

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



488 PRIVATE

C. J. ROACH

40TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

17TH AUGUST, 1916

Clifford James ROACH

Clifford James Roach was born at Upper Liffey, Tasmania on 13th October, 1895 to parents William & Clara Roach (nee Saunders).

Clara Ellen Roach, mother of Clifford James Roach, died on 7th November, 1909.

Clifford James Roach attended school at St. Patrick's River, Tasmania.

William Barry Roach, father of Clifford James Roach, died on 1st April, 1915 at Launceston, Tasmania.

Clifford James Roach was a 20 year old, single, Labourer from Launceston, Tasmania when he enlisted at Claremont, Tasmania on 26th February, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 488 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his sister – Mrs Emily Wilson, St. Patrick's River, Tasmania. Clifford Roach stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service due to his Teeth.

Clifford James Roach was posted to 40th Battalion for recruit training.

Private Clifford James Roach embarked from Hobart, Tasmania on HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 1st July, 1916 with the 10th Infantry Brigade, 40th Infantry Battalion, "B" Company.

40th Battalion

The 3rd Division was raised in Australia early in 1916. The 40th Battalion was Tasmania's contribution to the strength of the division and it joined the Victorian-raised 37th, 38th and 39th Battalions to form the 10th Brigade.

The battalion embarked for the Western Front in July 1916 and by December was serving in the trenches in France.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)



HMAT *Berrima* (A35)

Private Clifford James Roach died on 17th August, 1916 at Sea on board HMAT *Berrima* (A35) from Pneumonia.

Private Clifford James Roach was buried at Sea on 17th August, 1916 from HMAT *Berrima* (A35). 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.

From the Ship's Log - H.M.S. *Ophir*.

4.29 pm - Stopped engines for funeral on "*Berrima*." 4.34 pm - Convoy proceeded again at Half Speed.

A brief description of the burial according to Corporal Reg Biggs:

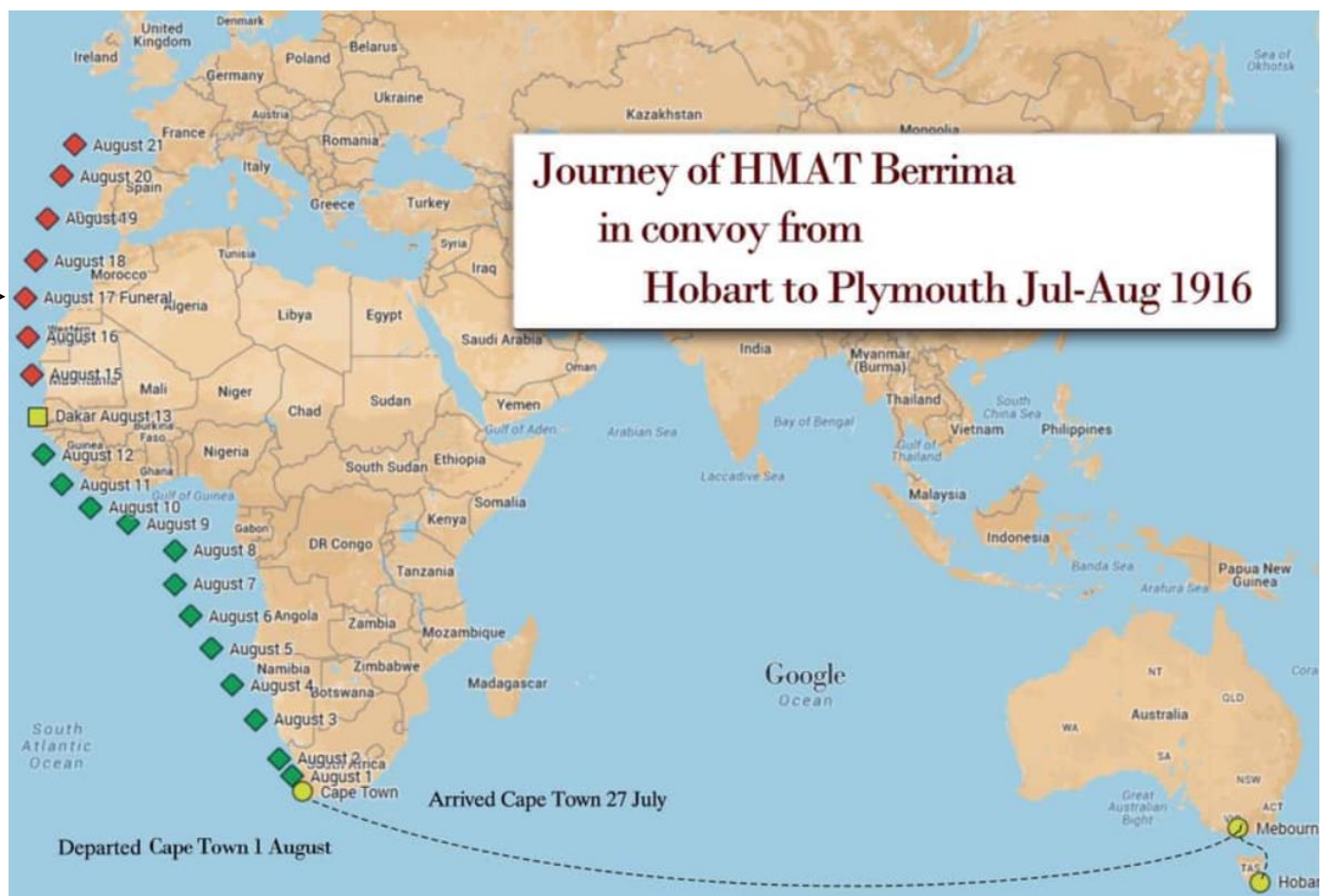
"Though there were over 1500 soldiers aboard, and the sick bay was full at this time, only, one death occurred on board. Clifford James Roach, of St. Patrick's River, was buried at sea on 17 August, having died of double pneumonia. The entire convoy was stopped while the burial took place on our star-board side. A sea burial is particularly poignant, especially to a land-lubber. This maritime method of the disposal of remains of course precluded this soldier from a battlefield death in the face of the enemy. In warm sunshine we troops were assembled in ceremonial parade order on the after-weldeck, Roach's company being placed in front.

