

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



9653 DRIVER

J. E. NORGRN

AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS

13TH JULY, 1916

John Edward (Ted) NORGREN

John Edward Norgren was born at Farina, South Australia on 16th April, 1894 to parents Johannes Evard (John Edward) & Elizabeth Norgren (nee Hammond).

South Australian Police Gazette – relating to John Edward Norgren – the father:

18 June, 1902:

Missing Friends

Vide Police Gazette, 1902, page 74 - John Edward Norgren has written to his wife from Hamley Bridge.

1 April, 1908:

APPREHENSIONS DURING THE WEEK

John Edward Norgren, by Dets, Allchurch, Whittle, and F.C. Deacon, at Crafers, for passing a cheque not paid on presentation on John Henry Baker, at North Adelaide; two months.

1911

Summary of Unexecuted Warrants

Norgren, John Edward – September 14, Adelaide Disobey a maintenance order (warrant of commitment)

John Edward Norgren (aged 8) & his sisters Annie Elizabeth (aged 10) & Linda Florence (aged 5) were admitted to Industrial School at Magill, South Australia on 17th April, 1902. Their mother was listed as Elizabeth Norgren & father – John Edward Norgren, miner formerly of Udanamutna (?). “*Sentenced until 18 years being destitute children ___ Mother is in ___ circumstances and unable to support ... Father cannot be found.*”

From the South Australian Police Gazette – 26 October, 1910:

Apprehensions During The Week

John Edward Norgren, aged 16 years and 7 months, by M.C. Patten, at Bakara, for larceny, as a bailee of a bicycle; one month; sentence suspended under provisions of Offenders Probation Act.

From the South Australian Police Gazette – 2 November, 1910

Apprehensions During The Week

Vide Police Gazette, 1910, page 269 (“Apprehensions”) – John Edward Norgren, for larceny as a bailee, should read for larceny as a bailee of a bicycle, the property of Mary Bothwick, at Gawler Belt, &c.

John Edward Norgren was a 22 year old, single, Labourer from Fowler’s Bay, South Australia when he enlisted in Adelaide, South Australia on 22nd February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 9653 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Norgren, care of Mrs F. O’Loughlin, Cobalt Street, Mt. Zion, Broken Hill, NSW.

Private John Edward Norgren was posted to “A” Company, 2nd Depot on 22nd February, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Light Horse Base at Mitcham on 1st March, 1916 then transferred to 17th Reinforcements of 9th Battalion from 1st March, 1916 then back to Light Horse Base on 1st April, 1916. Private Norgren was transferred to 11th Field Company Engineers on 1st April, 1916 as Sapper.

Australian Engineers in the First World War

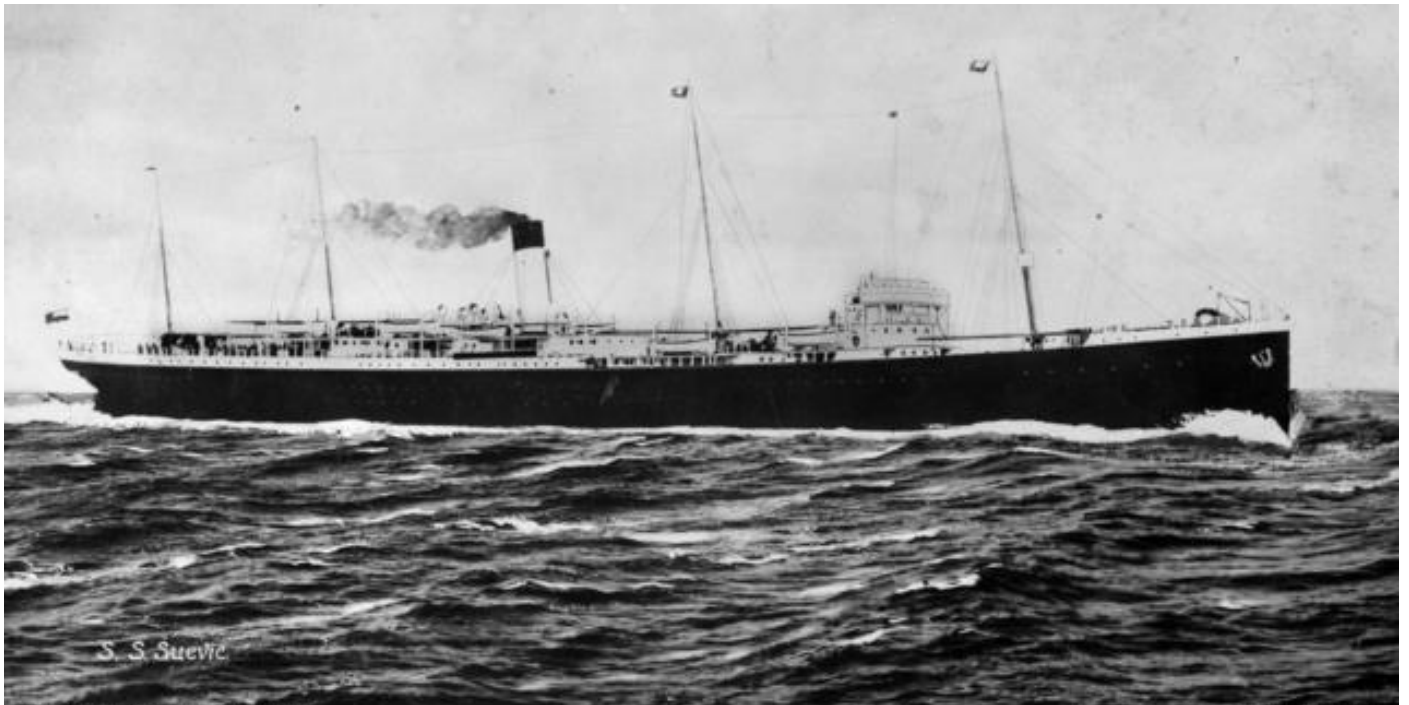
Engineers, also known as sappers, were essential to the running of the war. Without them, other branches of the Allied Forces would have found it difficult to cross the muddy and shell-ravaged ground of the Western Front. Their responsibilities included constructing the lines of defence, temporary bridges, tunnels and trenches, observation posts, roads, railways, communication lines, buildings of all kinds, showers and bathing facilities, and other material and mechanical solutions to the problems associated with fighting in all theatres.

