

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



5397 PRIVATE

R. H. NORTH

16TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

9TH MAY, 1916

Reginald Henry NORTH

Reginald Henry North was born at Hayling Island, Hampshire, England on 26th June, 1892 to parents Frederick Sidney and Fanny Catherine North (nee Bryan).

The 1901 England Census recorded Reggie North was an 8 year old, living with his family at North Hayling, Hampshire, England. His parents were listed as Frederick North (Farmer, aged 42, born Hayling Island, Hampshire) & Fanny North (aged 44, born Amersham, Buckinghamshire). Reggie was the eldest of three children listed on this Census (all born Hayling Island) – Reggie then Flora (aged 7) & Violet (aged 5). Also listed was a Lodger – James Coleman (Oyster Breeder, aged 29).

The 1911 England Census recorded Reginald Henry North as an 18 year old, working on the Farm, living with his father & sisters at Stoke Farm, North Hayling, Hampshire, England in a 7 roomed dwelling. His father was listed as Frederick Sidney North (Farmer, aged 51 – married for 19 years with 3 children) & his sisters – Flora Grace North (Dairy Work, aged 17) & Violet May North (aged 15). Reginald's mother – Fanny Catherine North (aged 53) was listed as a Boarder with Thomas & Mary Mead at 74 Eastney Rd, Eastney, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England.

According to information provided by his father for the Roll of Honour – Reginald came to Australia when he was 21 years of age.

Reginald Henry North was a 22 year old, single, Farm Labourer from Katanning, Western Australia when he enlisted at Black Boy Hill, Western Australia on 19th February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 5397 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr F. S. North, Stoke Farm, Heyling, Ireland (as listed on Embarkation Roll. Address listed on Attestation Papers – Stock Farm, Hayling Island, England).

Private Reginald Henry North was posted to Area No. 2 on 19th February, 1916 recruit training. He was transferred to 11th Reinforcements of 28th Battalion on 14th March, 1916 then transferred to 17th Reinforcements of 16th Battalion (no date recorded).

Private Reginald Henry North embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Aeneas* (A60) on 17th April, 1916 with the 16th Infantry Battalion, 17th Reinforcements.

16th Battalion

The 16th Battalion AIF was raised from 16 September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. Three-quarters of the battalion were recruited in Western Australia, and the rest in South Australia. With the 13th, 14th and 15th Battalions it formed the 4th Brigade commanded by Colonel John Monash.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

