

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3454 PRIVATE

A. H. TAYLOR

49TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

15TH FEBRUARY, 1917

Allan Henry TAYLOR

Henry Allan Taylor was born at Ingham, North Queensland on 5th November, 1898 to parents Edward Allan & Ada Elizabeth Taylor (nee Smith). (Note: Allan Henry Taylor recorded on his Attestation Papers that he was born near Herbert River, Victoria. His mother stated on information provided for the Roll of Honour that he was born at Ingham, North Queensland & this is confirmed by a listing on the Queensland Births, Deaths & Marriages website).

Allan Henry Taylor attended State School at Mossman, North Queensland.

Allan Henry Taylor was an 18 year old, single, Labourer from Saltwater, via Port Douglas, North Queensland when he enlisted on 4th November, 1916 at Cairns, Queensland with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Ada Elizabeth Young, Mosman, Saltwater, via Port Douglas, North Queensland.

As Allan Henry Taylor was under the age of 21, his parents were required to sign their consent for their son to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for active service abroad. H. J. Young (stepfather) & A. E. Young (remarried mother) both signed their consent on the “*Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force*” form. His age was listed as 17 on the form.

Private Allan Henry Taylor was posted to 11th Depot Battalion on 2nd December, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to 9th Reinforcements of 49th Battalion on 22nd December, 1916.

Private Allan Henry Taylor applied for Home Leave from 12 pm on 29th December, 1916 & returning at 10.45 on 8th January, 1917. He stated he wanted to travel to nearest Railway Station – Gladstone which would take 18 hours. The reason given for Home Leave “*To fix up land with the mill & to see my parents.*” He was granted 10 days Leave (6 on Pay).

Private Allan Henry Taylor, Service number 3454, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33) on 24th January, 1917 with the 49th Infantry Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

49th Battalion

The 49th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 27 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 9th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 9th, the 49th was predominantly composed of men from Queensland. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)



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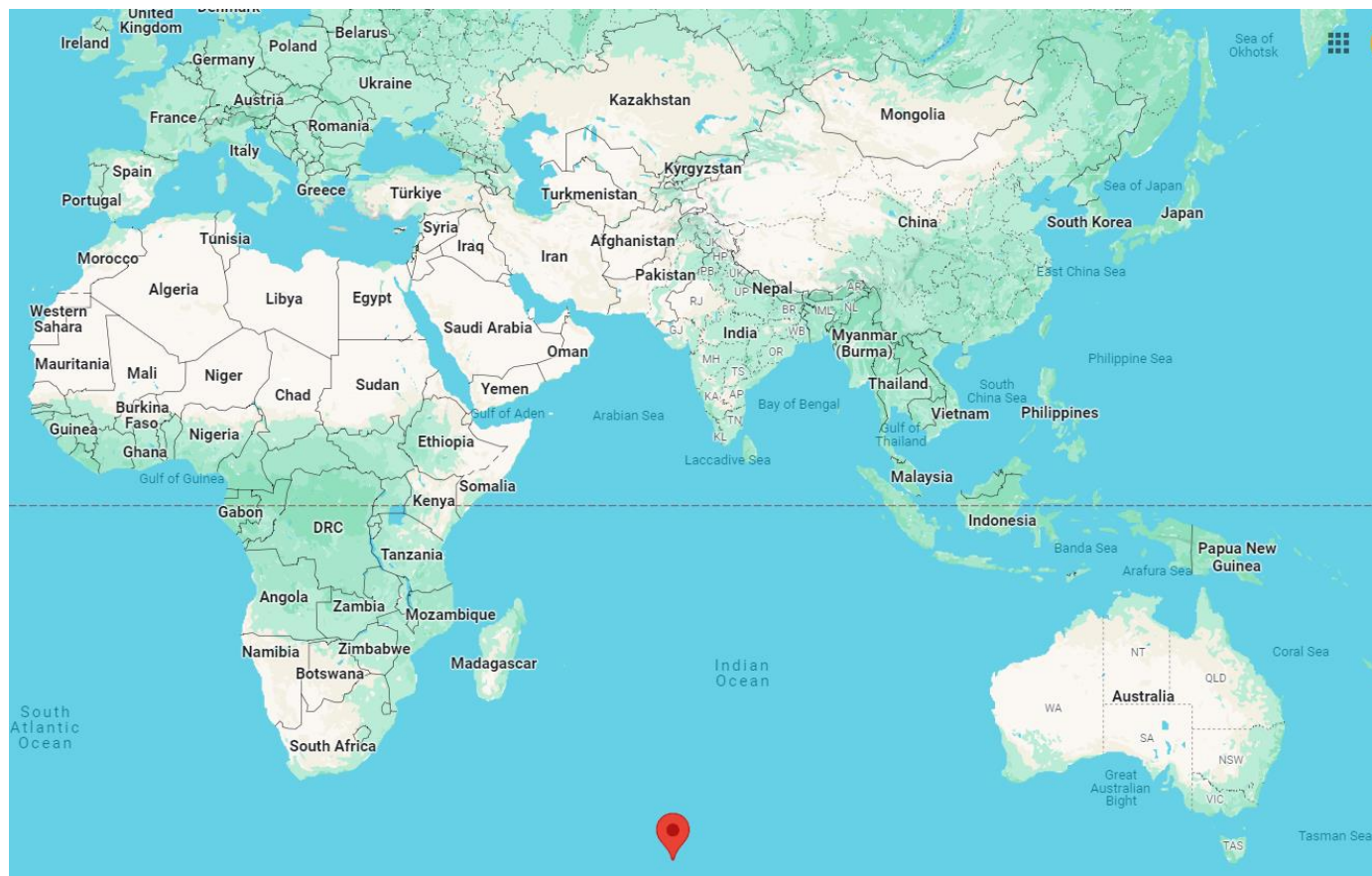
HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33)