(Description of Engineers Information from The Australian War Memorial)

Driver (as listed on Embarkation Roll) John Edward Norgren embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Suevic* (A29) on 31st May, 1916 with the 11th Field Company Engineers, Headquarters.

Driver John Edward Norgren was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 29th June, 1916 with Pneumonia & Measles.

Driver John Edward Norgren died at 3.20 pm on 13th July, 1916 on board HMAT *Suevic* while at Sea from Pneumonia.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Driver John Edward Norgren was buried at Sea from HMAT *Suevic* on 13th July, 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.

Driver John Edward Norgren 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 Driver Norgren's remarried mother – Mrs E. Neale, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque originally sent to Untraceables but were sent to Mrs Neale (The Avenue, Wilcannia, NSW) in March, 1924).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Driver John Edward Norgren – service number 9653, of 11th Field Coy., Australian Engineers. No family details are listed.

J. E. Norgren is remembered on the Broken Hill Great War Memorial, located in Broken Hill War Memorial reserve, 234 Argent Street, Broken Hill, NSW.



Broken Hill Great War Memorial

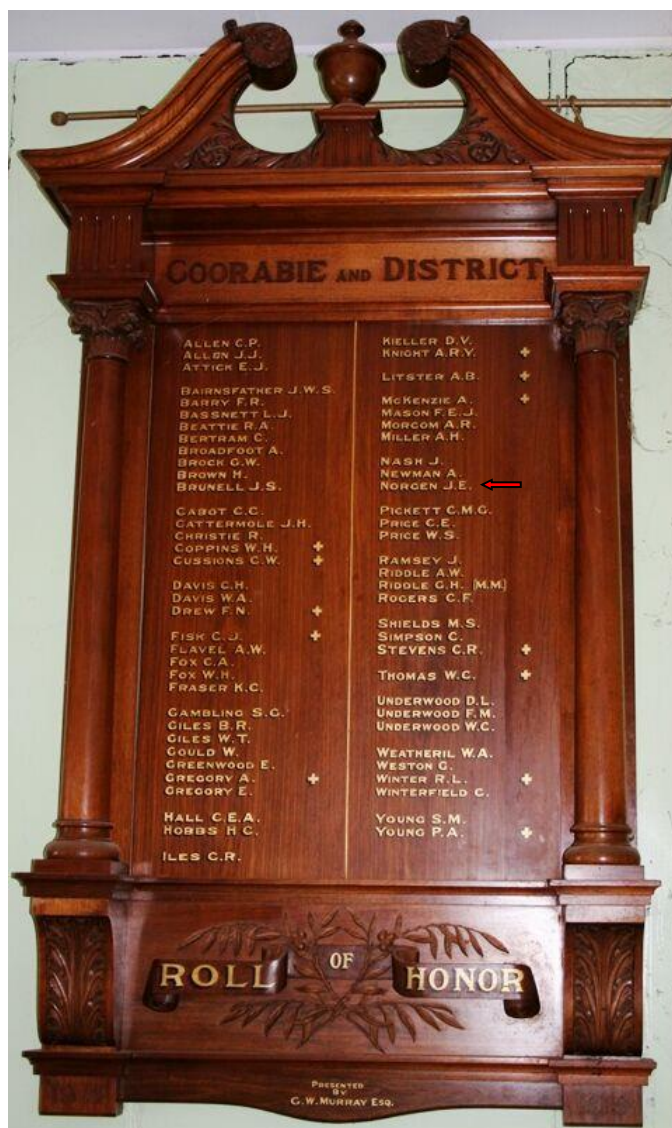


J. E. Norgren is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

J. E. Norgren is remembered on the Coorabie & District Roll of Honour, located in Coorabie Hall, Murray terrace & South Terrace, Coorabie, South Australia.



Coorabie & District Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Lorraine Balharry)

John Edward Norgren is remembered on the Farina War Memorial, located at Farina Camp Grounds, Farina, South Australia.



Farina War Memorial (Photos from VWMA)



Farina War Memorial

Army	Driver	Jones, Daniel	Motor Driver	29	Aust. Army Service Corps	France	
Army	Sapper	Jones, Comer	Miner	26	Tunnelling Corps	France	
Army	Gunner	Kerrisk, Alexander John	Drover	19	22 Division Artillery	France	
Army	Private	Langley, Donald Calbert	Tambor Worker	18	Tunnelling Corps	France	Killed in Action
Army	Private	Langley, Herbert Charles	Dairyman	29	32 Battalion	France	
Army	Private	Lloyd, Francis Allan	Station Hand	18	11 Battalion	France	
Army	Private	Lloyd, Henry	Storekeeper	26	10 Battalion	France	
Army	Corporal	Moffatt, William Albert	Bookkeeper	27	32 Battalion	France	Wounded
Army	Sapper	Norgren, John Edward	Labourer	21	11 Field Company Engineers	France	Died en route to England
Army	Corporal	Parsons, William Clement M.M.	Teamster	28	3 Light Horse Regiment	Gallipoli, France	

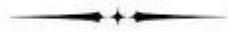
Driver J. E. Norgren is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 24.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(33 pages of Driver John Edward Norgren'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

