

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5085 LANCE CORPORAL

J. LILLY

AUSTRALIAN TUNNELLING CORPS

30TH JULY, 1916

John LILLY

John Lilly was born around 1887 at Holywell, Belckoo, Armagh, Ireland to parents Bernard & Dolly Lilly (nee Dolan).

The 1913 & 1916 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Kennedy, subdivision of Hughenden, Queensland, recorded John Lilly, Labourer from Hughenden.

John Lilly was a 28 year old, single, Labourer from "Kimo" Berrell Street, Bondi, Sydney, NSW (address as listed on Embarkation Roll, however John Lilly listed his Postal address as Hughenden, Queensland on his "*Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force*" form) when he enlisted on 1st November, 1915 at Townsville, Queensland with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his sister – Miss Rose Anne Lilly, Kimo" Berrell Street, Bondi, Sydney, NSW (as listed on Embarkation Roll, however his Attestation Papers listed his father as next of kin – Mr Bernard Lilly, Holywell, Belckoo, Armagh, Ireland).

John Lilly's Certificate of Inoculation recorded he joined "C" Company 8th Depot Battalion originally & was allotted to Miners Corps. He was posted to Mining Corps on 1st November, 1915 then transferred to 3rd Reinforcements – 2nd Company as Sapper from 30th March, 1916. Sapper Lilly was transferred on 4th April, 1916 to 4th Reinforcements of No. 1 Mining Company. He was transferred to Miners Reinforcements at Seymour, Victoria on 10th May, 1916 & on 1st June, 1916 he was promoted to Lance Corporal. Lance Corporal Lilly was transferred to Tunnelling Company from 18th July, 1916.

Sapper (rank as listed on Embarkation Roll) John Lilly, Service number 5085, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Armadale* (A26) on 19th July, 1916. (Note: Sapper Lilly is listed on two Embarkation Rolls – Mining & Tunnelling Company – July Reinforcements & Tunnelling Companies – 2nd Reinforcements. Both Rolls recorded he embarked on 19th July, 1916 on HMAT *Armadale* (A26).)



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Members of the AIF standing in long lines, waiting to board the troopship HMAT Armadale (A26). Behind HMAT Armadale lined along the wharf, on the right, is the troopship HMAT Anglo Egyptian (A25).

(Photo c 1916)



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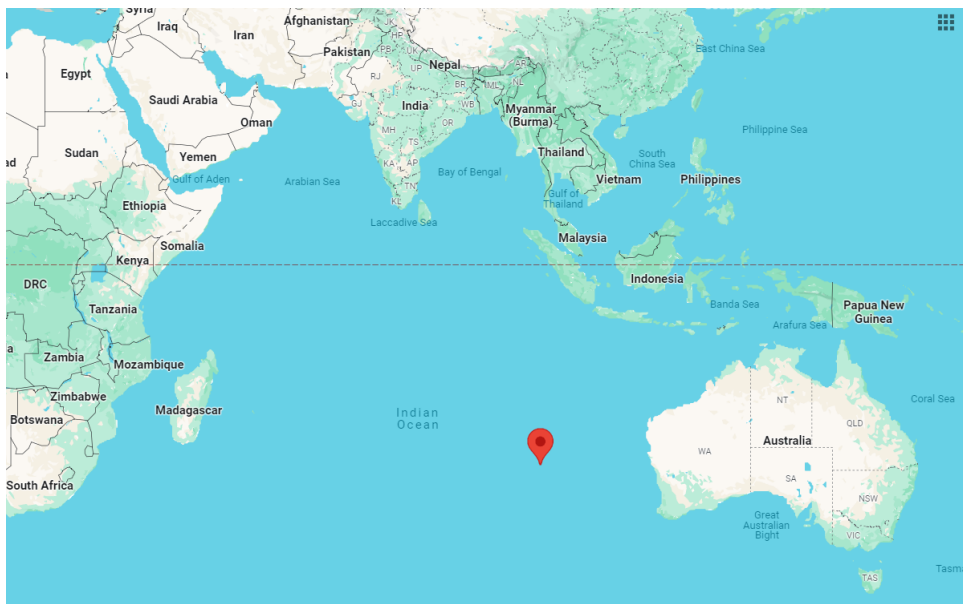
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HMAT Armadale (A26) (Photo taken February, 1915)

Lance Corporal John Lilly was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 27th July, 1916 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined).

Lance Corporal John Lilly died 10 pm on 30th July, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Armadale* (A26) from Lobar Pneumonia & Cardiac failure.

According to UK Register of Deceased Passengers – Lance Corporal John Lilly, aged 29, Tunneller Corps, A.I.F., died at 10 pm on 30th July, 1916 at Sea at Lat: 28 S; 98 E, on board *Armadale* from Lobar Pneumonia & Cardiac Failure. His place of birth was listed as Belckoo, Ireland & his last place of abode was listed as “Kimo” Berrell Street, Bondi, Sydney, NSW.



