Hollybrook Memorial,

Southampton, Hampshire, England

War Graves

Lest We Forget

World War 1

7049   PRIVATE

H. B. OSBORNE

3RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

29TH NOVEMBER, 1916

Horace Bowden OSBORNE

Horace Bowden Osborne was born at Albury, New South Wales in 1887 to parents Ephraim & Sarah Osborne (nee Rice).

Horace Bowden Osborne attended Superior Public School, Albury, NSW.

Horace Bowden Osborne was a 28 year old, single, Farmer from Howlong Road, Albury, NSW when he enlisted on 27th October, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 7049 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr E. Osborne, Howlong Road, Albury, NSW.

Private Horace Bowden Osborne was posted to Albury Depot Battalion on 27th October, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to Liverpool, Sydney, NSW on 4th November, 1916 & posted to 23rd Reinforcements of 3rd Battalion.

Private Horace Bowden Osborne embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Benalla (A24)* on 9th November, 1916 with the 3rd Infantry Battalion, 23rd Reinforcements.

3rd Battalion

The 3rd Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalions it was recruited from New South Wales and, together with these battalions, formed the 1st Brigade…..

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

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HMAT *Benalla (A24)*

Private Horace Bowden Osborne died at 10.10 pm on 29th November, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Benalla (A24)* from Meningitis.

A Certificate of Death was written by Senior Medical Officer, H.M.A.T. *Benalla* A24 on 29th November, 1916:
"This is to certify that I attended Pte Herbert Osborne 23/3rd Bn. during his last illness. I saw him on 29/11/16 at 9.30 pm. After a period of illness of four days he died from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis at 10.10 pm on 29th November, 1916."

Private Horace Bowden Osborne was buried at Sea from HMAT *Benalla (A24)* on 29th November, 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.

Private Horace Bowden Osborne 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 Osborne's father - Mr E. Osborne, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1921. The Memorial Plaque was signed for by S. Osborne with the notation "*E. Osborne deceased.*").

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Horace Bowden Osborne – service number 7049, of 3rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private H. B. Osborne is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 37.
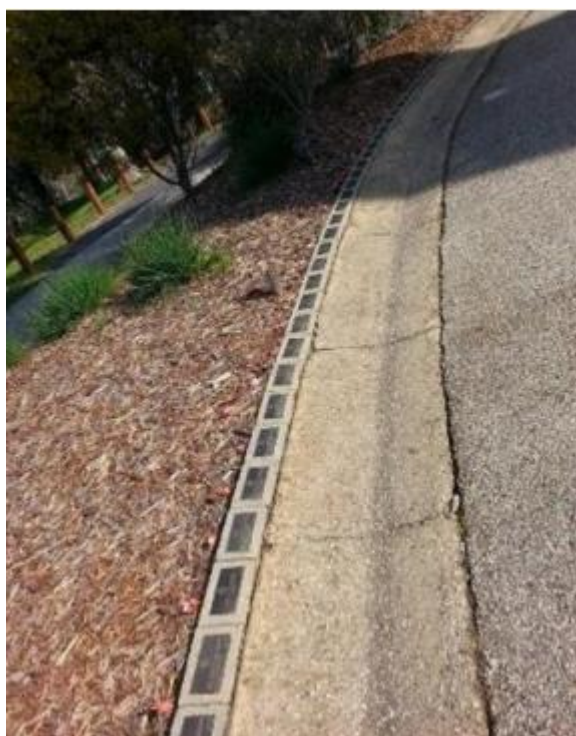

Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Horace Bowden Osborne is remembered at the Albury War Memorial. The Albury Memorial was opened on Anzac Day 1925. The tower was originally lit by ground lights however electric lighting was not supplied to the torch until 1995. In the same year a number of individual plaques were set in the gardens around the monument to recall those who had died in both World Wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. The monument is located at the end of Dean Street. Albury War Memorial

Albury War Memorial *(Photo from Monument Australia)*

Individual plaques
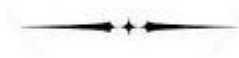
Albury War Memorial Name Plaques

H. B. Osborne is remembered on the Albury Methodist Circuit Honour Roll, located in St. David's Uniting Church, Albury, NSW.

Albury Methodist Circuit Honour Roll *(Photo from Monument Australia – Tom Bird)*

(26 pages of Private Horace Bowden Osborne'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

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Newspaper Notices

ALBURY VOLUNTEERS

MARCH THROUGH STREETS

Most Enthusiastic Farewell

"They are off to the war!"