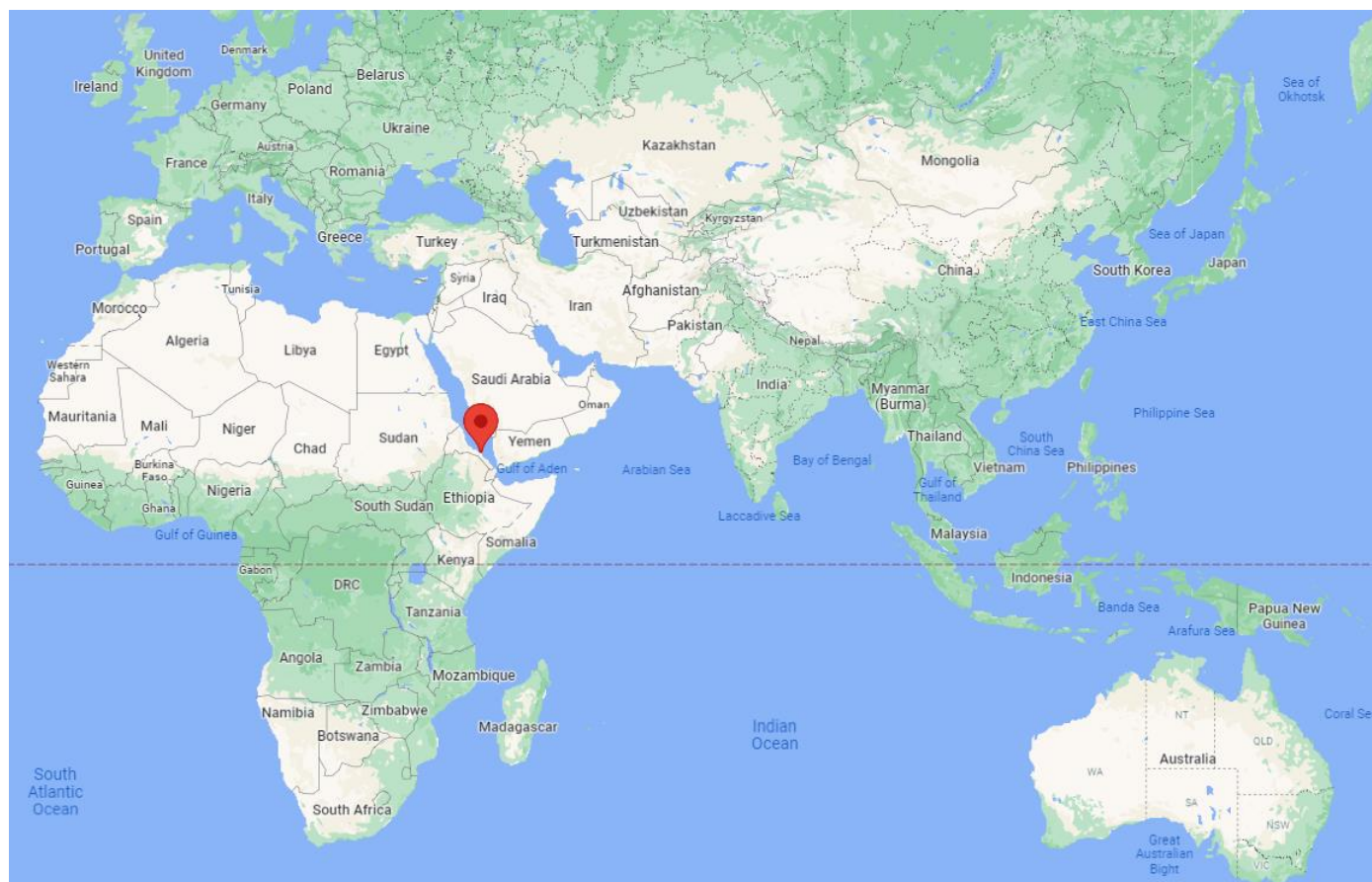
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HMAT *Aeneas* (A60)

Private Reginald Henry North was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 2nd May, 1916 with Measles & Pneumonia.

Private Reginald Henry North died on morning of 9th May, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Aeneas* (A60) from Measles & Pneumonia.

The Register of Deceased Passengers recorded the place of death as 15.0 N 41.20 E. Private North was one of four to die on the voyage on HMAT *Aeneas*.



Private Reginald Henry North was buried at Sea on 9th May, 1916 from HMAT *Aeneas* (A60). 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 Reginald Henry North 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 North's father – Mr F. S. North, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque issued in England in April, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Reginald Henry North – service number 5397, aged 24, of 16th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Frederick Sidney and Fanny Catherine North, of Stoke Farm, Hayling Island, Hants, England.

Private R. H. North is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 80.



