

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2139 PRIVATE

T. W. RIVETT

43RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

8TH OCTOBER, 1916

Thomas William (Will) RIVETT

Thomas William Rivett was born 9th October, 1886 at Avenue Range, near Kingston, South Australia to parents Zephaniah Rivett & Mary Ann Rivett (nee Searle).

Thomas William Rivett married Maudie Harriet Dalton in 1916 in Victoria.

Thomas William Rivett was a 29 year old, married, Labourer from Kingston, South Australia when he enlisted in Adelaide, South Australia on 8th July, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2139 & his religion was Church of England (as listed on Embarkation Roll, however his religion was listed as Methodist on his Attestation Papers). His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Mary Ann Rivett, Avenue Range, Lucindale, South Australia.

Private Thomas William Rivett was posted to "C" Company, 2nd Depot Battalion, A.I.F. on 8th July, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 3rd Reinforcements of 43rd Battalion at Mitcham on 10th August, 1916.

Private Thomas William Rivett embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Anchises* (A68) on 28th August, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Brigade, 43rd Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements.

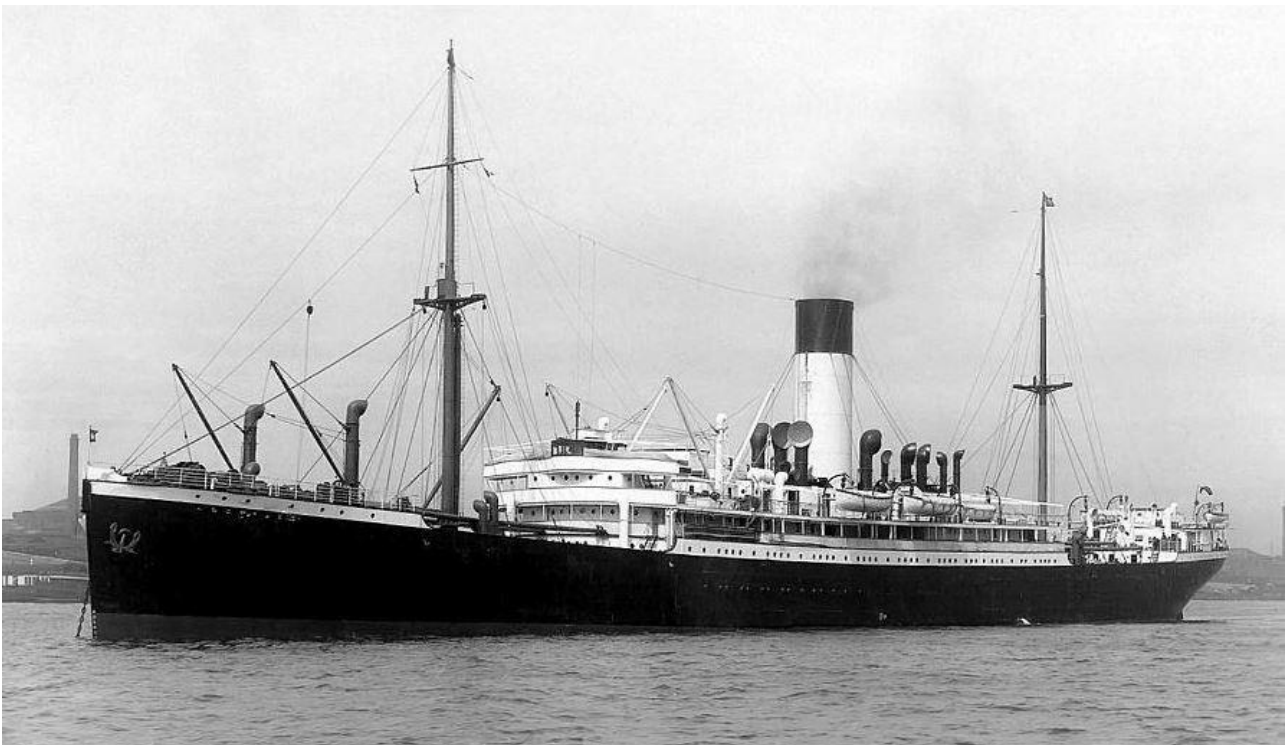
43rd Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 43rd Battalion was South Australia's contribution to the strength of the division. Along with the 41st, 42nd, and 44th Battalions, plus support troops, it formed the 11th Brigade.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Thomas William Rivett was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 24th September, 1916 with Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

Private Thomas William Rivett died on 8th October, 1916 while at Sea on board HMAT *Anchises* (A68) from Meningitis.



HMAT *Anchises* (A68)

Private Thomas William Rivett was buried at Sea on 8th October, 1916 from HMAT *Anchises* (A68). 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.

