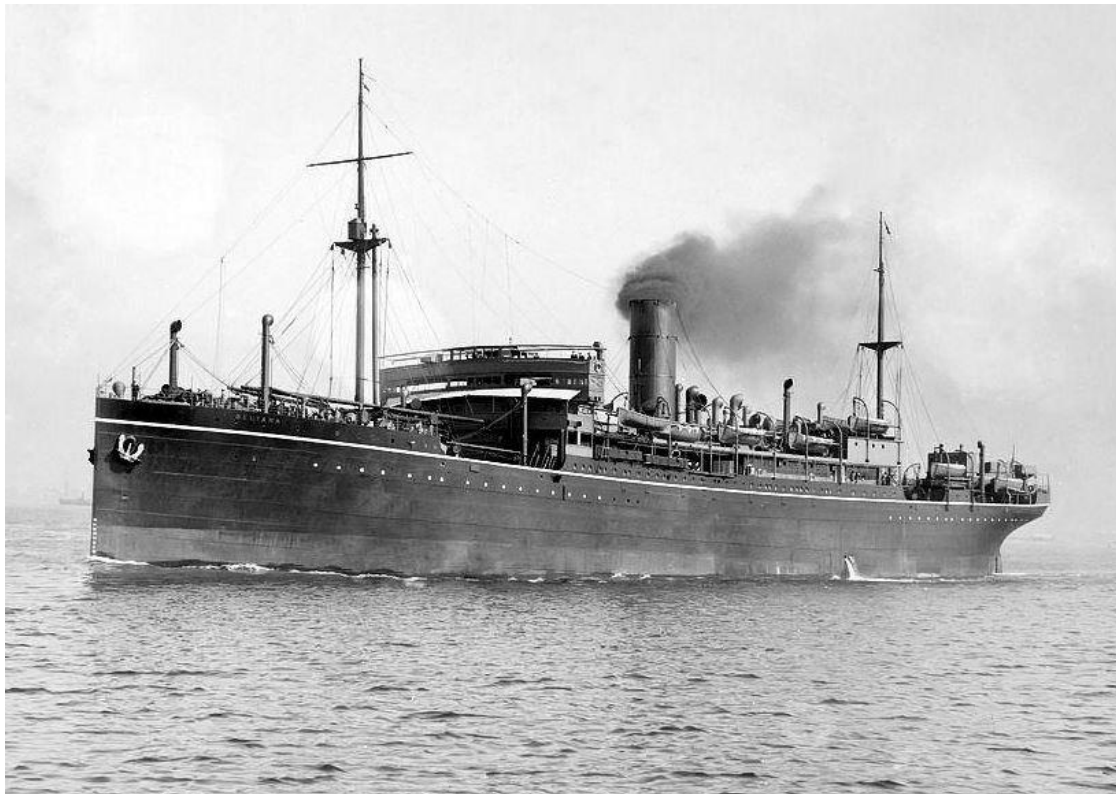
### 36th Battalion

The 36th Battalion was raised at Broadmeadow Camp, in Newcastle, New South Wales in February 1916. The bulk of the battalion's recruits had been enlisted as a result of a recruiting drive conducted amongst the rifle clubs of New South Wales by the Minister for Public Information in the New South Wales government, Ambrose Carmichael. Thus, the battalion became known as "Carmichael's Thousand". Carmichael led by example and enlisted as well, serving in the battalion as a captain.

The 36th Battalion became part of the 9th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. It left Sydney, bound for the United Kingdom on 13 May 1916. Arriving there in early July, the battalion spent the next four months in training.....

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Tresselyn Jones died at 10.40 pm on 23rd May, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Beltana* (A72) from Pneumonia following Measles. Private Jones was the first of six deaths on board HMAT *Beltana* (A72) between 13th May to 11th June, 1916.



