

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



60248 PRIVATE

H. T. MARKER

16TH AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENTS

23RD OCTOBER, 1918

Henry Thomas (Harry) MARKER

Thomas Henry Marker was born at Cliftdale, Currububula, New South Wales on 1st or 15th January, 1898 to parents Thomas & Mary Ann (Minnie) Marker (nee Ison). His birth was registered in Quirindi, New South Wales in 1898. (Note: One Attestation Paper has date of birth as 1st January, 1898 & another has date of birth as 15th January, 1898)

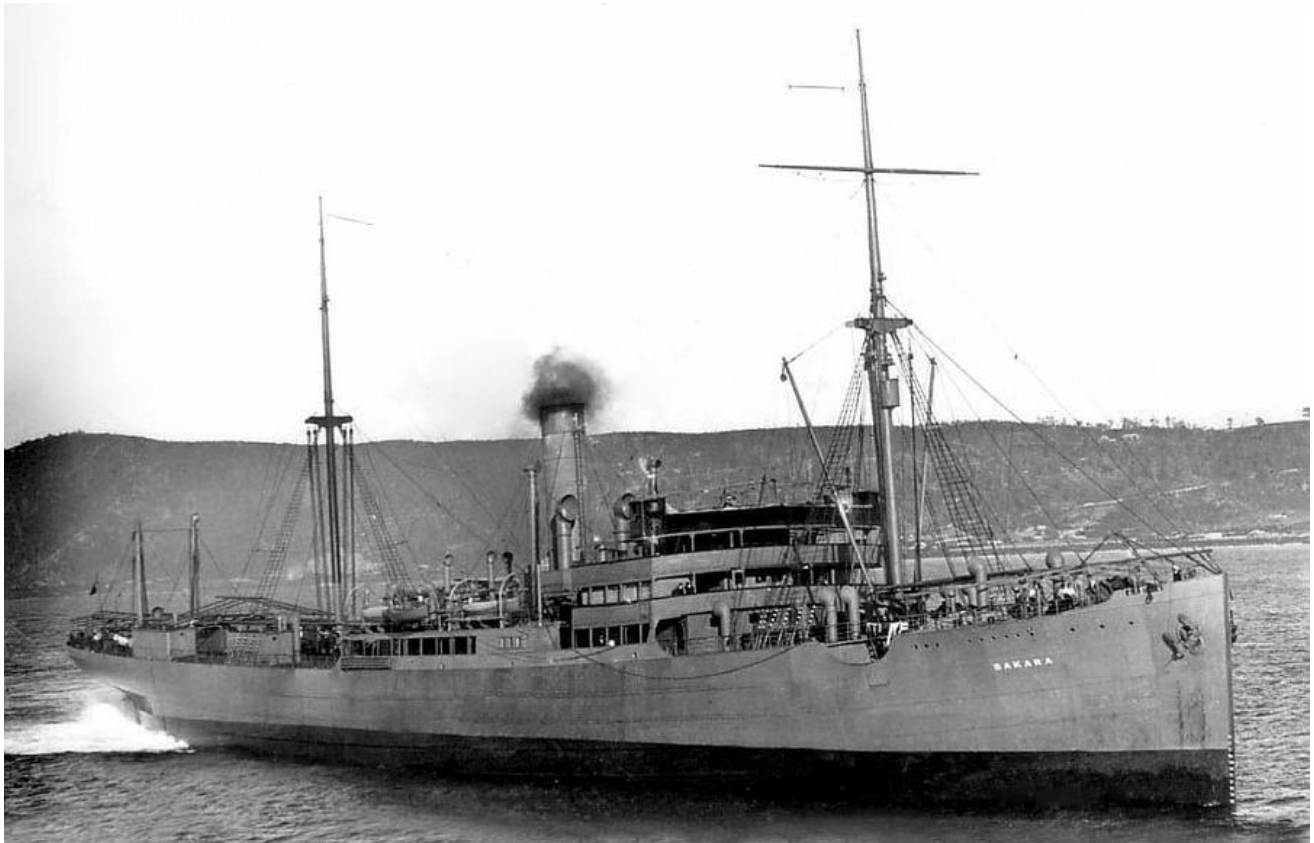
Henry Thomas Marker attended Dunover Public School, NSW.