As the body was brought forward by the carrying party under an escort in military style with arms reversed, the band barely breathed "The Dead March" in "Saul."

The body, swathed in a white shroud under the Union Jack, was laid along a plank with the feet protruding over the side of the ship. The service was read, the flag removed, and the body slid away, plunging into the deep.

Three volleys were fired, the benediction was given and the parade was dismissed. The convoy resumed the voyage, but melancholy brooded over the ship's company, I think, for hours. "

(Ship's Log information & Sea Burial information courtesy of Jim Rouse)



(Map – courtesy of Jim Rouse)

Private Clifford James Roach 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 Roach's sister – Mrs E. Wilson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent July, 1922).

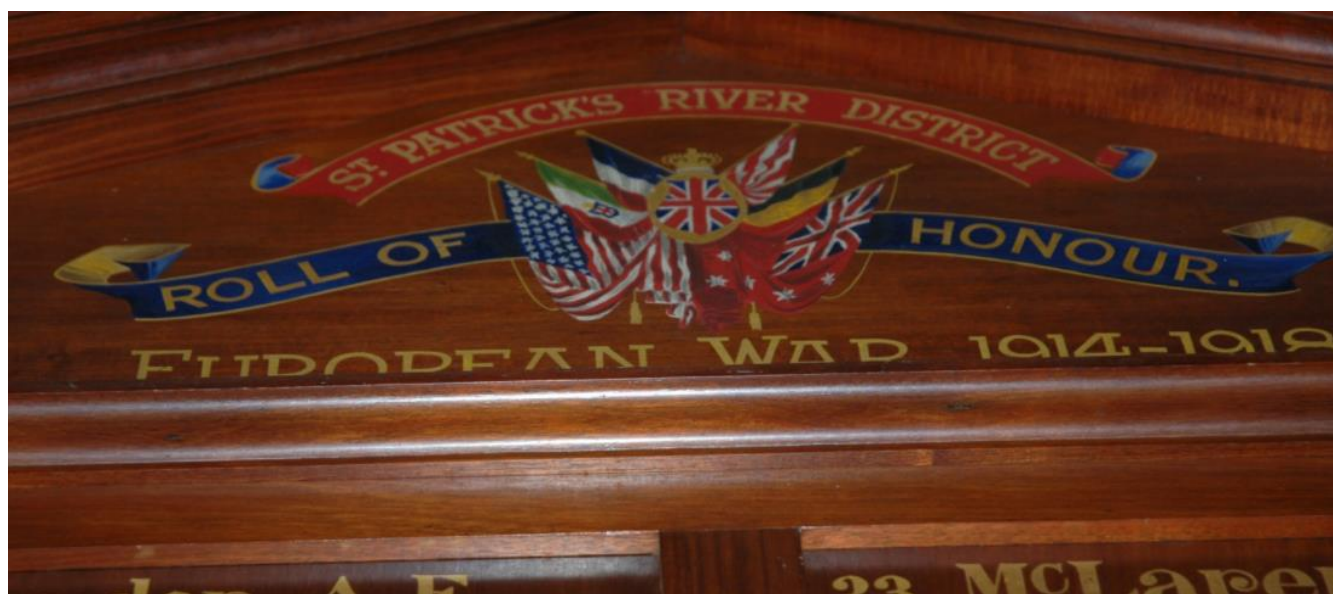
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Clifford James Roach – service number 488, of 40th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private C. J. Roach is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 133.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