A handwritten note in Private Thomas William Rivett's Service Record file reads: "*Thomas William Rivett transferred his allotment from (wife) Harriet Maud Rivett to (mother) Mary Ann Rivett 28th August 1916.*"

Base Records wrote to Mrs M. A. Rivett, Avenue Range, South Australia on 16th March, 1931 forwarding an order form referring to the publication of Hollybrook Memorial Register containing the particulars of her son the late No. 2139 Private T. W. Rivett, 43rd Battalion.

The letter continued with "*Kindly also advise whether you have any knowledge of the present address of the deceased's re-married widow, Mrs H. M. Holding. This information is required in order to facilitate the disposal of certain war mementoes issuable on account of the services of your son, to which Mrs Holding is entitled, and the favor of your prompt attention and reply will be appreciated.*"

Private Thomas William Rivett was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also to be sent to Private Rivett's next of kin but were apparently sent to "*Untraceables*".

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Thomas William Rivett – service number 2139, of 43rd Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private T. W. Rivett is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 137.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

T. W. Rivett 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.



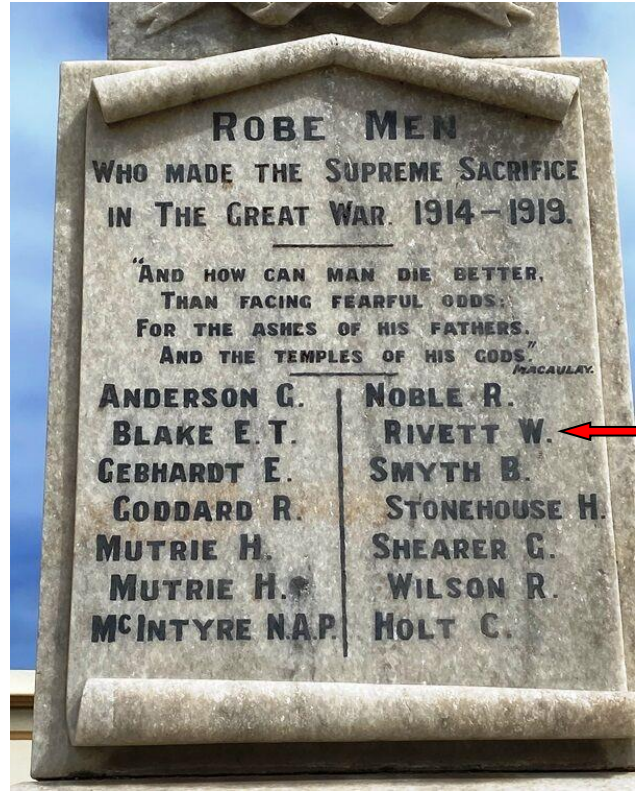
National War Memorial – Adelaide (Photos by Bilby)

W. Rivett is remembered on the Mount Benson School Roll of Honour, located in Robe R.S.L., 29 Victoria Street, Robe, South Australia.



Mount Benson School Roll of Honour (Photo from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)

W. Rivett is remembered on the Robe Soldiers' War Memorial, located at Smilie Street, Robe, South Australia.



Robe Soldiers' War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

T. W. Rivett is remembered on the Kingston S.E. War Memorial, located James Street, Kingston S.E., South Australia.





Kingston S.E. War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

Thomas William Rivett is remembered on the Lucindale War Memorial, located at Centenary Avenue, Lucindale, South Australia.





Lucindale War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Naracoorte Lucindale Council)

(38 pages of Private Thomas William Rivett'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





Private Thomas William Rivett



Newspaper Notices

THE ROLL OF HONOR

242nd CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Died of Sickness

2139. Pte T. W. RIVETT, Lucindale (died October 8)

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 11 November, 1916)

THE LATE PRIVATE T. W. RIVETT

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Rivett, of Avenue Range, have been notified that their eldest son. Private T. W. Rivett, died of meningitis on October 8. The late Private Rivett enlisted in Kingston in June last, Private T. W. Rivett. and embarked for England on August 28. He was born at Avenue Range, and was of a bright and genial disposition and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was in his 31st year.



Private T. W. Rivett.

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 15 November, 1916) & (*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 18 November, 1916)

OUR KILLED AND MISSING

The following members of the South Australian forces or South Australians serving with contingents from other States are reported dead:-T. W. Rivett, Lucindale (October 8)

(*Southern Cross*, Adelaide, South Australia – 17 November, 1916)

Local and District War Items

Mr. Z. Rivett, of Avenue Range, has received word from the military authorities that his son, Pte. T. W. Rivett, died of meningitis on October 8 last. He was attached to the 3rd Reinforcements of the 43rd Battalion. The deceased soldier enlisted at Kingston in June last, and embarked for England on the 28th of August. He was born at Avenue Range, and was in his 30th year. Mr. and Mrs. Rivett and family have the sincere sympathy of the people of the district in the loss of their brave son.