**HMAT *Beltana* (A72)**

The Senior Medical Officer, Transport A72, advised Ships Q'Master in writing on 30th May, 1916: "*with reference to the above you are directed to destroy at once all military and civilian clothing issued to and formerly in the possession of the late Pte T. Jones, of D Co., 36th Bn.*"

[Note: Some forms in the Service Record file for Private Tresselyn Jones recorded that he died on 27th May, 1916. Base Records wrote to The Secretary, Imperial War Graves Commission, London on 23rd January, 1931 advising "*your attention is invited to proof slip entry No. 524 referring to the late No. 1149 Private T. Jones, 36th Battalion, and it is desired to point out that date of death should properly read "23rd May, 1916."*]

Private Tresselyn Jones was buried at Sea from on board HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 24th May, 1916. 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 Tresselyn Jones was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were supposed to be sent to the next of kin, however Private Jones' Memorial Scroll & Plaque were sent to Untraceables. (It is unknown if the British War Medal was received by his father as the next of kin)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Tresselyn Jones – service number 1149, of 36th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private T. Jones is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 127.



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

T. Jones is remembered on the Coffs Harbour WW1 Honour Roll, near the Coffs Harbour Cenotaph & Memorial Wall, located in Anzac Park, Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour, NSW.



**Coffs Harbour Cenotaph & Memorial Wall at Anzac Park.**



# COFFS HARBOUR WWI HONOUR ROLL 1914 – 1919

ANDERSON, C. E. (DCM)	DENT, T.	*GALLARD, A.	MATTHEWS, E. J.	SERCOMBE, G. D. T.
ANDERSON, C. A.	DUNLOP, W. (Sen.)	GAILER, E. A.	MILNE, J.	*SERCOMBE, R.
ALLEN, H. B.	*DUNLOP, W.	GAILER, J. R.	MACNAMARA, J. P. (M.M.)	SHEA, W. (R.A.N.)
ANSON, H.	DAHL, T.	GAILER, A.	McFADGEN R. E.	SMALL, A.
ALLEN, G.	DAHL, O.	*GAILER, F. J.	McGUIGAN, L.	SMALL, H.
ADAMS, S.	DENNING, T.	GAMMEL, G.	McAULAY, J.	*SHEPHERD, H. T.
BROWN, W. A. (REV)	DENNING, A. J.	GAMMEL, C.	McLEOD, A.	SHEPHERD, A. B.
BLANCHARD, C. R.	*DAVIES, G. J.	*HILL, F. J.	McDOUGALL, A. K.	*SHEPHERD, H.
*BLANCHARD, C. E.	DUNCAN, W. G.	HILL, N.	McLEAN, K.	SHEPHERD, A.
BOHLSSEN, C. H. G.	DUNCAN, R.	HOURLIGAN, B. J.	McLEAN, W.	SHEPHERD, H. T.
BAILLIE, S. J.	DANIELS, W.	HARPER, P. H.	McGOWEN, L. B.	SECOMB, F.
*BLANCH, D.	DIXON, W.	HANCOCK, A.	McGUIRE, F. J.	SECOMB, O.
BAKES, W.	DEAL, R.	*HANCOCK, A.	MACKNEY, F. C.	SAYELL, H. B.
BAKES, E.	DEAL, J. H.	HARDY, T. (A.N.)	MOYNIHAN, T.	SNODGRASS, E.