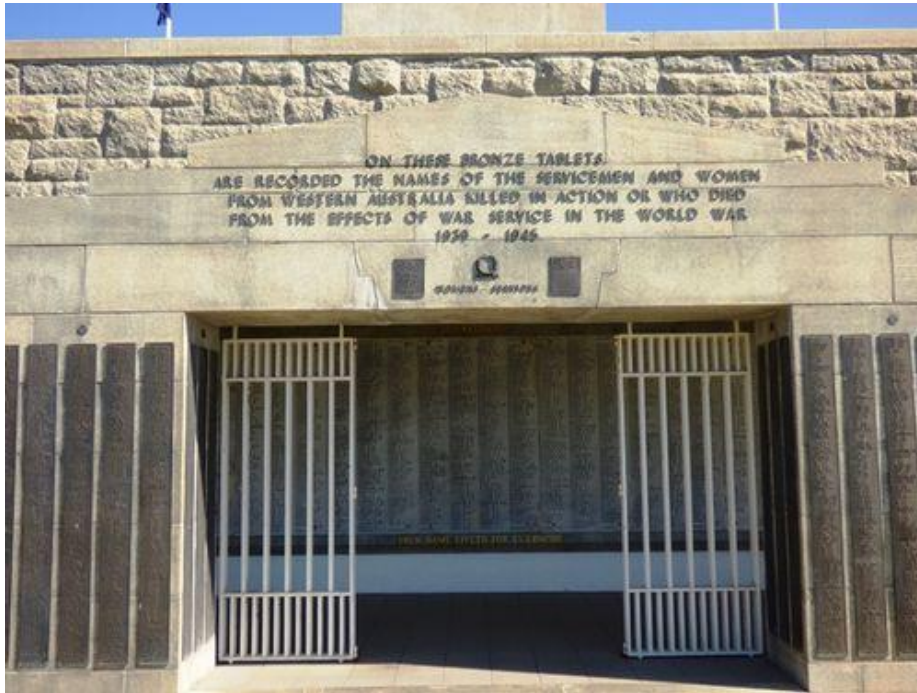
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

R. H. North is remembered on the Western Australia State War Memorial which is located at the top of Kings Park and Botanic Garden escarpment, ANZAC Bluff, Fraser Avenue, Perth, Western Australia. The memorial was developed around an 18 metre tall obelisk as the principal feature, which is almost a replica of the Australian Imperial Force Memorials erected in France and Belgium.

The heavy concrete foundations are supplemented by heavy brick walls which enclose an inner chamber or crypt. The walls surrounding the crypt are covered with The Roll of Honour; marble tablets which list under their units the names of more than 7,000 members of the services killed in action or as a result of World War One.



Western Australia State War Memorial Cenotaph, Kings Park



The Crypt with the Roll of Honour names

(Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson/Sandra Tattersall/Graeme Saunders)



16th Battalion Panel (Photo courtesy of Gordon Stuart)

R. H. North is remembered on the Katanning War Memorial, located in Prosser Park, Carew & Cliff Streets, Katanning, Western Australia.



Katanning War Memorial (Photo above from AWM – Places of Pride – James Wills; below from Stephen Bowes)



R. North is remembered on the Northney / North Hayling War Memorial, located in St. Peter's Churchyard, Main Street, North Hayling, Hampshire, England.



North Hayling War Memorial (Photos from IWM)

R. H. North was remembered on the St Mary's Lychgate Memorial which was located at St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire, England. In 1999 the Plaques were vandalised with graffiti & in 2001 the Plaques were restored & moved inside the Church.



