

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2494 PRIVATE

A. E. RANDELL

47TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

17TH OCTOBER, 1916

Alfred Ernest (Paddy) RANDELL

Alfred Ernest Randell was born at St. Lawrence, Queensland on 18th February, 1891 to parents James (Jim) Clarence & Henrietta (Hetty) Randell (nee Hatfield).

Alfred Ernest Randell attended State School at St. Lawrence, Queensland.

Alfred Ernest Randell was a 25 year old, single, Labourer from Mackay, Queensland when he enlisted on 1st April, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Hetty Randell, Mackay, Queensland.

Private Alfred Ernest Randell was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 5th April, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 47th Battalion on 29th May, 1916.

Private Alfred Ernest Randell was written up on 16th September, 1916 for being Absent from Tattoo. He was fined 5/-.

Private Alfred Ernest Randell, Service number 2494, embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Seang Choon* (A49) on 19th September, 1916 with the 47th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements.

47th Battalion

The 47th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 15th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 15th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men recruited in Queensland and Tasmania. The new battalion was incorporated into the 12th Brigade of the Australian Division.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Alfred Ernest Randell died on 17th October, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Seang Choon* (A49) from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.



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HMAT *Seang Choon* (A49)

Private Alfred Ernest Randell was buried at Sea on 17th October, 1916 from HMAT *Seang Choon (A49)*. 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.

Mrs H. Randell, Mackay, replied to Base Records on 13th May, 1921. (Base Records would have written to Mrs Randell as she was listed at the next-of-kin of the late Private Alfred Randell but would have requested to know if his father was still alive as the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.) Mrs Randell wrote the following: *" I am sorry I can not tell you No 2494 Private A. E. Randell 47th Battalion Fathers address as I have not heard of him for some time no nearer blood relation's than myself his mother."*

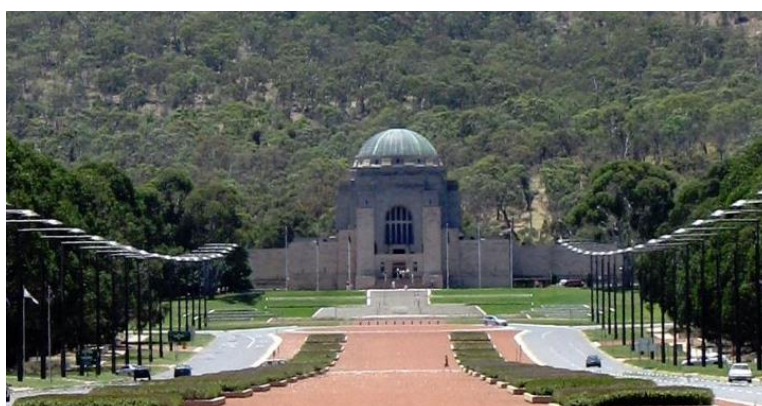
Private Alfred Ernest Randell was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Randell's mother – Mrs H. Randell, as next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent July, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Alfred Ernest Randell – service number 2494, of 47th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private A. E. Randell is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 144.



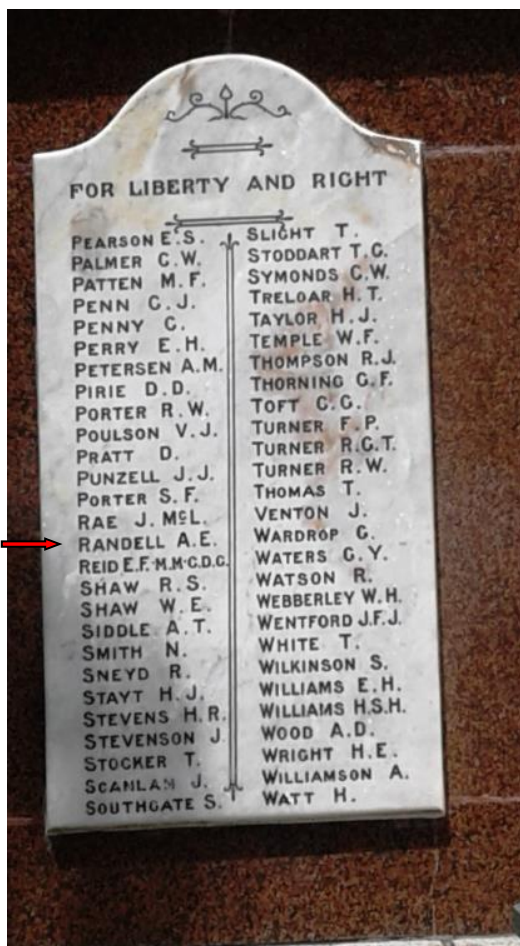
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia



A. E. Randell is remembered on the Mackay Cenotaph, located in Jubilee Park, Alfred Street. Mackay, Queensland.



Mackay Cenotaph (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)



A. E. Randell is remembered on the Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Board, located in Old Mackay Town Hall Foyer, Sydney Street, Mackay, Queensland.



Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Board (Photos from Queensland War Memorials – Glen Hall, Mackay Historical Society)

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P. Randell is remembered on the Walkerston Honour Board, located in hallway at Walkerston Village Shopping Centre, Dutton Street, Walkerston, (located in Mackay Region), Queensland.



Walkerston Honour Board (Photo from Mackay History.org)

P. Randell is remembered on the Mackay District War Memorials website.



RANDALL P.

RANDELL, Alfred Ernest (Paddy), Private, 2494, 47th Battalion, enlisted 1 April 1916, Died at Sea of Inness (Meningitis), 17 October 1916, just off Durban, South Africa.



(31 pages of Private Alfred Ernest Randell'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



(The Queenslander Pictorial – 7 October, 1916)

Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOR

The 239th Australian casualty list was issued today...

The following Mackay names are mentioned – Private A. E. Randell, died from illness.

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 31 October, 1916)

THANKS

Mr and Mrs RANDELL and Family wish to tender their sincere thanks to all kind friends who extended condolence and sent message of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 14 November, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM AT SEA

(To the Editor)

Sir- Will you kindly insert the following notice in your paper.

We the undersigned wish to publicly express our sympathy to the parents and family of our late comrade, Paddy Randell, who died on Active Service:-

Sgt. S. F. Wood,
Sgt. D. Thornton,
Pte. W. Howard,
Pte. W. F. Howard,
Pte. N. R. Macgroaty,
Pte. J. A. McLean,
Pte. W. W. Pomeroy,
Pte. R. J. Taylor,
Pte. J. Christie,
Pte. W. Barber,
Pte. A. C. Brown,
Pte. W. H. Waldon,
Pte. N. C. Keen,
Pte. H. J. Dee,
Pte. M. J. Lane,
Pte. H. A. Barber,
Pte. H. J. Taylor,
Pte. A. E. Lees,
Pte. J. Norman,
Pte. W. J. Bradford,
Pte. J. Langtree,
Pte. S. Crocker,
Pte. A. Griffin,
Pte. J. Gillam,
Pte. W. Daley,
Pte. E. Tremble,
Pte. J. Read.

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 28 November, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

RANDELL – In loving memory of a dear Son, Private Alfred Ernest Randell, aged 25, died at Sea on 17th October.

His King and country called him,

The call was not in vain,

For on our Roll of Honour

Your will find our hero's name.

(Inserted by his loving Mother and Father).

RANDELL – In loving memory of a dear Brother, Private Ernest Randell, aged 25, died at Sea on 17th October.

Sleep on dear brother, in a soldier's grave,

Your life for our country you nobly gave.

(Inserted by his loving Brothers and Sister).

(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 17 October, 1917)

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(Daily Mercury, Mackay, Queensland – 17 October, 1918)

**Notices were also placed in newspapers in 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932 1934, 1935

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.