BURLEY, C.	DEAL, F.	HARDY, T.	*MUIR, A. R.	STAPLETON, M.
BACON, V. R.	DODD, A. H.	HARPER, D. M.	MOSES, R.	SMILES, R. G.
BOLES, C. B.	ELLIOTT, C. W.	HUTCHBY, A.	MURRAY, P. C. J.	SHIELDS, T. E.
BURNES, W. E.	*ELLISON, J.	HARVIE, C. O.	MURRAY, H. F. F.	SLACK, S.
BURNES, B. M.	EMERY, F. C.	HOSCHKE, E.	MARTIN, J.	SEYMOUR, L. B.
BAKER, W.	EVERINGHAM, C. H.	*HARTLEY, E.	MANSON, W.	TAIT, W.
BAKER, E.	FREEMAN, ART.	HALES, H.	MILLER, M. J.	*TAYLOR, T. H.
BAKER, S. A.	FREEMAN, A.	HALES, T.	MUSSARED, F. R.	TUSON, G.
BAKER, W. C.	FREEMAN, J. O.	*HERDEGEN, R.	NEIL, J. P.	THOMAS, W.
BATES, T.	FORD, E.	HAMMOND, H. J.	NEUHOUSE, F.	THOMPSON, G. S.
BRETT, W. T. (M.S.M.)	FORBES, G.	HENDERSON, H.	*NEUHOUSE, W. (D.C.M.)	VELLY, H.
BOYLE, T.	FORBES, R.	IDE, V. H.	O'GRADY, W. J. S.	VELSALL, J.
BEST,	FAULKS, A. G. (M.M.)	*JONES, T.	O'MALLEY, E.	VELSALL, T.
BUCHANAN, C. C.	FAULKS, T. F. (M.M.)	JONES, C.	O'TOOLE, F.	WORLAND, A. (Sen.)
*BUCHANAN, J. B.	*FOWLER, H. E. A.	JARRETT, G. B.	OSBERG, C. E.	*WORLAND, J. J.
BUCHANAN, H. E.	*FOWLER, E. L.	JARRETT, W.	*PULLEN, E. R.	WORLAND, D. A.
BUCHANAN, L. (D.C.M.)	FORREST, D. M.	*JERVIS, E.	PULLEN, G. A.	WORLAND, H. H.
BOND, T.	FOLEY, W. H.	JAY, A. J.	PULLEN, J. H.	WORLAND, H. A.
BURGESS, J. N.	FERRETTI, J.	KELSALL, J.	*PEARSON, J. B.	WORLAND, P. A.
BRIDGES, J.	FERN, W. R.	KELSALL,	*PERKINS, S. B.	WORLAND, AMOS
BRIDGES, J. A.	FERN, V. R.	KNIGHT, J.	PERKINS, I. D.	WORLAND, E.
*CLARK, G.	FAIRHEAD, J.	KINGSFORD, A.	PIKE, J.	*WOODS, E.
CLARK, W. F.	FURBER, M. S.	*KELLY, W. R.	PAUL, F.	WOODS, S.
CHANNELLS, W. S.	FULLER, C.	*KELLY, S.	*PERRY, J. K.	WOODS, W. DR.
CHANNELLS, J.	FINCH, H.	KELLY, H.	PEASE, A. W.	WALDER, A. J.
CAMERON, L.	FINCH, E.	KELLY, W.	PATTERSON, W.	WALSH, W. C.
CAZENAVE, J. R.	FITTOCK, P.	*KERR, L.	PAYNTER, W.	WALSH, E. W.
COLLOPY, C.	FLICK, J. K.	KERR, F. J.	RILEY, A. B.	WINGFIELD, I. W.
CHESTERTON, L.	FLICK, W. H.	*KAY, R.	RUDDER, O. E.	WINGFIELD, A. R.
CHESTERTON, S.	FIDLER, C. E.	KAY, W.	RUDDER, P.	WATT, L.
COWHAM, V.	GREGORY, W.	KLEIN, R.	*RUDDER, O.	WATT, A. J.
CLIMPSON, G.	GRANT, W. W.	KING, F. D.	RAMSBOTHAM, J.	WEST, H.
CLIMPSON, E.	GRANT, S. H.	KING, T.	ROBERTSON, J.	WATSON, B.
CLIMPSON, H.	GRANT, W. F.	KEMP, E. K.	RATCLIFFE, R. J.	WALLACE, W. C.
CALDWELL, C. H.	GRANT, W. G.	KENNEDY, N.	RYAN, A. V.	WILLIS, W. M.
CALDWELL, W. V.	GRANT, R. A.	KEOGH, V. J.	ROLLANS, H. J.	YARDY, J. W.
CRAWFORD, R.	GRANT, W. H.	LONG, D. J.	RENNIE, R.	*YARDY, R. A.
CRAWFORD, L. (M.M.)	*GRANT, F. N.	LONG, W. A.	*RICHARDSON, V. J.	YARDY, A. D.
CASSIDY, E. R.	GATES, W.	*LOBBAN, W. W.	*ROBINSON, F. J.	
COOK, A.	*GARDNER, F. W.	LOBBAN, A. G.	ROBINSON, W. A. R.	*KILLED IN ACTION
CROSS, P. A.	GRAHAM, C.	LUSCOMBE, F.	ROBINSON, J. T.	
COX, C. R.	GALLARD, J.	LEVELY, L. W.	SUTTON, W.	
COX, W.	GALLARD, F.	LONGMUIR, A. J.	SERCOMBE, H.	