Henry Thomas Marker was a 20 year old, single, Farm Labourer from East Lynne, Currabubula, NSW when he enlisted on 16th May, 1918 at Currabubula, NSW with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr T. Marker, East Lynne, Currabubula, NSW.

Private Henry Thomas Marker was posted to "D" Company, Composite Battalion on 4th June, 1918 for recruit training. He was transferred to "B" Company, Composite Battalion on 15th June, 1918.

Private Henry Thomas Marker, Service number 60248, embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Bakara* (A41) on 4th September, 1918 with the 16th General Service Reinforcements (NSW).

Private Henry Thomas Marker was admitted to Ship's Hospital at Sea on 15th October, 1918 suffering with Pneumonia. (The War Gratuity Schedule recorded he was admitted to Hospital with Influenza)



HMAT *Bakara* (A41)

Private Henry Thomas Marker died on 23rd October, 1918 on board while at Sea HMAT *Bakara* (A41) from Heart failure following Pneumonia. (The War Gratuity Schedule recorded he died at Sea from Heart failure following Pneumonia. Another line recorded he died at Sea due to Influenza)

Private Henry Thomas Marker was buried at Sea on 23rd October, 1918 from HMAT *Bakara* (A41). 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.

The Officer Commanding, HMA T *Bakara* (A41), wrote to The Secretary for Defence, Melbourne, Australia on 23rd October, 1918 from Sierra Leone advising of five deaths of Soldiers who had died between 15th October, 1918 & 21st October, 1918 – all had died from Heart Failure & had been buried at Sea. Since typing his report, The Officer Commanding Troops. A41 added another three names – Private John Delaney, who had died on 22nd October, 1918 and Private Henry Thomas Marker & Private Herbert Stanley Parker who had both died on 23rd October, 1918 – all three dying from Heart Failure.

(confidential)

DEFENCE.
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H. M. A. T. BAKARA A 41.
Sierra Leone.
23rd October 1918.

The Secretary for Defence.
MELBOURNE.
Victoria, Australia.

Sir,

In accordance with A.I.F. Standing Orders No. 41. I have the honor OF REPORTING IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

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8. CASUALTIES :-

No. 60219 A/Cpl. GUNN, O.G., N 16. G.S.R., died 15/10/18, Heart Failure. No. 60272, A/Cpl. PERCY, C., N 16. G.S.R. died 17/10/1918, Heart Failure. No. 60324, Pte. RANSOME, J.H., N16, G.S.R. died 19/10/1918. Heart Failure. No. 60326, Pte. ANDERSON, R.A., N.16, G.S.R. died 19/19/1918. Heart Failure. No. 60303, Pte. WATT, M.J., N 16 G.S.R., died 21/10/1918, Heart Failure. These deaths all occurred at Sea and the men were buried at sea.

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8. CASUALTIES: (Additional) Since typing my report I regret to state that the following additional deaths have occurred.

No. 65738, Pte. DELANNY, John Francis, N.18 G.S.R. died 22/10/1918. Heart Failure. No. 60248, Pte. MARKER, Henry Thomas, No. 16, G.S.R. died 23/10/1918. Heart Failure. No. 66054, Pte. PARKER, Herbert Stanley, N. 19, G. S. R., died 23/10/18. Heart Failure.

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H. E. ARHALL, Major.
O. C. Troops. A 41.

[The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Henry Thomas Marker contains two records with incorrect dates.]

Private Henry Thomas Marker requested in his Will, dated 4th July, 1918 that in the event of his death, the whole of his property & effects be given to his mother – Mary Marker, East Lynne, Currabubula, NSW.

Private Henry Thomas Marker 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 Marker's father – Mr T, Marker, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Henry Thomas Marker – service number 60248, of 16th Australian Reinforcement. No family details are listed.

