

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



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**3170 PRIVATE**

**J. LOADER**

**55TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**2ND DECEMBER, 1916**

## James LOADER

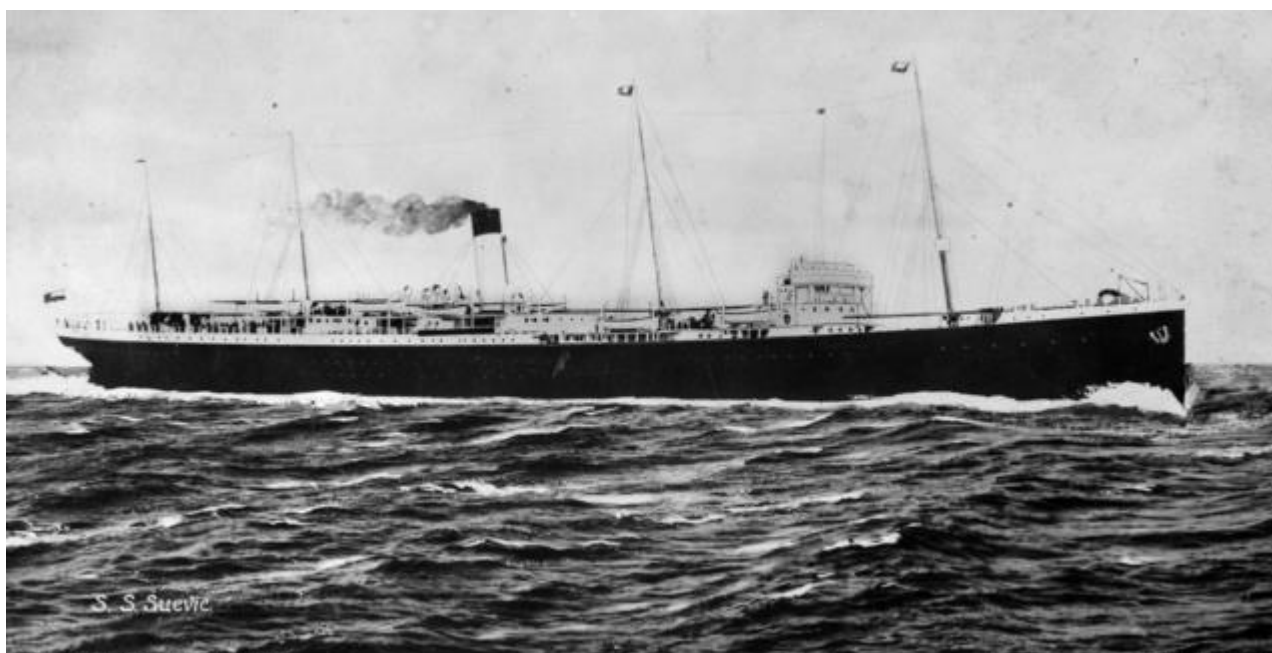
James Loader was born at Abercrombie River, Taralga, New South Wales around 1891 to parents John Joseph Major Loader & Alice Ellen Loader (nee Keough) (Maiden name spelling as listed on NSW Births Deaths & Marriages website for her marriage to John Joseph Loader).

James Loader attended school at Curraweela, near Taralga, NSW.

James Loader was a 25 year old, single, Labourer from Curraweela, via Taralga, NSW when he enlisted on 2nd October, 1916 in Goulburn, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Ellen Loader, Currawella (as listed on Embarkation Roll), via Taralga, NSW.

Private James Loader was posted to "C" Company, Depot Battalion on 2nd October, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "A" Company, 55th Battalion on 26th October, 1916. Private Loader was A.W.L. (Absent without Leave) from 1st to 3rd November, 1916 & was fined £3. He was transferred on 8th November, 1916 to 8th Reinforcements of 55th Battalion.

Private James Loader, Service number 3170, embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Suevic* (A29) on 11th November, 1916 with the 55th Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements.



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### HMAT *Suevic* (A29)

#### 55th Battalion

The 55th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 12 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 3rd Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 3rd, the 55th was predominantly composed of men from New South Wales. The battalion became part of the 14th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.....

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

Private James Loader was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 2nd December, 1916 with Hemophysis.