THE EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

WEST COAST QUOTA

... The list to date is as follows; the names of those who have died on active service appear in black type:

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Coorabie: W. Cousins, C. Fisk....J. E. Norgren.....

(Note: Norgren's name was not in black type)

(West Coast Sentinel, Streaky Bay, South Australia – 29 July, 1916)

IN BROKEN HILL

DRIVER J. E. NORGRN

Mrs F. O'Loughlin, Mount Zion, received a cable message on July 27 conveying news of the death of her brother, Driver J. E. (Ted) Norgren, of the 11th Field Company Engineers, 3rd Australian Division. The cause of death was pneumonia, and the sufferer died on board the transport s.s. Suevic. The deceased was a powerful young fellow standing 6ft. 1in., and weighed 14st. He was 22 years of age.

(Barrier Miner, Broken Hill, NSW – 30 July, 1916)

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

THE ROLL OF HONOR

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of Illness – Driver J. E. Norgren, Broken Hill

(Northern Star, Lismore, NSW – 5 August, 1916)

Australian Casualties

The 190th casualty list was issued to-night.....

DIED OF ILLNESS

Driver J. E. Norgren

(Port Pirie Recorder and North Western Mail, 5 August, 1918)

DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

NORGRN – On the 13th July, pf pneumonia, Driver J. E. ((Ted) Norgren, the eldest, beloved son of Mrs E. Norgren, of Broken Hill, aged 22 years,

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 23 August, 1916)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

NORGRN – In loving memory of my dear brother, Driver J. E. (Ted) Norgren, who died on board a transport July 13, 1916. His duty nobly done. – Inserted by his loving sister, Annie.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 July, 1917)

Will Mrs E. Norgren, next-of-kin 9653 – Dvr J. E. NORGRN, 11th Field Company, Engineers, communicate with Officer in Charge, Base Records, Melbourne?

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 1 June, 1918)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

NORGREN – In loving memory of my dear brother, Driver J. E. Norgren, who died at sea July 13, 1916. Though lost to sight, to memory dear.

– Inserted by his loving sister, Annie.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 July, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

NORGREN – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Ted, who died at sea, July 13, 1916.

There is one link death cannot sever,
Love's remembrance lasts for ever.

-Inserted by his loving mother and sister.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 12 July, 1919)

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.