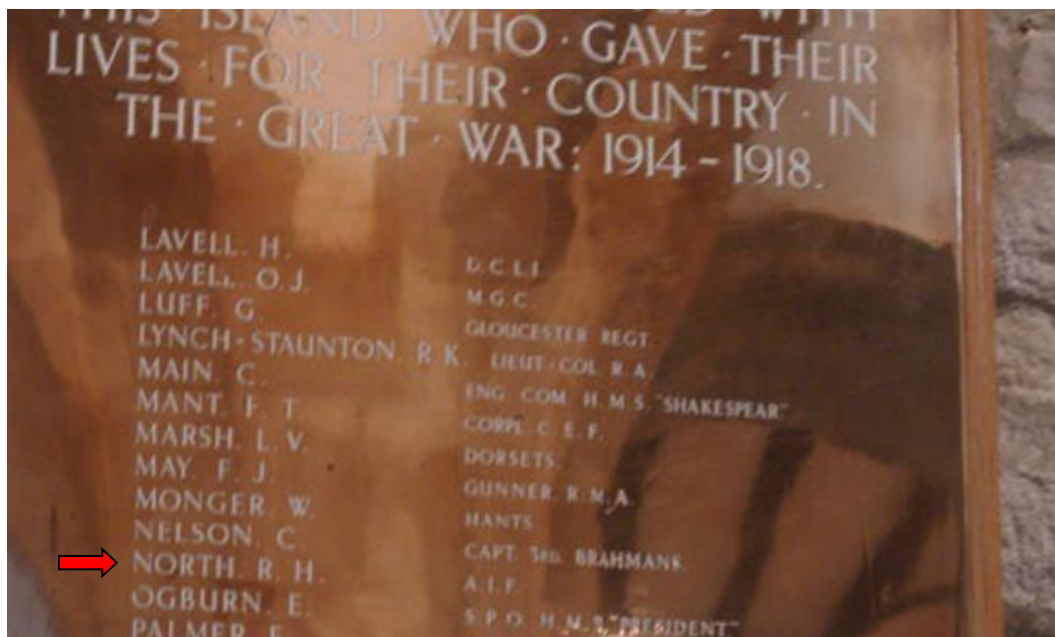
St. Mary's Lychgate & below the Plaques prior to 1999 (Photos from War Memorials Online)



The New Memorial Plaques restored & located inside St. Mary's Church, 24 Church Road, South Hayling, Hampshire, England.

Note: IWM (Imperial War Museums) has recorded that these Hayling Island WW1 and WW2 Plaques (below) are located at The Royal British Legion, Legion Road, Hayling Island, Hampshire, England.





St. Mary's South Hayling New Plaques (Photos from IWM)

(46 pages of Private Reginald Henry North'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 GREAT WAR IN EUROPE

The 172nd casualty list was released to-night, as follows:-

WEST AUSTRALIA

Died of Illness

Private R. H. North, England

(*Kalgoorlie Western Argus*, Western Australia – 6 June, 1916)

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OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

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Letters of Administration

Reginald Henry North, late of West Stoke Farm, Hayling Island, County of Hants, England, to the W.A. Trustee, Executor Agency Company Ltd., as the attorney of Frederick Sidney North, £170 8s 11d.

(The Daily News, Perth, Western Australia – 8 November, 1917)

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.

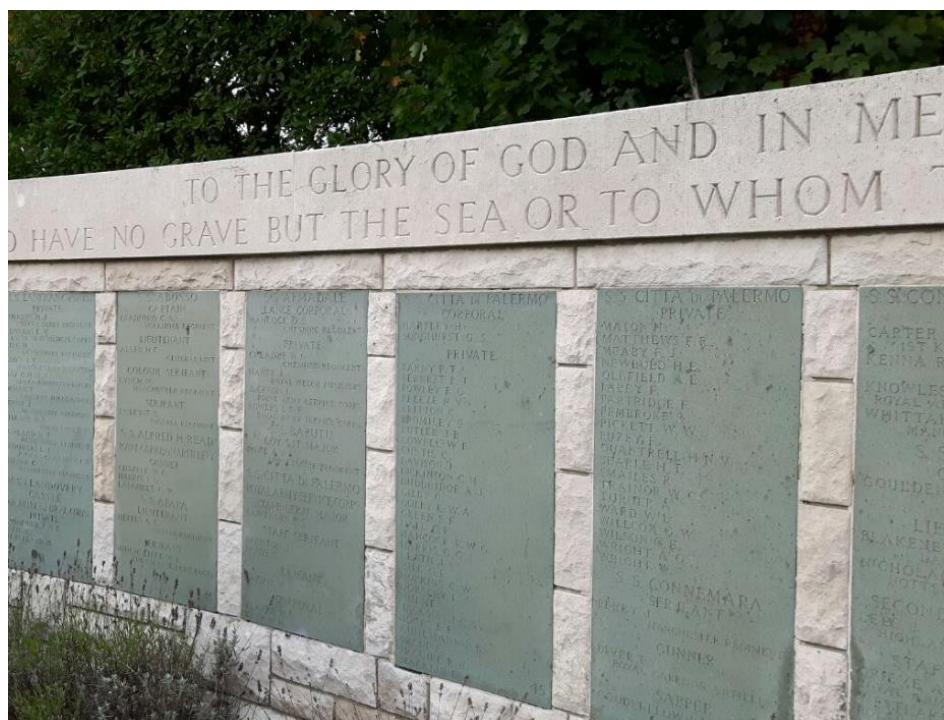
The memorial was designed by T. Newham and unveiled by Sir William Robertson on 10 December 1930.