Position of HMAT Armadale (A26) at time of Lance Corporal Lilly's Death

Lance Corporal John Lilly was buried at Sea at 8 am on 31st July, 1916 from HMAT *Armada* (A26). 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.

A War Pension was granted to Bernard Lilly, Belso, Blackburn, Co. Cavan, father of Lance Corporal John Lilly, 5085, No. 2 Mining Corps in the sum of 7/6 per fortnight from 30th September, 1916. The same amount was granted to Dolly Lilly, (same Address), mother of the late Lance Corporal John Lilly. The War Pension for Dolly Lilly, Bellcoo, Black Lion, Co. Cavan, Ireland, mother of the late Lance Corporal John Lilly was increased to 40/- per fortnight from 11th April, 1918.

Lance Corporal John Lilly 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 Lilly's father – Mr B. Lilly, , as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Corporal John Lilly – service number 5085, of Australian Tunnelling Corps. No family details are listed.

Lance Corporal J. Lilly is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 27.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(41 pages of Lance Corporal John Lilly'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



Newspaper Notices

Roll of Honour

202nd and 203rd Lists

QUEENSLAND
DIED OF ILLNESS

L.-Cpl J. Lilly, Bondi, NSW, 30/7/16

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 31 August, 1916)

WAR CASUALTIES

DIED OF ILLNESS

CORPORAL JOHN LILLY

Corporal John Lilly, brother of Miss Lilly, Birrell-street, Bondi, died from pneumonia. He was 29 years of age, and a native of Ireland, where his parents still reside. Corporal Lilly enlisted in Queensland early in November.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 16 September, 1916)

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



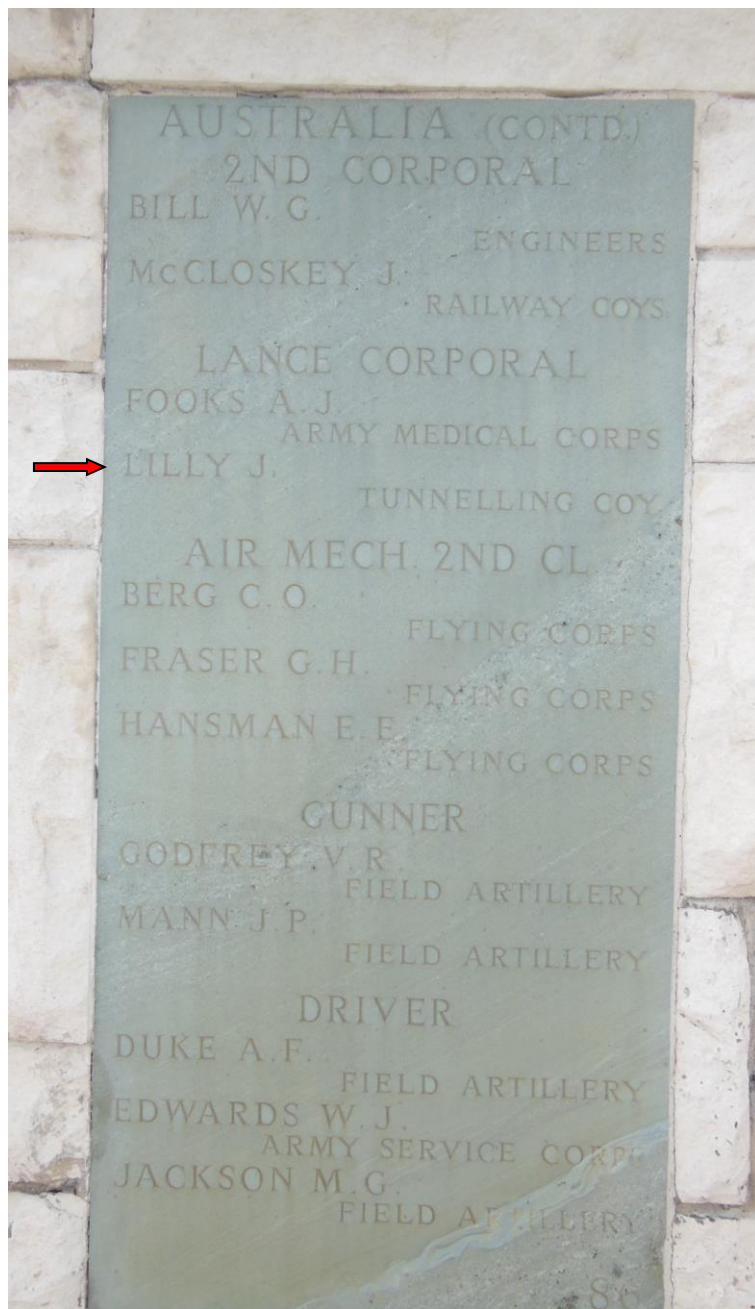
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice (Photo from CWGC)



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

(Photo from CWGC)

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



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