….

NAMES OF THE VOLUNTEERS

Following are the names of the volunteers:-

….. H. B. Osborne……

(*The Border Morning Mail and Riverina Times*, Albury, NSW – 4 November, 1916)

MEN WHO FELL

BURIED AT SEA

Private H. B. OSBORNE, son of Mr E. Osborne, of Howlong Road, Albury, is reported dead and buried at sea on November 29. Deceased was 29 years of age, and was one of a squad of soldiers who were presented with a flag by the ladies of Albury before the proclamation calling up recruits. His brother, Gunner C. E. Osborne, is now in hospital in England, suffering from breakdown in health.

(*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 11 December, 1916)

Latest Casualties

251st LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

Died of Illness

H. B. Osborne, Albury

(The Land, Sydney, NSW – 22 December, 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.
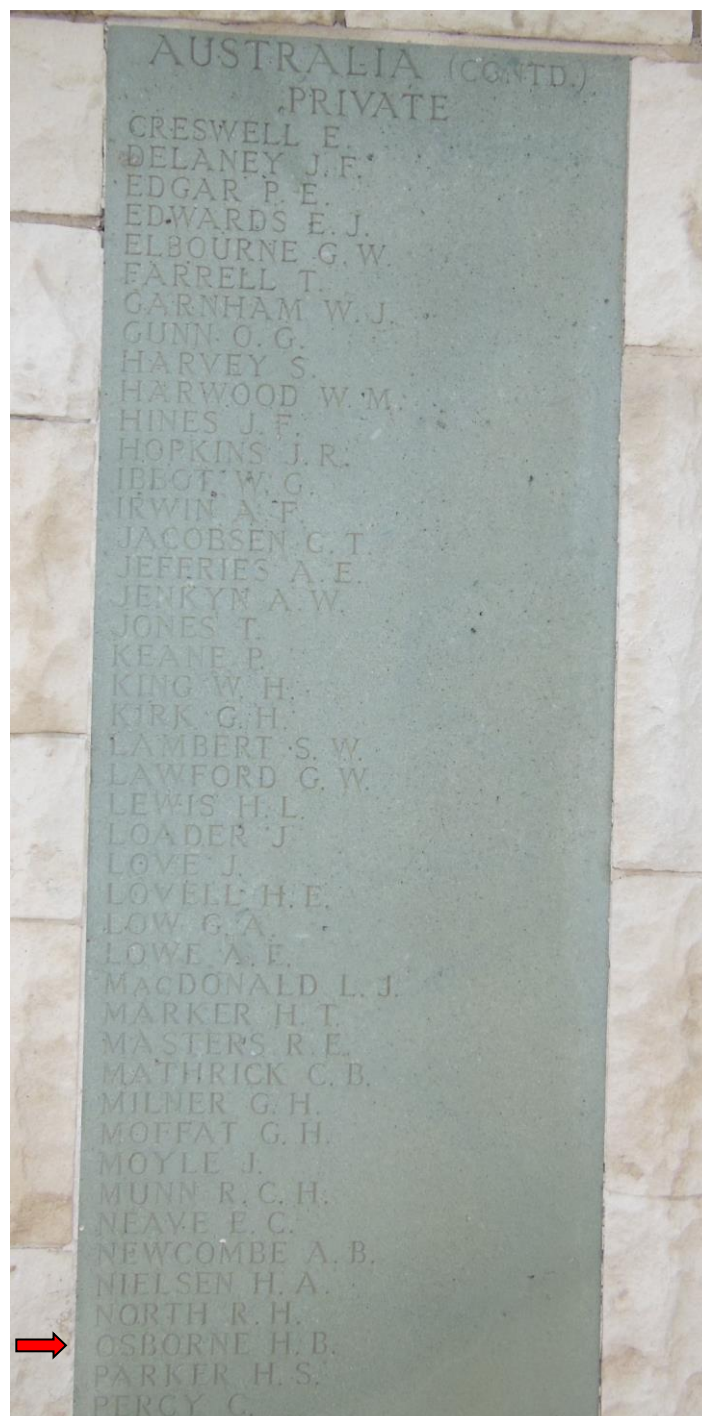
(Information & photos from CWGC)

Cross of Sacrifice

Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

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

(Photo from CWGC)

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

(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)