(*The Narracoorte Herald*, South Australia – 17 November, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

RIVETT – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private T. W. Rivett, who died of meningitis, October 8, 1916, aged 30 years.

His life was all love and labor,
His heart for his friends beat true;
He gave his life, his best, his all,
No more could our dear Will do.

-Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

(The Narracoorte Herald, South Australia – 17 November, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

RIVETT – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private T. W. Rivett, who died of meningitis, October 8, 1916, aged 30 years.

“Gone, but not forgotten.”

-Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brothers.

RIVETT - In loving memory of our dear brother, Private T. W. Rivett, who died of meningitis, October 8, 1916, aged 30 years.

Far away from those who loved him,
Comrades laid him to rest;
And now in a soldier's grave he's lying,
One of God's brightest and best.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, S. B. and W. G. Copping, Mossdale.

(The Narracoorte Herald, South Australia – 5 October, 1917)

HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR

RIVETT – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Private T. W. Rivett, died at sea, October 8, 1916.

Day by day we all do miss him,
Words would fail our loss to tell;
But in heaven we hope to meet him,
Ever more with him to dwell.

-Inserted by his loving father and mother, brothers and sisters, Kingston.

RIVETT – In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Will, died at sea, October 8, 1916.

When the heroes are all returning,
And the trials of war are o'er.
Our hearts will be sadly yearning
For our loved one who'll come no more.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, George and Rose, Avenue Range.

RIVETT – In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Will, who died at sea, October 8, 1916.

We miss you from our home, dear Will;
It's sweet to breath your name.
In life we loved you very dear,
In death we do the same.
The hardest part is yet to come,
When the heroes all return,
And we miss among the cheering throng
The face of our dear brother that's gone.

-Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Perce and May, "Gumpark," Kingston.

RIVETT – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private T. W. Rivett. So dearly loves, so sadly missed. -Inserted by his loving sister, May.

RIVETT - In loving memory of our dear brother, Private T. W. Rivett, who died of meningitis, October 8, 1916, aged 30 years.

Silence is no certain token
That no hidden grief is there.
Sorrow that is never spoken
Is the hardest grief to hear.

-Inserted by his loving sister, Ethel, and brother-in-law, Frank Ley (A.I.F., abroad).

(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 9 October, 1918)

Unveiling of the Kingston Memorial to Fallen Soldiers

There was a very large gathering of residents of the town and district at the unveiling of the monument to our local fallen soldiers to-day. The ceremony was performed by the Minister for Repatriation (the Hon. G. Laffer). Present with him were the Hons. J. Cowan and T. McCallum, M's.L.C., and Messrs. V. G. Petherick and P. Reidy, M's.L.A. At 2.30 p.m. the residents and school children gathered at the post office, and after forming up, headed by a guard of honor (28 returned soldiers), marched to the park, which is situated near the Council Chamber, and which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

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On the side panels are inscribed the names of the fallen as follows:—Crpls. A. F. Goods, D. Nicholson, J. Walter, and S. Wynniat, Lce.-Crpls. A. H. Backler and S. R. Cooper, Gunners J. Bryan and J. Poole, Ptes. S. R. Barber, B. Cameron, H. Cameron, H. Cooper, C. R. Evans, J. Gall, H. Hall, D. J. Jones, W. H. Lloyd, F. Mason, T. McIntyre, O. O'Neill, B. Nicholson, H. J. Randall, A. J. Randall, L. Redman, **T. W. Rivett**, and E. D. Tapfield, and Signaller R. D. McBeath.

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(*The Narracoorte Herald*, South Australia – 5 November, 1920)

MARRIAGES

HOLDING – RIVETT – On the 26th December, at South Brisbane, by the Rev. C. A. White, John, the only son of the late Mr and Mrs John Holding, of Millicent, South Australia, to Harriet Maud, relict of the late Thomas William Rivett (A.I.F.), of Kingston, South Australia, and fourth daughter of Mrs Dalton and the late Charles Dalton, of Merino, Victoria (Present address, 140 Melbourne street, South Brisbane, Queensland).

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 January, 1922) & (*The South Eastern Times*, Millicent, South Australia – 20 January, 1922)

William Rivett is remembered on the Family Headstone in Kingston Cemetery, South Australia.



Also

WILLIAM

Eldest Beloved Son Of

Z. & M. Rivett

Of 43rd Batt.

Who Died AT Sea Oct. 8 1916

Aged 30 Years

We Loved Thee Well

But Jesus Loved Thee Best



IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

ZEPHANIAH,

DEARLY LOVED MARRIED OF

M. RIVETT,

WHO DIED SEP. 29, 1925
AGED 70 YEARS.