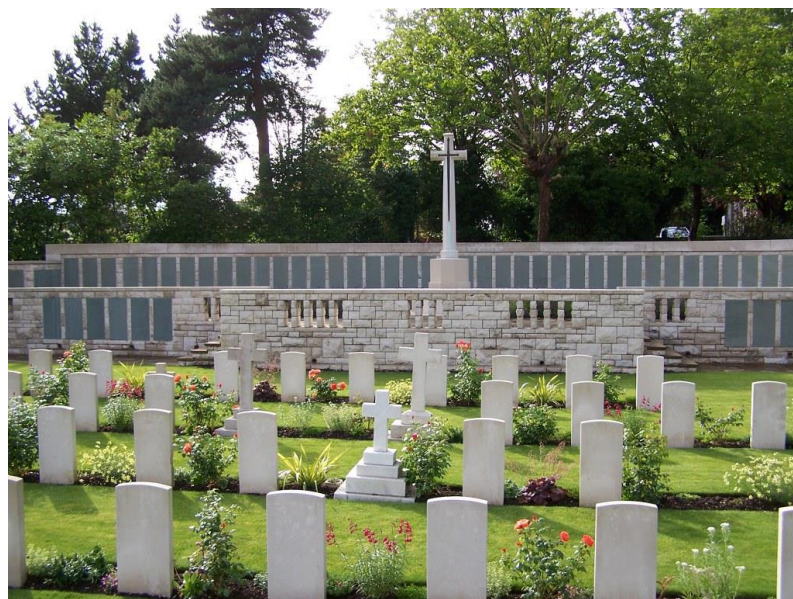
(Information & photos from CWGC)



Cross of Sacrifice

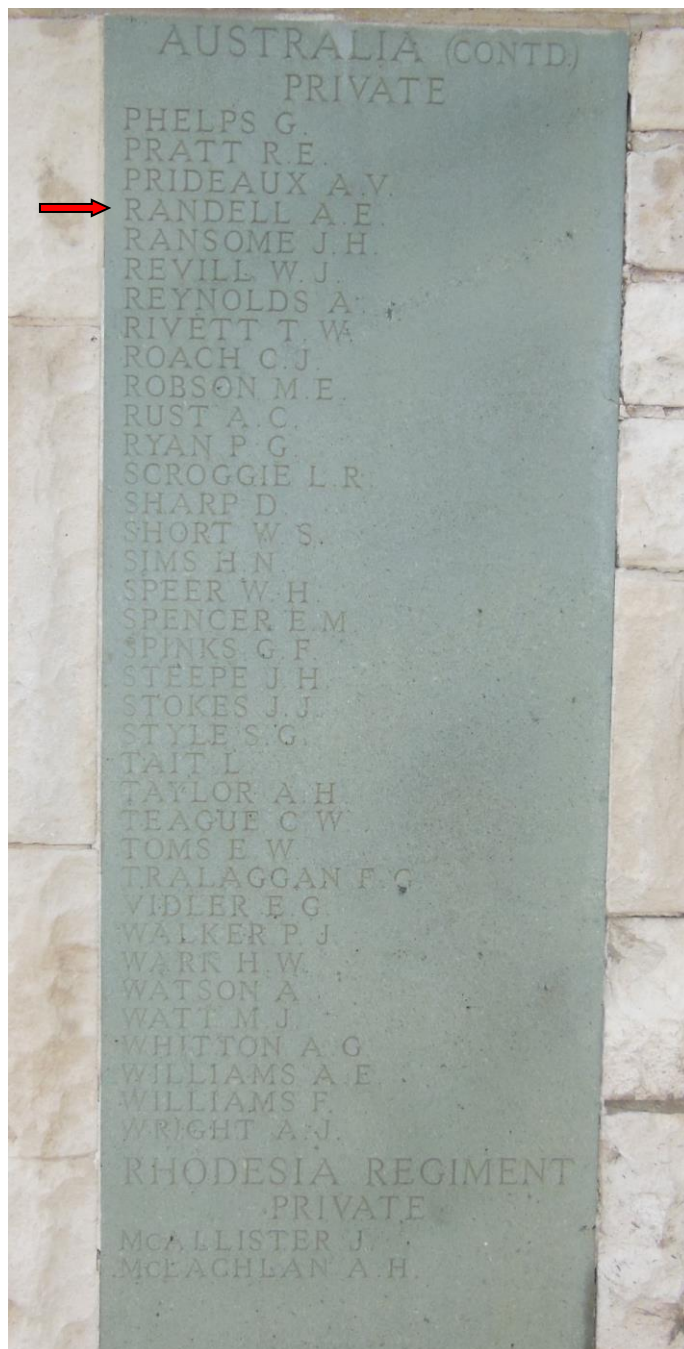


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice *(Photo from CWGC)*



CWGC Graves in Hollybrook Cemetery with Cross of Sacrifice & Hollybrook Memorial *(Photo from CWGC)*

Photo of Private A. E. Randell's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