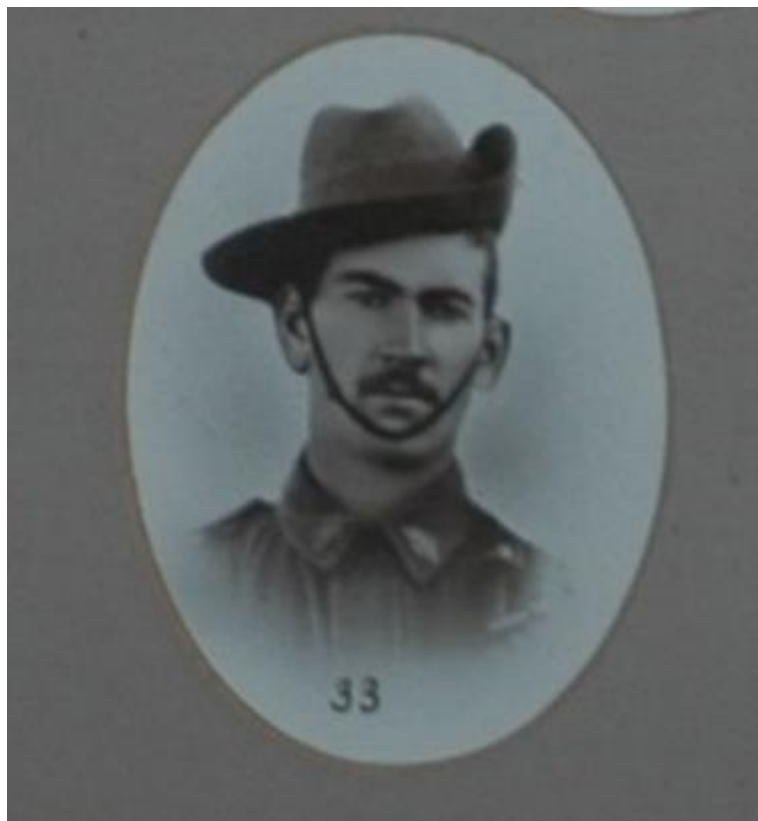
C. J. Roach is remembered on the St. Patrick's River District Photographic Roll of Honour, located in Myrtle Park Hall, Myrtle Park Recreation Ground, Tasman Highway, Targa, Tasmania.





St. Patrick's River District Roll of Honour (Photos from AWM – Places of Pride – Arthur Garland)





33. C. J. Roach

Clifford James Roach is remembered on the Wall of Remembrance, at the War Memorial, Cecilia Street, St. Helens, Tasmania. The Wall of Remembrance commemorates those from Tasmania who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.

Front Inscription

Tasmania's World War One Roll of Honour, 1914 - 1918

The names of 3165 soldiers, sailors and airmen who were Tasmanian by birth or residence and died from their service in WW1 are commemorated on these walls. Their names appear alphabetically, grouped by the year of death. These men served with Australian, New Zealand and British units.

"What these men did nothing can alter now. The good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand. Whatever of glory it contains nothing now can lessen. It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages, a monument to great hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever."