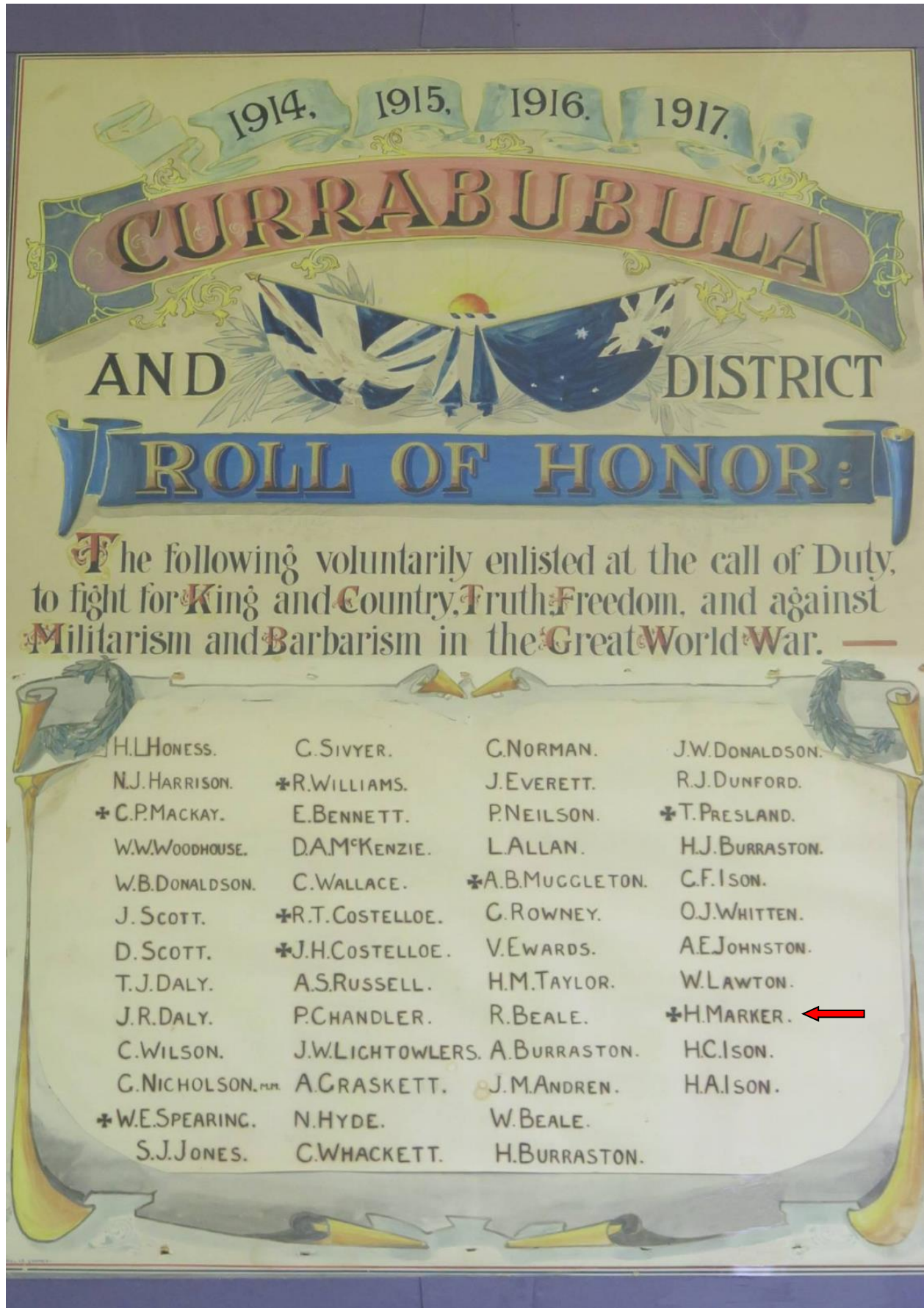
H. T. Marker is remembered on the Currabubula War Memorial, located on Davis Street, Currabubula, NSW.