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



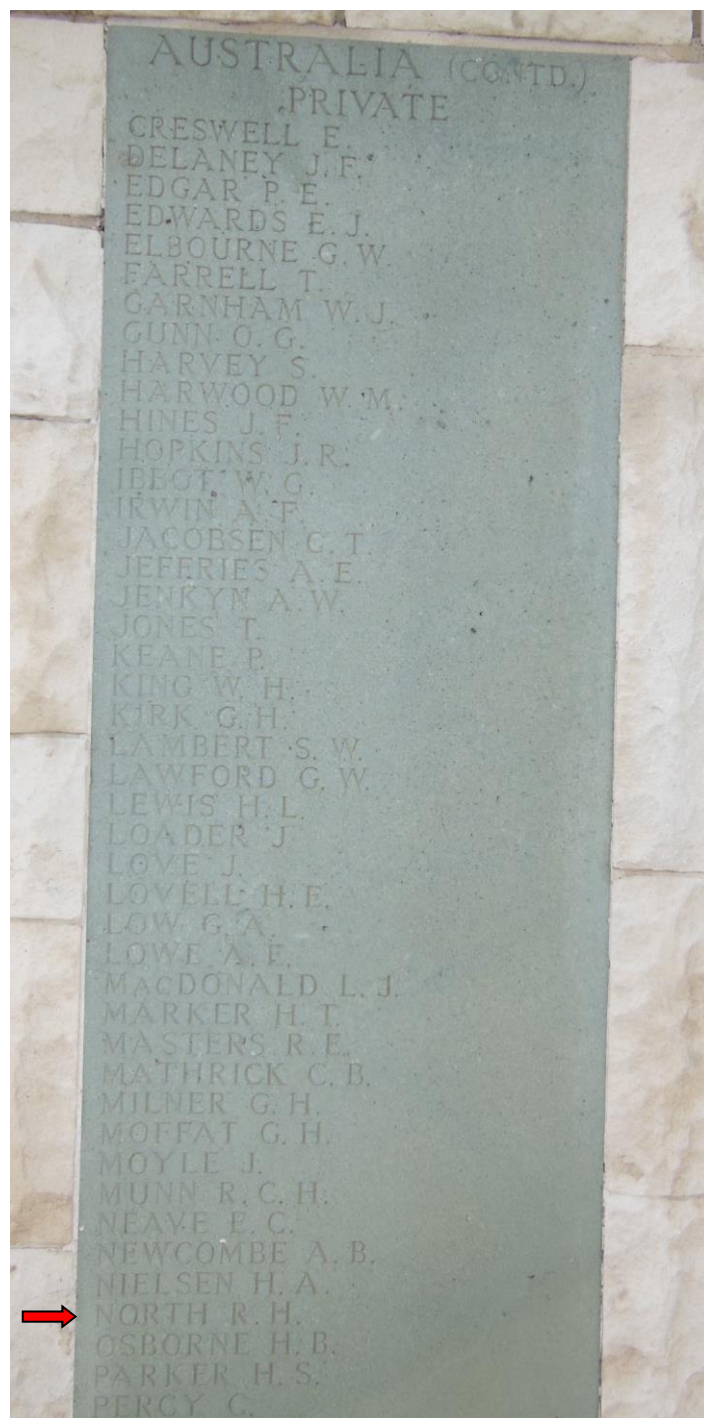
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



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

(Photo from CWGC)

Photo of Private R. H. North's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