Wall of Remembrance, St. Helens, Tasmania (Photo from Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

NUMBER	RANK	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	DOB	AGE	UNIT	TOWN	ANZAC
		Roach	Clifford James	20.07.1916	27	NZEF Cpt	Moochah	ANZAC
14127	Sgt	Roach	Alan Robert	23.07.1916	21	12th Inf Bn	North Molton	ANZAC
2287	Pvt	Roach	Richard	03.08.1916	21	28th Inf Bn	Zeehan	ANZAC
2292	Pvt	Robinson	Charles Eric	08.08.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	Scottsdale	ANZAC
2868	LCpl	Robson	Albin	25.07.1916	27	12th Inf Bn	Westbury	ANZAC
352	Pvt	Rogers	Arthur Walter	24.07.1916	23	1st Pioneer Bn	St Helens	ANZAC
1762	Pvt	Rogers	Arthur Charles	09.08.1916	23	15th Inf Bn	St Helens	ANZAC
1957	Pvt	Rogers	Arthur Robert	29.07.1916	23	26th Inf Bn	Launceston	
1889	Pvt	Rogers	Thomas Henry	17.08.1916	22	40th Inf Bn	Traralgon	
1188	Pvt	Rogers	David James	23.07.1916	23	26th Inf Bn	Traralgon	
2458	Sgt	Robinson	George Theodor	19.08.1916	19	12th Inf Bn	Inveresk	
4255	Pvt	Robinson	Henry Charles	08.08.1916	23	12th Inf Bn	Beaconsfield	ANZAC
4268	Pvt	Rock	Victor	19.08.1916	19	25th Inf Bn	Rocky Cape	
2857	Pvt	Rockwell	William Percival	21.12.1916	22	2nd DN Fd Arty	Robart	ANZAC
4700	Dvr	Rohr	William James	21.08.1916	34	NZEF Transport Coy	Robart	ANZAC
3458	Dvr	Rooney	Robert	23.07.1916	23	26th Inf Bn	North Hobart	
41543	Cpl	Ross	Wallace Douglas	15.05.1916	23	1st Pioneer Bn	King Island	
1623	Sgt	Ross	Lindsay	25.11.1916	19	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
3518	Pvt	Rosby	Ernest Harold	29.12.1916	23	40th Inf Bn	Oatlands	
822	Pvt	Ross	Henry	19.08.1916	23	12th Inf Bn	Dun	
5178	Pvt	Ross	William Leonard	04.05.1916	19	12th Inf Bn	Smalton	
4558	Pvt	Ryan	Frederic	24.07.1916	19	12th Inf Bn	Blairstown	ANZAC
2548	Pvt	Ryan	Cyril	15.08.1916	23	1st Pioneer Bn	Robart	
3487	Pvt	Sally	Albert Ethelbert	31.03.1916	28	HQS Dunlop	Dunlop	
187004	Cpl	Salisbury	Percy Archibald	03.07.1916	20	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
2665	LCpl	Salisbury	Geoffrey	29.07.1916	22	24th Inf Bn	Wynard	ANZAC
1742	Pvt	Salmon	Herbert Robert	03.08.1916	23	1st Pioneer Bn	Wynard	ANZAC
2044	Sgt	Salisbury	George Gardner	22.08.1916	28	5th Coy Bn	Bracknell	ANZAC
378	Sgt	Salisbury	James Leslie	02.09.1916	21	52nd Inf Bn	Beaconsfield	ANZAC
378	Sgt	Salisbury	Roy William	02.09.1916	21	52nd Inf Bn	Wynard	ANZAC
968	Pvt	Salisbury	Richard Ernest	05.08.1916	23	26th Inf Bn	Wynard	ANZAC
1852	Pvt	Salisbury	Donald Leslie	05.08.1916	23	26th Inf Bn	Wynard	ANZAC
2750	Pvt	Salisbury	Robert	12.10.1916	22	47th Inf Bn	St Helens	
3880	LCpl	Salisbury	Robert	03.08.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	North Hobart	ANZAC
2278	Pvt	Salisbury	Eric Charles	04.09.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
5173	Pvt	Salisbury	Frederick Arthur	04.09.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
127489	Pvt	Salisbury	Leslie Richard	08.01.1916	32	NZEF APC	Queenstown	ANZAC
1858	Pvt	Salisbury	John Alexander	05.08.1916	23	26th Inf Bn	Battery Point	
3527	Pvt	Salisbury	James Albert	04.08.1916	19	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
3882	Pvt	Salisbury	Ernest William	05.08.1916	20	26th Inf Bn	Launceston	
4681	Pvt	Salisbury	Walter William	13.11.1916	34	12th Inf Bn	Ridley	
2914	Pvt	Salisbury	Samuel Henry	24.07.1916	22	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
3259	Pvt	Salisbury	Lawrence	08.08.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	Penguin	
2232	Pvt	Salisbury	Leonard Joseph P	23.07.1916	19	12th Inf Bn	Smalton	ANZAC
2942	Pvt	Salisbury	Arthur John	30.07.1916	20	12th Inf Bn	Smalton	ANZAC
2728	Pvt	Salisbury	Ernie	18.10.1916	22	52nd Inf Bn	Huonville	
4382	Pvt	Salisbury	Guy Blochman	29.12.1916	23	BEF MG Coy	Robart	
5174	Pvt	Salisbury	Harold James	03.07.1916	22	12th Inf Bn	Owenston	
2501	Pvt	Salisbury	Robert Russell	14.10.1916	22	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
3343	Pvt	Salisbury	George Bush	07.08.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	Launceston	
3601	Pvt	Salisbury	Alexander Gordon	25.07.1916	24	12th Inf Bn	Kindred	
2588	Pvt	Salisbury	Leonard Ernest	14.11.1916	19	26th Inf Bn	Battery Point	
4028	Pvt	Salisbury	Henry Rayfield	14.11.1916	20	26th Inf Bn	Stanley	ANZAC
484	Pvt	Salisbury	George R Vibert	05.08.1916	39	4th Pioneer Bn	Sheffield	
2510	Pvt	Salisbury	Henry Edward	04.08.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	Darby	
4601	Pvt	Salisbury	Stanley Derwent	04.08.1916	23	52nd Inf Bn	St Leonards	
503	Pvt	Salisbury	Kath Lawrence	17.08.1916	20	52nd Inf Bn	Huonville	
1018	LCpl	Salisbury	Leslie James	03.07.1916	30	48th Inf Bn	Westbury	
		Salisbury	George Herbert	11.12.1916	20	12th Inf Bn	Launceston	ANZAC
1339	Pvt	Salisbury	Wilfred	04.08.1916	31	3rd Lt Horse Regt	Queenstown	
3891	Pvt	Salisbury	John Henry	29.07.1916	27	26th Inf Bn	Colebrook	
5173	Pvt	Salisbury	George Henry	03.09.1916	24	52nd Inf Bn	Penguin	