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



H. Marker is remembered on the Currabubula & District Roll of Honour, located in Currabubula War Memorial Hall, located at 55 Davis Street, Currabubula, NSW



Currabubula & District Roll of Honour (Photo from War Memorials Register of NSW – Don Hardman)

H. Marker is remembered on the Tamworth ANZAC Park Memorial Gates, located at Brisbane Street, East Tamworth, NSW.



Tamworth ANZAC Memorial Gates (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



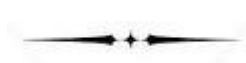
Private H. T. Marker is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 185.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(36 pages of Private Henry Thomas Marker'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





Private Henry Thomas Marker *(Photo from State Library of New South Wales)*



Newspaper Notices

900 OUT OF ACTION

TWO CASUALTY LISTS

MANY DIE OF ILLNESS

LIST NO. 448

DIED OF ILLNESS

Pte HENRY THOMAS MARKER, Currabubula, Oct 21;

(The Newcastle Sun, NSW – 30 November, 1918)

SOLDIERS OF THE NORTH

At Home and Abroad

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Marker, of "East Lynne," Currabubula, from Lieut.-Col. M. Marshall, the officer in charge of reinforcements, relative to the death of her son, Pte. H. T. Marker, at sea:— I write to express my regret at the death of your son, Pte. H. T. Marker, a member of my reinforcements, who died at sea, of pneumonia, on October 21 last. He received every possible attention both from the medical officers, their staff, and our Church of England clergyman, who was with him at the end. His illness was short, and he was cheerful to the last. He was one of my most promising boys and a great favorite in the company. You will be consoled with the knowledge that dying as he did on active service he gave his life for Australia and the Empire, equally as much as had he been killed in action.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 25 January, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

MARKER – In loving memory of our dear son, Pte Harry Marker, died at sea, October 23, 1918. Aged 20 years and 9 months.

Lonely and sad I sit at night,
And think of the days gone by,
When we sat together side by side,
My poor Harry and I.
The shock was great, the blow severe,
To part with one I loved so dear;
Only those who have lost are able to tell
The pain of the heart at not saying farewell.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother and father.

MARKER – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Harry Marker, died at sea, October 23, 1919. Aged 20 years and 9 months.

One year has passed, how long it seems,
In all our thoughts his face still beams,
From memory's page we'll never blot

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Three little words, "Forget him not."

Inserted by his loving sisters and brothers, Lavinia, Cassie, Arthur and Roy.

MARKER – In remembrance of our dear brother, Pte Harry, died at sea on October 23, 1918.

May the Heavenly winds blow softer,
O'er a grave we may never see;
But some kind friend in a lonely land
May scatter some flowers for me.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Mand and Edward.

MARKER – In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Harry Marker, died at sea, October 23, 1918.

This is the day of remembrance to all,
This is a sad day to recall;
One long year has passed and none can tell,
The loss of our dear brother we loved so well.

Cold his watery grave;
Gone and forgotten by some he may be,
But never forgotten one moment by me.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Irene and William.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 22 October, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOR

MARKER – In loving memory of our dear nephew and cousin, Pte Harry Marker, who died at sea on October 23, 1918.

Forget not those who died,
Now peace reigns once more;
Remember still their lonely graves,
Beyond some foreign shore.

Inserted by his loving uncle and aunt, Willie and Jessie Ison, and cousins.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 24 October, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

MARKER – In loving memory of my dear brother, Pte Harry Marker, who died at sea, October 23, 1918.

Rest, dearest brother, thy toil is o'er,
Thy loving hands shall toil no more,
No more thy gentle eyes shall weep,
Rest darling brother, gently sleep.

Thou art not forgotten, dearest brother,
Or will thou ever be,

As long as life and memory last

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We will remember thee.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, May and Ernie.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 24 October, 1919)

ROLL OF HONOR

MARKER - In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private Harry, died at sea, October 23, 1918. Aged 20 years and 9 months.

When last we saw his smiling face
 He looked so strong and brave,
We little thought how soon he's be
 Laid in a watery grave.
But, Harry, you are not forgotten,
 Nor will you ever be.
For as long as life and memory last
 We will all remember thee.

Inserted by his sorrowing mother, father, sisters and brothers, Cass, Lavina, Arthur and Roy.

ROLL OF HONOR

MARKER - In loving memory of our dear brother Harry, who died at sea, October 23, 1918. Aged 20 years and 9 months.