Coffs Harbour WW1 Honour Roll (Photo from AWM Places of Pride – Graeme Bray)

T. Jones is remembered on the Coffs Harbour Honour Roll 1914 – 1919 which is located in Coffs Ex-Services Club (RSL), 1 – 3 Vernon Street, Coffs Harbour.



Coffs Harbour Honour Roll 1914 – 1919 (Photo from Monument Australia- Sandra Brown)

T. Jones is remembered on Coffs Harbour Roll of Honour (framed paper roll) which is located Coffs Harbour Regional Museum, 215 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour, NSW.



Coffs Harbour Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia)

T. Jones is remembered on St. John's Anglican Church Roll of Honour, located in Coffs Harbour Regional Museum, 215 Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour, NSW.

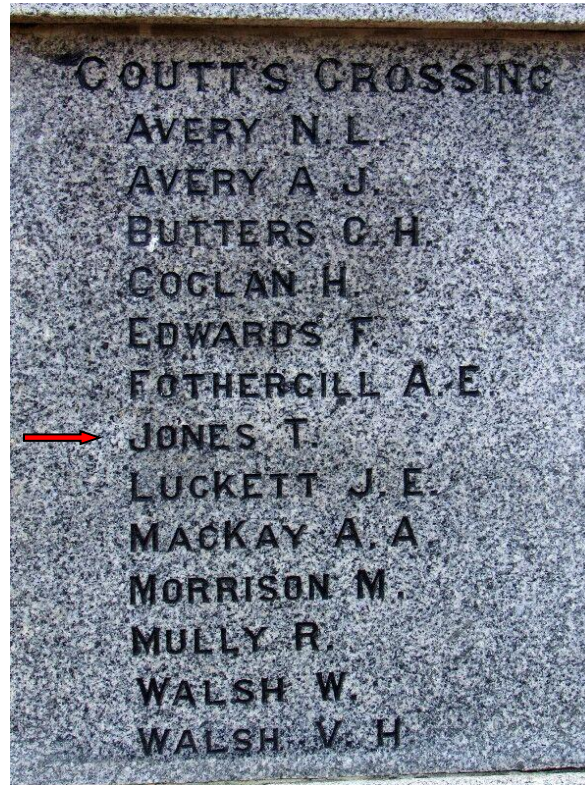


**St. John's Anglican Church Roll of Honour** (Photo from VWMA)

T. Jones is remembered on the South Grafton Cenotaph/War Memorial, located at Through Street & Lane Boulevarde, South Grafton, NSW.



**South Grafton Cenotaph** (Photo above from AWM Places of Pride – Penny Smith; below Monument Australia)



T. Jones is remembered on the Glenreagh Honor Roll, located inside the Glenreagh School of Arts, 62 Coramba Street, Glenreagh, NSW. The Glenreagh War Memorial located outside the Glenreagh School of Arts does not list individual names.



**Glenreagh War Memorial** (Photo from AWM Places of Pride; below from War Memorials Register NSW)





(37 pages of Private Tresselyn Jones' 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*



## LAST POST CEREMONY

Private Tresselyn Jones was remembered in the Last Post Ceremony held at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on 16th February. 2016.

Commencing at approximately 4.45 pm AEST, the Memorial farewells visitors with its moving Last Post Ceremony in the Commemorative Courtyard. Each night the ceremony shares the story behind one of the names on the [Roll of Honour](#).

The ceremony begins with the Australian national anthem followed by the piper's lament. Visitors are invited to lay wreaths and floral tributes beside the Pool of Reflection. An individual's story is told, and the Ode is recited by Australian Defence Force personnel. The ceremony ends with the sounding of the Last Post.

*(Information from The Australian War Memorial)*



*Speech transcript*

*1149 Private Tresselyn Jones, 36th Battalion, AIF*

*DOD 23 May 1916*

*No photograph in collection*

*Story delivered 16 February 2016*

Today we remember and pay tribute to Private Tresselyn Jones.

Tress Jones was born in 1889 to Owen and Emmeline Jones of Maclean, New South Wales. He became well known in Grafton and on the Orara, where he worked as a labourer in the district. He was described as “a typical young Australian, strong and active, resourceful and self-reliant, fearless and dauntless”, said to possess “many of the qualities that distinguish the fighting Anzacs”. Jones was reported to be a “dashing horseman, able to handle anything that ever was lapped in horsehide, with enough of the dare-all to lead a most forlorn hope with all the dash of victory”.