(22 pages of Private Clifford James Roach'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



Clifford James Roach

Connected to Private Clifford James Roach:

Older brother – William Walter Roach – Enlisted 5th February, 1916. 26 year old Farmer. Embarked with 40th Infantry Battalion "D" Company on 1st July, 1916 from Hobart with Service Number of 920. Returned to Australia 10th April, 1919.

Younger brother – Charles Barry Roach – Enlisted 8th December, 1915. 18 year old Labourer. Embarked with 12th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements on 18th February, 1916 from Melbourne with Service number of 4871. Returned to Australia 23rd March, 1918.

Newspaper Notices

TASMANIAN VOLUNTEERS

Six of the nine volunteers at Launceston yesterday were accepted for service. Those medically fit were L. K. Solomon, C. Bayley, **C. J. Roach**, C. S. Marsden, H. Hooper and A. Palmer.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 13 November, 1915)

ENTERED CAMP

The undermentioned men joined the Claremont camp on the 24th inst.:-

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The undermentioned men joined the camp on 26th inst.:- Privates W. G. Lawes, O. H. Vince, C. S. Compton, **C. J. Roach**, T. A. Board, F. G. Fitzgerald, G. R. Turner, W. G. Bardon, D. Chalwin.

(The North Western Advocate and the Emu Bay Times, Tasmania – 1 March, 1916)

DEATHS

ROACH – On the 17th August, at sea, Private Clifford J. Roach, of St. Patrick's River, of pneumonia, aged 20 years 10 months.

(Examiner, Launceston, Tasmania – 6 September, 1916)

ROLL OF HONOUR

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

Launceston, Monday – The 209th and 210th casualty lists were officially released

TASMANIAN NAMES

DIED OF ILLNESS

488 – Private C. J. Roach, St. Patrick's River, 117/8/16.