FATHER AND MOTHER BOTH DIED OF DYSPEPSIA
LEAVE THE NEW ORLEANS NEW ORLEANS
ALSO.

WILLIAM,

ELDEST BELOVED SON OF

Z. & M. RIVETT,

OF 43RD BATT.

WHO DIED AT SEA OCT. 2, 1918
AGED 30 YEARS

WE LOVED THEE WELL
BUT JESUS LOVED THEE BEST

ROBERT,

BELOVED SON OF

Z. & M. RIVETT

AND BELOVED HUSBAND OF

MAY RIVETT, OF TANTANOLA

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED OFF

NO. 2 ROCKS APRIL 18, 1925,

AGED 23 YEARS.

GOD WILL LINK THE BROKEN CHAIN
STILL CLOSER WHEN WE MEET AGAIN

MARY ANN RIVETT

BELOVED WIFE OF ABRAHAM

DIED OCT. 18, 1915

AGED 85 YEARS.

AT REST.

(Photos from Find a Grave – Krutz)

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



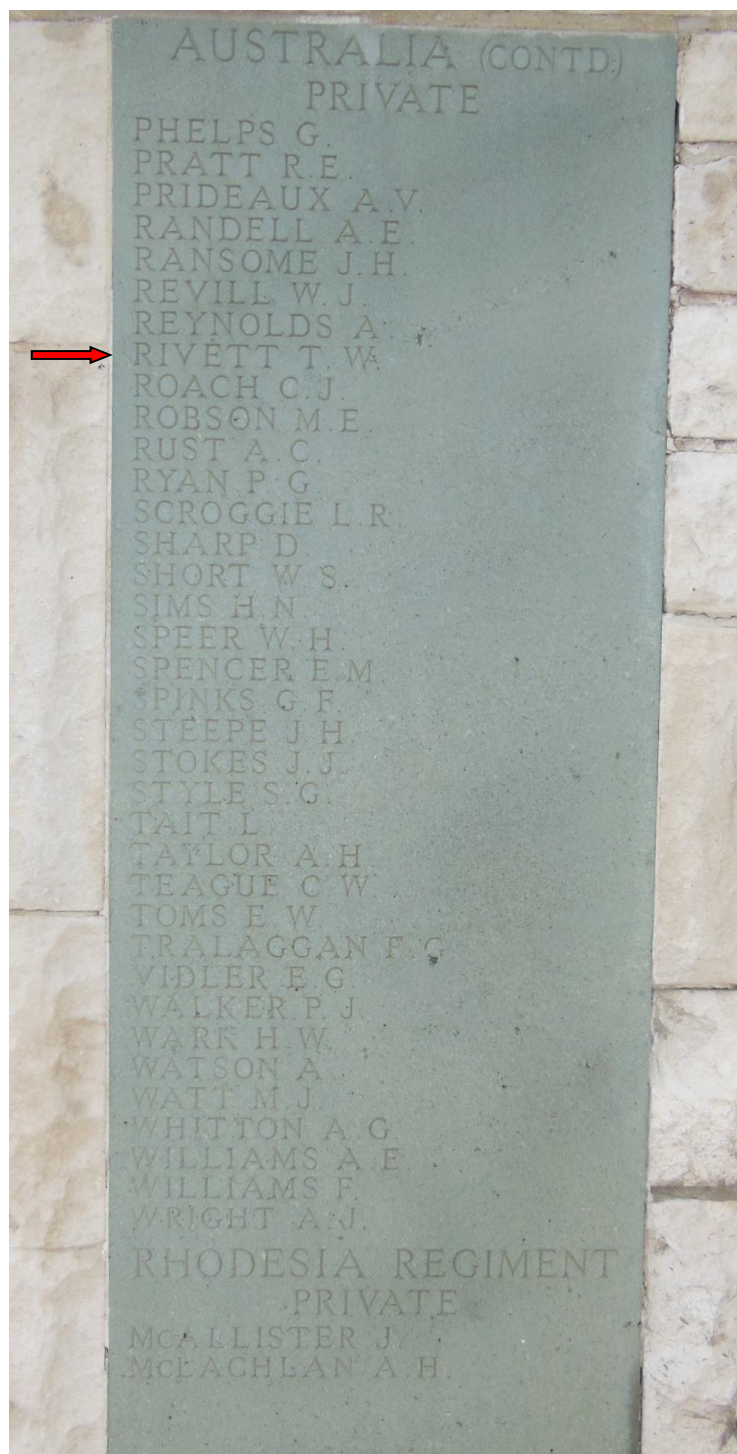
Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice



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

(Photo from CWGC)

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



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