In 1916 Tress Jones joined the North Coast Boomerang recruitment march, leaving Grafton on 18 January and enlisting at Coffs Harbour a few days later. At his farewell function in Grafton he gave a speech, saying “that he had heard the Empire call, and was going off to do his whack to win the victory – and if he was killed out there, well, a man must die somewhere”. He added, “I don’t believe they’ll score a hit on me.”

Jones was posted to the 36th Battalion and underwent a period of training in Australia before leaving for overseas service on the troopship *Beltana* on 13 May 1916.

Within days of putting out to sea, Jones fell ill with measles. On 23 May 1916, just ten days after leaving Australia, he died of pneumonia and measles. He was wrapped in a flag and buried at sea.

In July 1916 Jones’s parents put a memorial notice in the paper:

He rose, responsive to his country’s call.

He gave for her his life, his best, his all.

Tress Jones was 27 years old.

His name is listed on the Roll of Honour on my right, among more than 60,000 Australians who died during the First World War.

This is but one of the many stories of service and sacrifice told here at the Australian War Memorial. We now remember Private Tresselyn Jones, who gave his life for us, for our freedoms, and in the hope of a better world.

*Dr Meleah Hampton*

*Historian, Military History Section*

## **Newspaper Notices**

### **PERSONAL**

A cablegram to hand from the South African Government stated that Private Tresselyn Jones, son of Mr O. Jones, of Coff's Harbour, died of pneumonia and measles. Private Jones left Sydney on 14th May, and his death took place on 23rd May, during the passage over. The late Private Tresselyn Jones was 26 years of age, was well-known in Grafton and on the Orara, and his many friends will regret to hear of his sad death.

*(Daily Examiner, Grafton, NSW – 21 June, 1916)*

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### **Australian Casualties**

#### **Lists Nos. 178 to 180**

New South Wales

Died of Illness

Pte T. JONES (Coff's Harbour), 23/5/16

*(Australian Town and Country Journal, Sydney, NSW – 28 June, 1916)*

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### **SOLDIER'S LETTER**

Sergeant Robert Hall, writes as follows, - from "Somewhere at Sea": — I am still in the land of the living so far. We have had a fair passage and hope it keeps so till we reach our destination. Most of the boys have been troubled with sea-sickness, but for myself, I have never missed a meal, and expect to put on a good deal of weight by the time we reach the other side. Frank Morgan had a bad time of it and could not eat anything for three days. He is a lot better, but says the sea life is no good to him. We are not allowed to tell where we are bound for, where we are, or what boat we are in, so you will understand. We have had a lot of sickness since leaving Sydney, and am sorry to say three of the boys died and were buried at sea. Private T. Jones, one of the North Coasters, who left Grafton, died first, then Gunner Mann, of the Siege Artillery, passed away. Private J. Love, another North Coaster, who joined us at Kempsey, died a few days ago.....

*(Daily Examiner, Grafton, NSW – 14 July, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOR**

JONES – In fond memory of our beloved son and brother, Tresselyn Jones, who died at sea, on his way to the front, on 23rd May, 1916, aged 26 years.

He rose, responsive to his country's call,

He gave for her his life, his best, his all.

Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters.

*(Daily Examiner, Grafton, NSW – 26 July, 1916)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOR**

JONES – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Tresselyn Jones, died at sea on 23rd May, 1916, aged 26 years.

His King and country called him;

The call was not in vain.

On Australia's Roll of Honor

Your will find dear Tresselyn's name.

Inserted by his loving mother and father, sisters and brothers.

*(Daily Examiner, Grafton, NSW – 21 May, 1917)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOR**

JONES – In loving memory of our beloved brother, Private Tresselyn Jones, died at sea, 23rd May, 1916.

Away in the foreign sea,

Beneath the bright blue sky,

Lies a hero brave,

Resting in peace with God.

Inserted by his sister and brother-in-law, L. and P. Morris.