Private Allan Henry Taylor was admitted to Ship's Hospital on 5th February, 1917 with Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

Private Allan Henry Taylor died at 9.25 pm on 15th February, 1917 at Sea on board HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33) from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.

According to Register of Deceased Passengers Allan Henry Taylor died on 15th February, 1917 at Latitude 43.00S; Longitude 70.45 E.

(Two other deaths had occurred in *Ayrshire* – Private Eric Arthur Oswald Williams had died on 9th February, 1917 from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis & Private Patrick Keane, had died on 23rd February, 1917 from Capillary Bronchitis, complicating Measles.)



Place of Death of Private Allan Henry Taylor on board HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33)

Private Allan Henry Taylor was buried at Sea on 16th February, 1917 from HMAT *Ayrshire* (A33). 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.

(Note: The Casualty Form – Active Service recorded Private Taylor was buried at Sea on 15th February, 1917, however the “*Report of Death of a Soldier*” form & Statement of Service form recorded he was buried at Sea on 16th February, 1917, although one entry on this form stated he was buried at Sea on 15th February, 1917 & another entry recorded 16th February, 1917. Given the time of death being 9.25 pm on 15th February, 1917 – the burial would have taken place the next day on 16th February, 1917)

A Committee of Adjustment was assembled on 20th February, 1917 on board H.M.A. Transport A33 “*Ayrshire*” for the purpose of securing and making an Inventory, and disposing of the effects of No: 3454 Private Taylor, Allan Henry, Deceased, late of 9th Reinforcement 49th Battalion. List A was made which contained clothing, razor, 2 fountain pens, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 Hammock, 2 blankets etc – these were all thrown overboard on the recommendation of the Senior Medical Officer. List B contained 2 pocket wallets, 1 bunch keys, 1 gold chain, 1 letter, 1 Bank Book & 1 Wristlet Watch – these items were to be disinfected then handed to the Adjutant for despatch to the next of kin.

Ada E. Young, Drumsara, Mossman, wrote to Base Records on 6th June, 1921 in response to a letter Base Records would have sent her requesting to know the closest next of kin of the late Private Allan Henry Taylor. She advised his Stepfather was living, one brother living, two half brothers living, one sister living & father dead.

Private Allan Henry Taylor 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 Taylor's remarried mother - Mrs A. E. Young, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Allan Henry Taylor – service number 3454, of 49th Battalion, Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

Private A. H. Taylor is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 149.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia



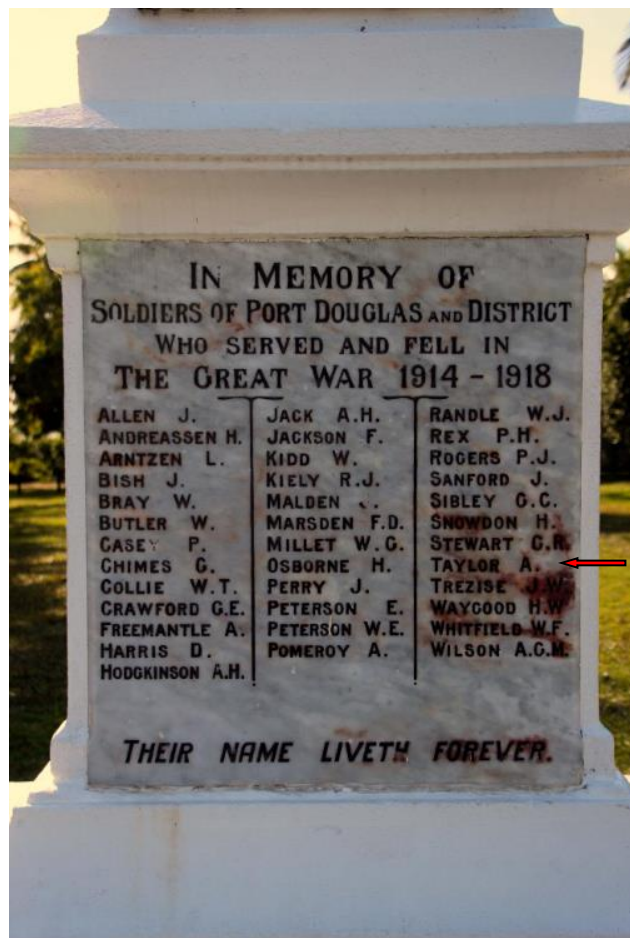
A. Taylor is remembered on Douglas Shire Roll of Honour / Mossman War Memorial, located on Captain Cook Highway, Mossman, Queensland.



Douglas Shire Roll of Honour / Mossman War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride)



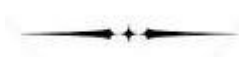
A. Taylor is remembered on Port Douglas War Memorial, located at ANZAC Park, Macrossan & Wharf Streets, Port Douglas, Queensland.

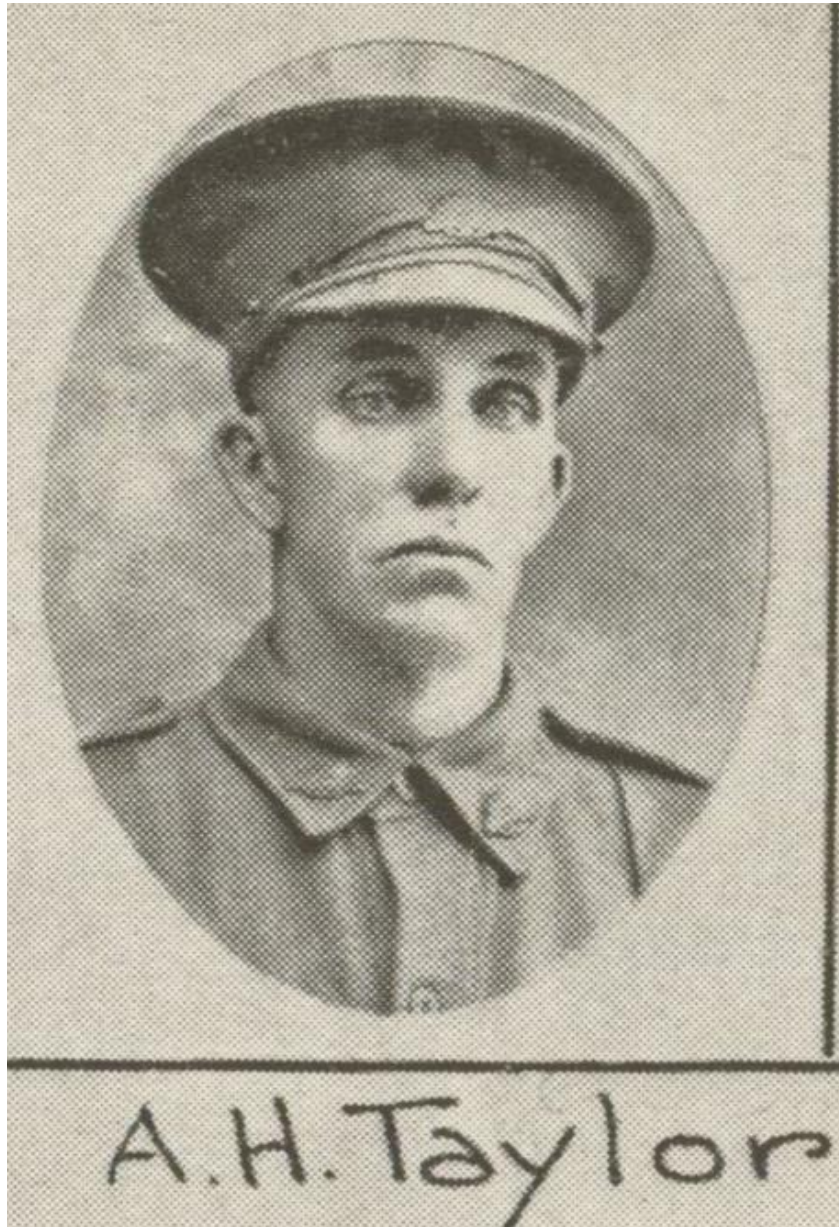


Port Douglas War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Brian Rowe)

(38 pages of Private Allan Henry Taylor'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

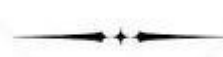




(The Queenslander Pictorial, 14 July, 1917)



THE QUEENSLANDER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINTH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE NUMBER, JULY 14, 1917.—(PAGE 27.)