J. Loader is remembered on the Taralga War Memorial, located in Orchard Street, Taralga, New South Wales.



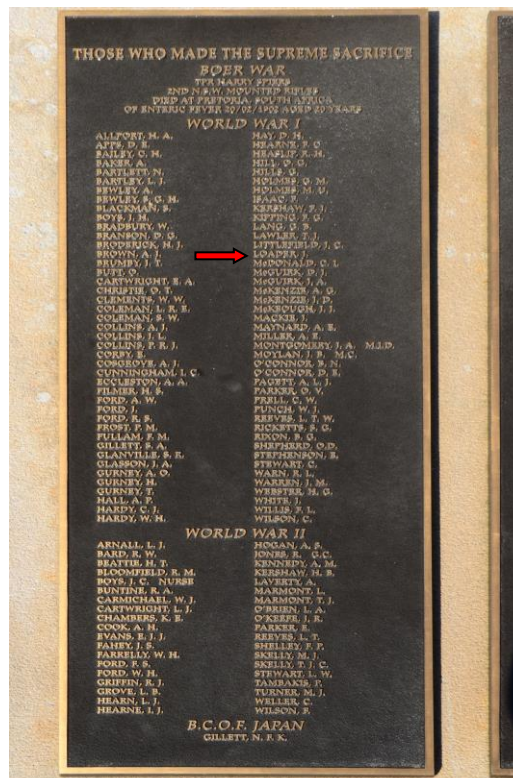
Taralga War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



J. Loader is remembered on the Crookwell War Memorial, located in Memorial Park, Spring & Marsden Streets, Crookwell, NSW.



Crookwell War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)





Crookwell War Memorial



Private J. Loader is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 161.



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

(32 pages of Private James Loader'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **TARALGA**

(From Our Correspondent)

Soldiers' Send-Off.- On Monday last five local lads on final leave were given a hearty send-off by a large gathering in the local hall. It was raining heavily at the time, but many faced the elements to do honour to the lads. With the exception of Corporal Milne, who had been in camp four months, the others - **Privates J. Loader**, J. McInnes, G. Cooley, and H. Whipp - had only been a few weeks in camp. The president of the Recruiting Association (Mr. Dawson) read apologies from Councillor J. J. Walsh and Messrs. W. H. Bradbury, sen., John Alders and H. Thompson. Each soldier received a money belt, and also a pocket wallet from the Association; also cigarettes from Mrs. A. Stephenson. Many relations occupied seats on the platform, and Mr. Dawson handed over presents on their behalf. Private Geo. Cooley received a presentation from the Taralga Football Club. Addresses were given by Mr. J. D. Nicholson (C.C.), W. F. Brown (president), and Messrs. C. D. Keith, J. N. McDonald, E. V. Vernon, J. Bezer, J. Howard, and C. Mooney while the following contributed to the programme:- Misses Foord, E. Mackenzie, A. Byrne, J. Byrne, E. Goodhew, and Fitzgibbon. and Messrs. S. Goodhew and E. Croke. Refreshments were provided by the ladies.

(*Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, NSW – 4 November, 1916)

## **CASUALTY LIST**

### **251ST RECORD**

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte J. LOADER, Curraweela

*(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 16 December, 1916)*

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### **Goulburn and the War**

The 251st casualty list records the death from illness of Pte J. Loader, Curraweela.

*(Goulburn Evening Penny Post, NSW – 19 December, 1916)*

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### **TARALGA**

(From Our Correspondent)

Death of a Taralga Soldier - Our Taralga correspondent writes:- Word was received in Taralga on Saturday that Private James Loader died at sea from illness on the voyage home. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Loader, of the Abercrombie, and was the third son to enlist. He was not a very strong man, and some years ago underwent a serious operation. The family and friends will have the sincere sympathy of the whole district in their sad trouble. As a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased the flag at the local Public School was flown at half mast.

*(Goulburn Evening Penny Post, NSW – 21 December, 1916)*

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### **Goulburn and the War**

#### **GOLSPIE SOLDIERS**

Our Golspie correspondent writes : — Death of Private James Loader. — The death at sea of this young soldier was reported some time ago, but as no direct official communication had reached his parents, some doubts were expressed concerning the report. There is, however, no longer any doubt in the matter, as Mrs. Loader has received a letter from the Chaplain of the transport on which her son sailed, stating that Private Loader died at sea owing to the rupturing of blood vessels causing hemorrhage of the lungs.

*(Goulburn Evening Penny Post, NSW – 22 February, 1917)*

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## Our Front Heroes

.....A photograph of the late Private James Loader appears in this week's issue of "Sydney Mail." .....

(*The Scrutineer and Berrima Press, NSW – 16 May, 1917*)



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(*Sydney Mail, NSW – 9 May, 1917*)

\*NOTE – assume this is Private James Loader as there is no "J. Lodder" listed on Australian War Memorial for WW1. A search was made for "Loader" & "James Loader" is the only match.