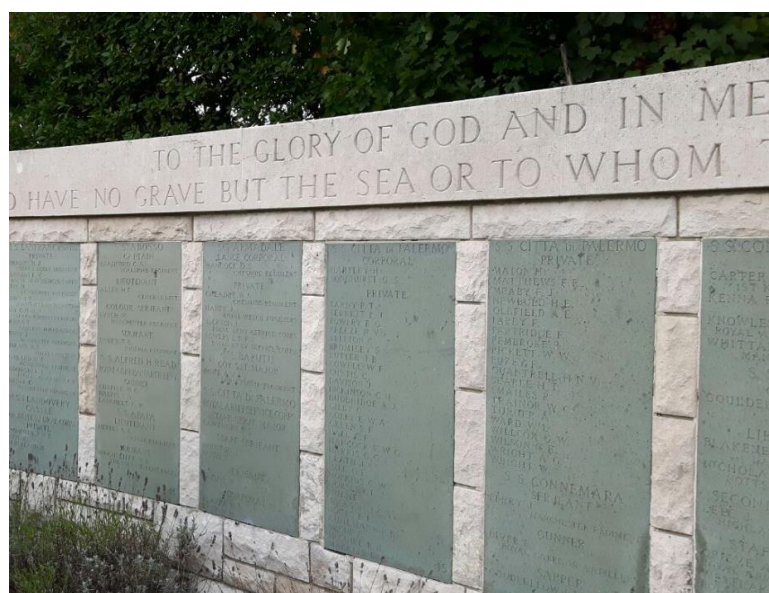
The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

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



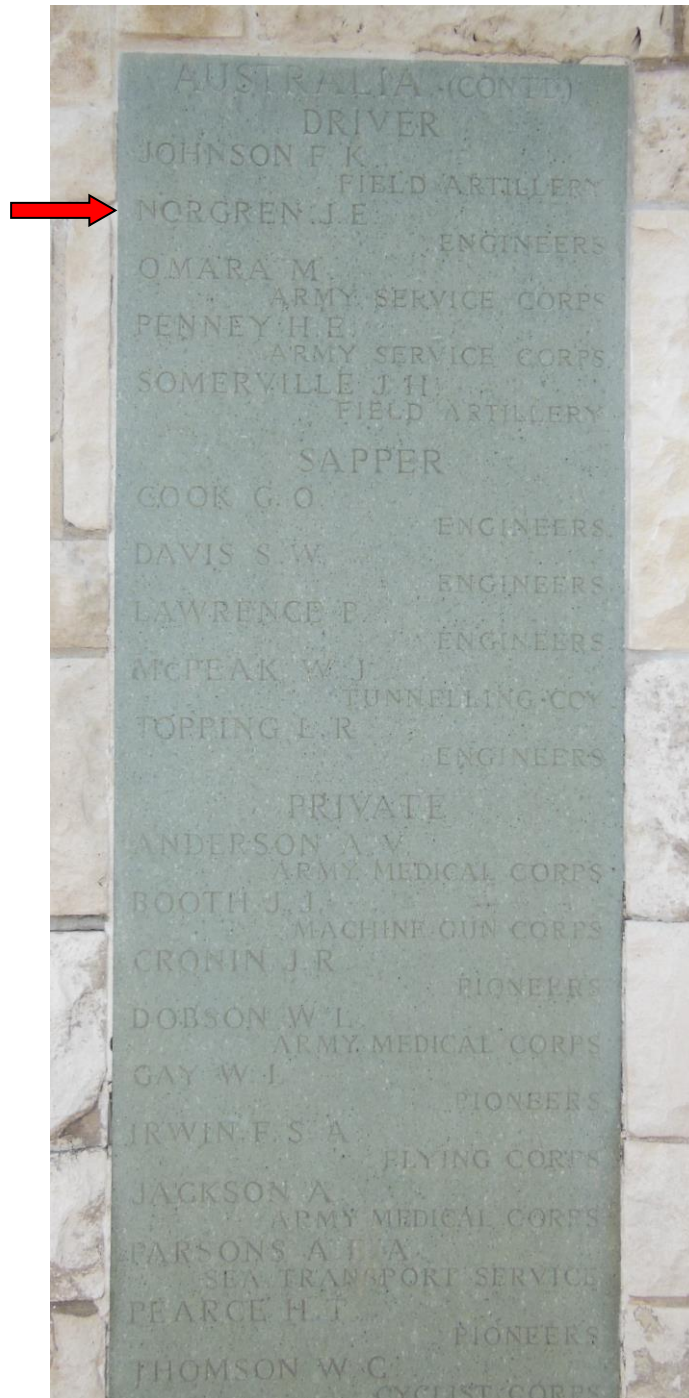
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



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

(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Driver J. E. Norgren's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