(Zeehan and Dundas Herald, Tasmania – 12 September, 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)



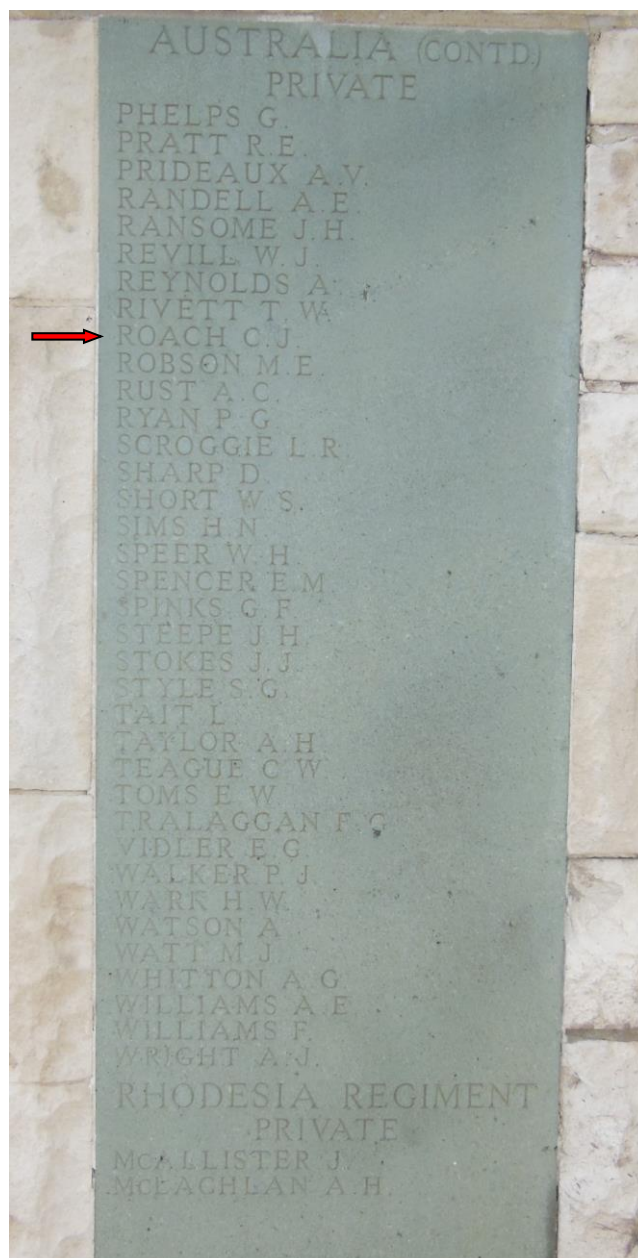


Cross of Sacrifice

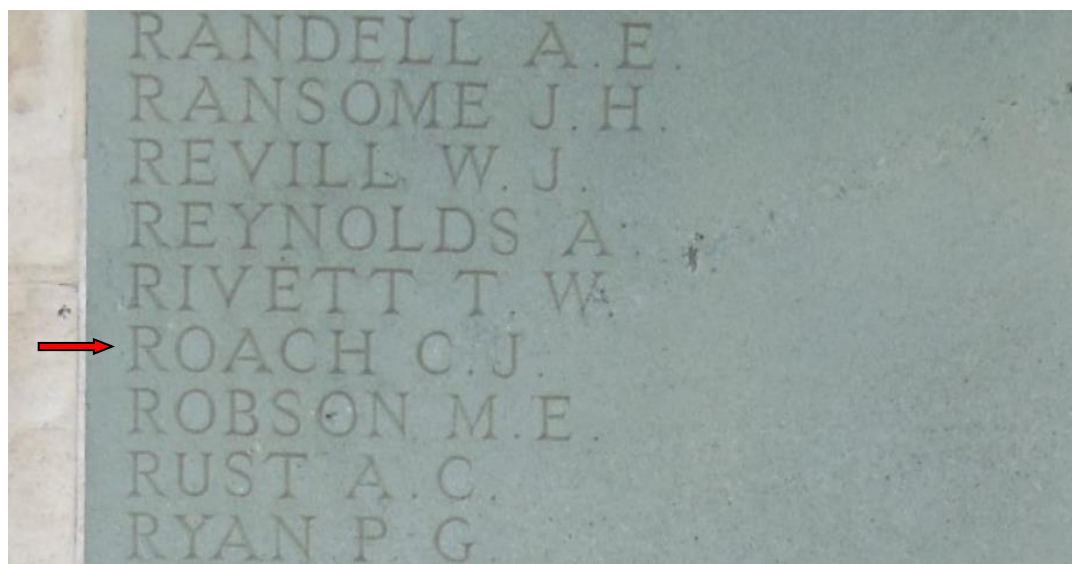


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice

Photo of Private C. J. Roach's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Hollybrook Memorial, Southampton, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)





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

(Photo from CWGC)