*(Daily Examiner, Grafton, NSW – 23 May, 1917)*

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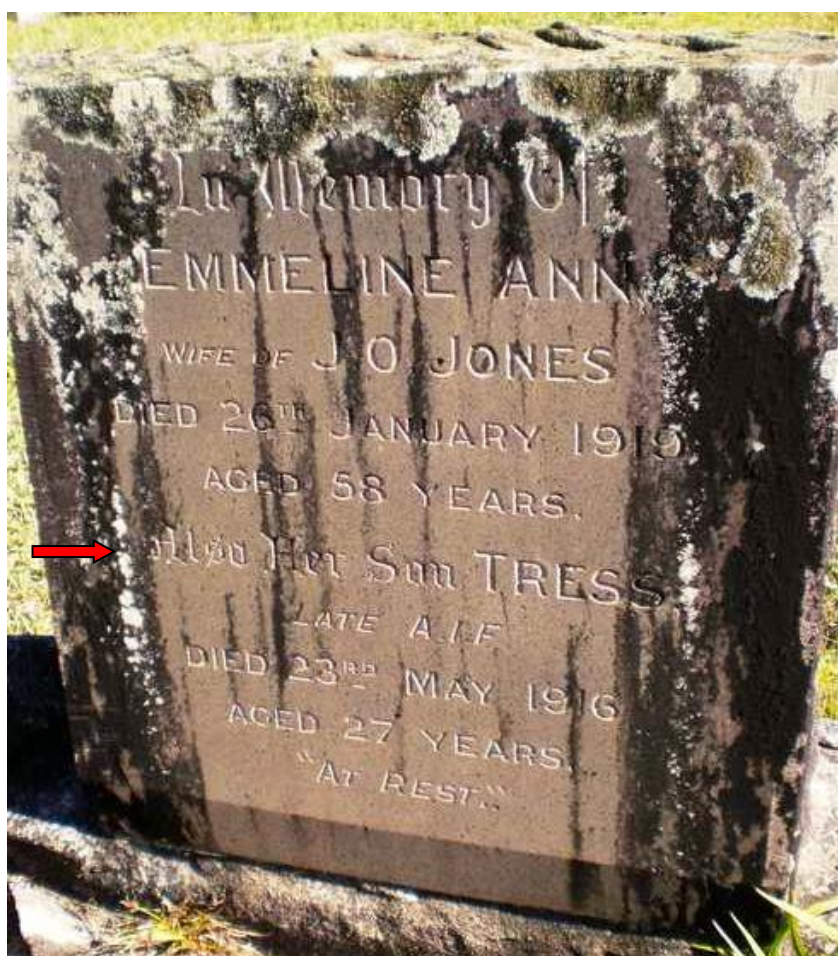
*(Daily Examiner, Grafton, NSW – 23 May, 1918)*

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Tress Jones is remembered on his mother's headstone in Coffs Harbour Historic Cemetery, Coff Street, Coffs Harbour, New South Wales.



(Photos from Find a Grave)



*In Memory Of*  
**EMMELINE ANN**  
*Wife of J. O. Jones*  
*Died 26th January 1919*  
*Aged 58 Years*  
**Also Her Son TRESS**  
**Late A.I.F.**  
**Died 23rd May 1916**  
**Aged 27 Years**  
**"At Rest"**

## 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**

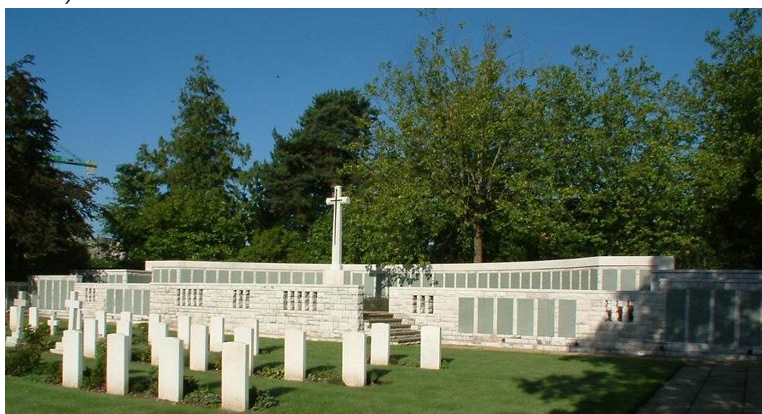
The Hollybrook Memorial is situated in Southampton (Hollybrook) Cemetery behind the plot of First World War graves near the main entrance.