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOR

280th CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

A. H. Taylor, Mossman

(*Townsville Daily Bulletin*, Queensland – 22 March, 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

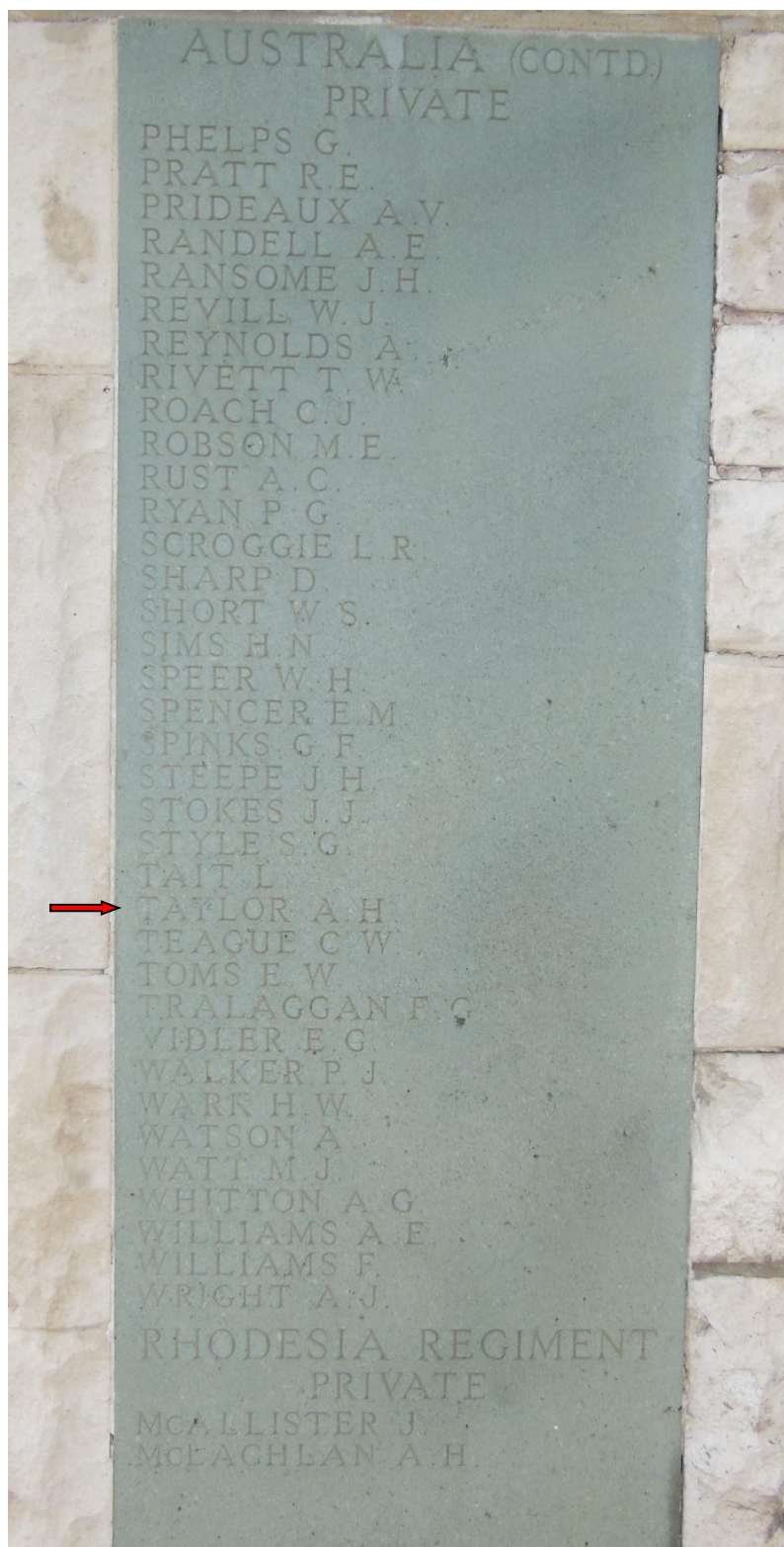


Name Panels behind Cross of Sacrifice *(Photo from CWGC)*



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

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



(Photo by julia&keld – Find a Grave)