## **District News**

### **TARALGA**

(From Our Correspondent)

A soldiers' welcome home was held in the local hall on Friday last, and although the attendance was not up to former standards a most enjoyable time was spent.....

The following lost their lives:- Ptes Milton Bradbury, James Bee, Gnr Bezer, Ptes J. A. Glasson, T. J. Lawler, M. Maher, J. P McKenzie, Ptes James Loader, E. Maynard, Sgts L. McInnes, J. McKeough, Cpl C. W. Smith, Pte M. F. Fullam, Lieut H. J. Boys

(*Goulburn Evening Penny Post*, NSW – 25 December, 1919)

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### 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**



**Hollybrook Memorial**



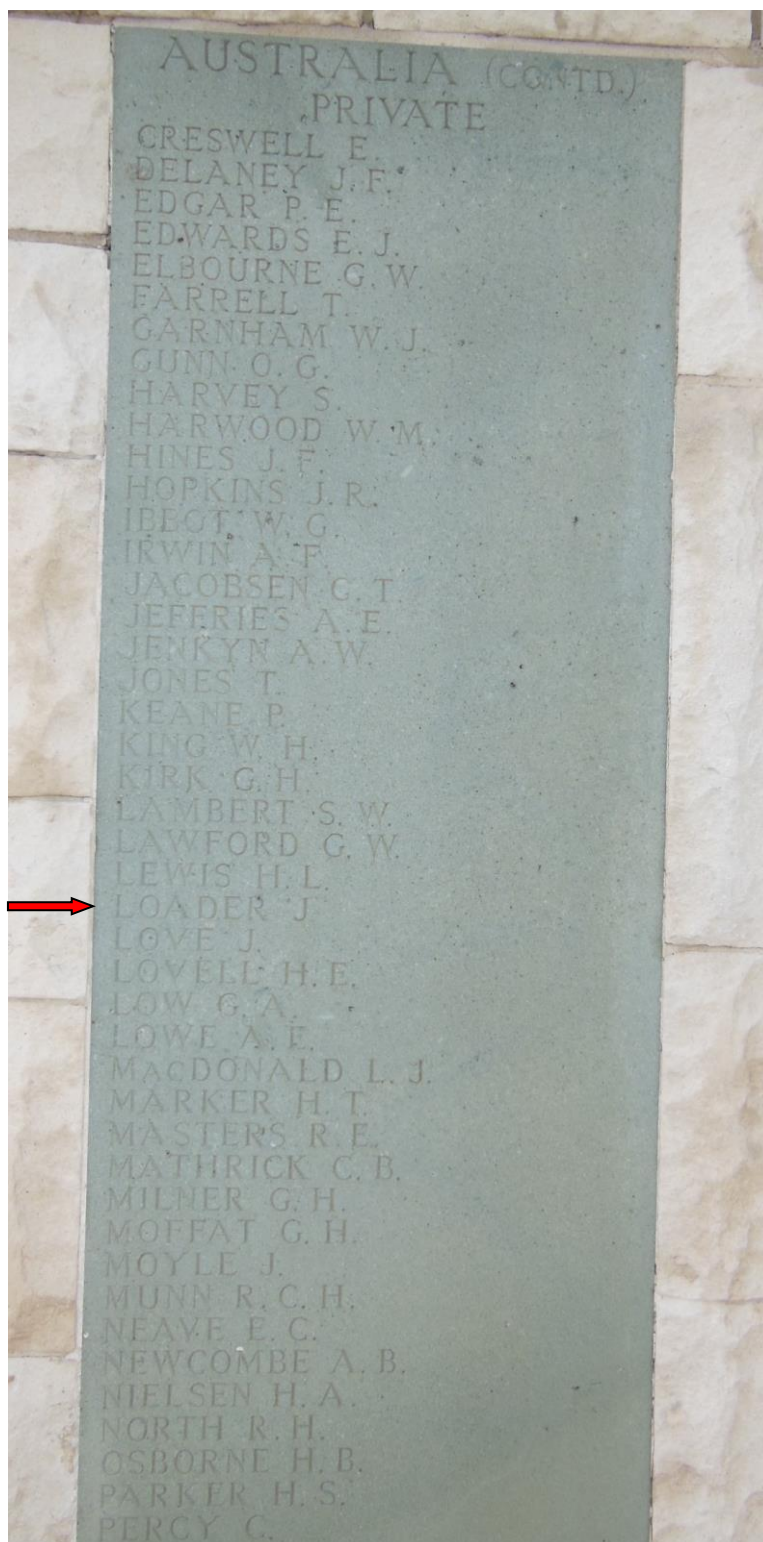
**Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice** (Photo from CWGC)



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

*(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Private J. Loader's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