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)*



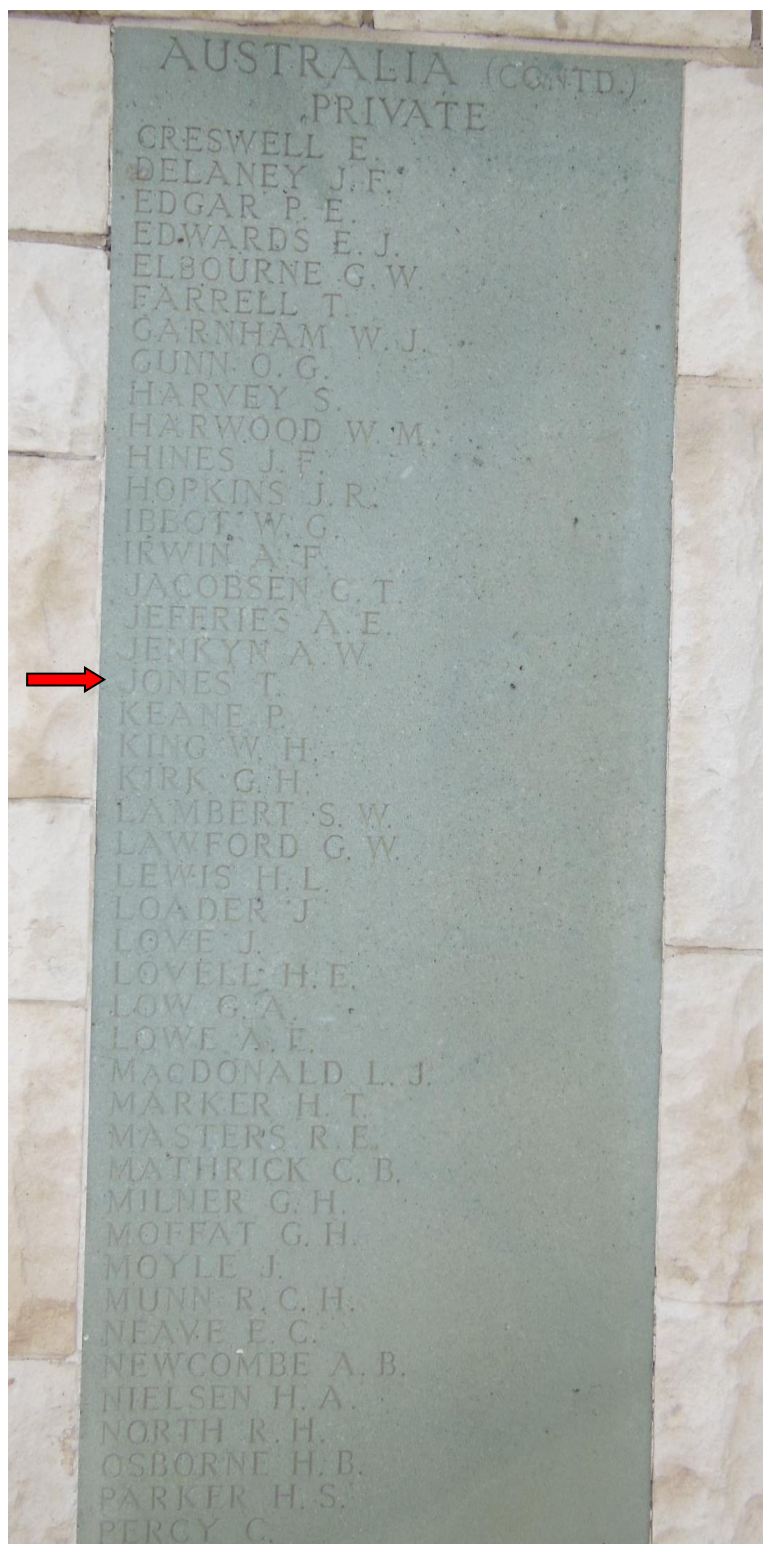


**Cross of Sacrifice**





Photo of Private T. Jones' name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