The rolling streams of life goes on,
 But still the vacant chair
Recalls face, the glance, the smile
 Of him who once sat there.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, May and Ernest Ison.

ROLL OF HONOR

MARKER - In loving memory of our dear brother, Pte Harry Marker, who died at sea on October 23, 1918. Aged 20 years and 9 months.

The midnight stars are shining
 On a grave we cannot see;
There sleeping without dreaming
 Lies a brother dear to us.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Rene and Will, and little niece and nephew, Marie and Thomas Austin.

(Daily Observer, Tamworth, NSW – 23 October, 1920)

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

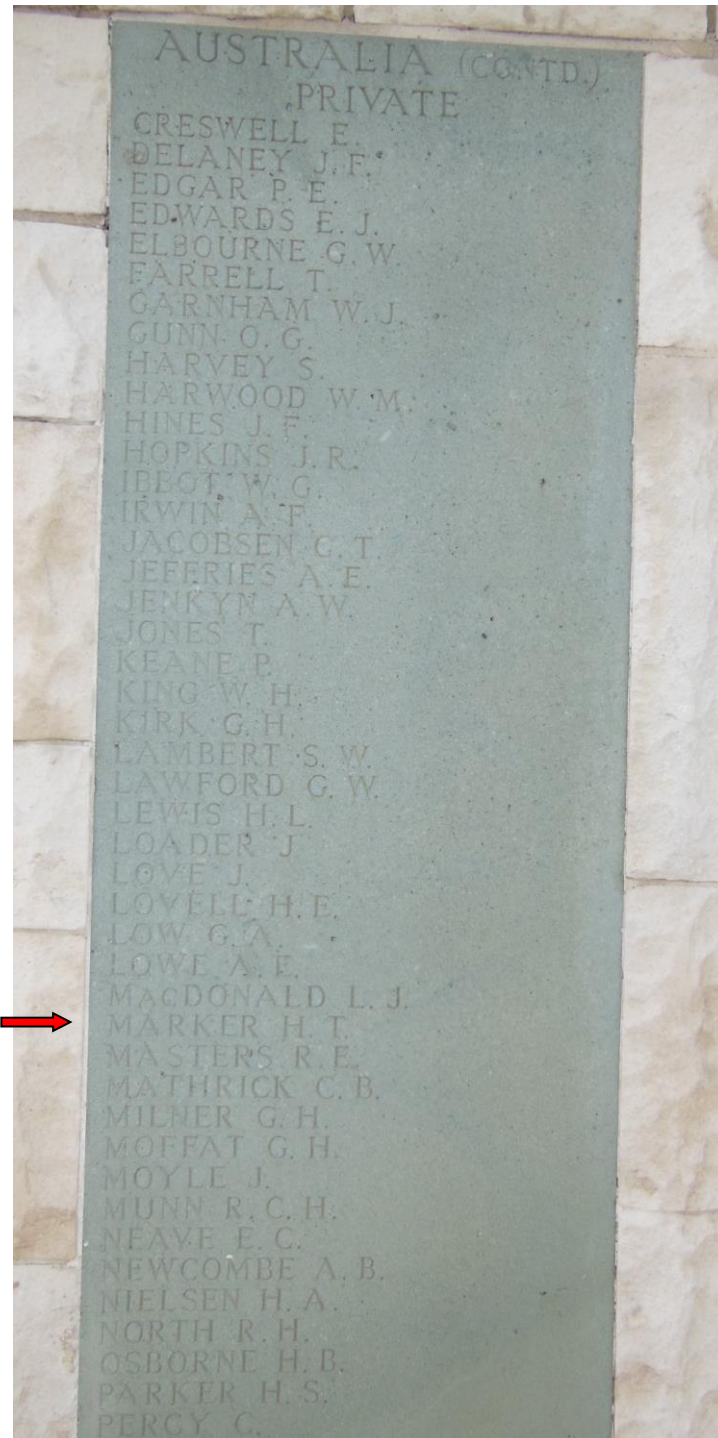


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice (Photos from CWGC)



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

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



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

