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OF HONOUR
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Dedicated to

**ALL SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN
WHO HAVE SERVED AUSTRALIA**

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INTRODUCTION

BEACONSFIELD AVENUE OF HONOUR PLAQUES

After World War I, towns in Victoria honoured their servicemen by erecting memorials-Honour Boards, Cenotaphs and Avenues of Honour. Beaconsfield placed an Honour Board in their local hall in 1916 adding the names of other soldiers who were connected to the District after the duration of the war. A Cenotaph was erected in 1920 on the corner of Woods Street and Old Princes Highway. The Beaconsfield Progress Association applied to the Roads Board for permission to plant an Avenue of Honour after the main road through Beaconsfield was completed in 1928 (The Argus – 6th July 1928).

Ada Armytage, a local philanthropist of Holm Park, generously donated funds for the planting of the 123 Hybrid Black Poplars in 1929. The Avenue of Trees has been well preserved and still stands proudly along the roadside from Beaconsfield at Cardinia Creek Bridge to the hillcrest of Berwick.

Individual metal name plaques were made for each serviceman but for various reasons were never displayed near the trees. Extensive research has discovered that these plaques were found stored in Adamson's old Hardware Store in Woods Street then handed over in the 1980's to the City of Casey.

When the trees were first planted the area was part of the Shire of Berwick (established in 1868). This area extended from Dandenong Creek to Bunyip. On 1st October 1973 the Shire of Berwick was split, forming the City of Berwick and the Shire of Pakenham with the boundary located at the Cardinia Creek. The trees of the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour were now in the City of Berwick, which later became the City of Casey in 1994.

The late Tony Rushton, a local Beaconsfield resident, located the original metal plaques at the City of Casey Depot. He was responsible for initiating the project that would see the names of the 65 servicemen being displayed on new plaques within the Beaconsfield area.

The Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. decided to ensure that the new plaques were made and displayed. With support from the Victorian Government and Victorian Veterans Council a 'Restoring Community War Memorials Grant' was received in 2013. Penny Harris Jennings undertook the research to ensure the servicemen's names and service numbers were accurate. We are indebted to Penny for the many hours she spent ensuring the accuracy of the information, painstakingly checking service records and service numbers of each serviceman. Her commitment revealed some discrepancies in spelling of names on the old plaques, which have now been corrected to ensure the information displayed on the

new plaques is correct.

The original Honour Board shows the names of 33 servicemen from the Beaconsfield District. Nine of these soldiers made the supreme sacrifice and their names are also listed on the Cenotaph. The Avenue of Honour list includes these 33 servicemen from the Honour Board as well as 32 other servicemen from the Beaconsfield District or servicemen who had moved to the Beaconsfield District after the war. Servicemen from the Armytage family are also included on this list.

In 2014, new bronze plaques were made by Print Professionals and installed by Cardinia Shire and CityWide at Beaconsfield Park, on the corner of Beaconsfield Emerald Road and Old Princes Highway. The Beaconsfield Park Sign and Entrance Gate were originally built in 1939 as a memorial to the soldiers who served in the Great War (WW I). This memorial was generously donated by the Craven sisters of Beaconsfield. (The Argus 24 January 1939p.6)

The Beaconsfield Park was beautified and the Gateway restored in 2011 by Cardinia Shire utilising a Federal Government Grant and contribution from Cardinia Shire making the Park an excellent place to display the new Avenue of Honour plaques.

After 85 years these 65 servicemen have finally been recognized with plaques on display within the Beaconsfield District. In 2014 the Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. with support from Victorian Government and Victorian Veterans Council received an 'Anzac Centenary Community Grant' to enable the publication of the booklet and digital material for the information and stories about the 65 servicemen whose names are on the plaques.

Much of this information had been unavailable until the research was done for the new plaques.

A BATCH OF TWENTY

BEACONSFIELD SOLDIERS 1915

BEACONSFIELD VOLUNTEERS

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (30TH SEPTEMBER 1915)

Great preparations were made by the committee appointed to entertain the local volunteers at the Beaconsfield Hall on Friday evening, and the people in the town and district joined in the movement in an enthusiastic manner, the result being that the function reflected credit upon all concerned, and passed off in a manner that was most gratifying. Mr E Williams the Hon Secretary worked energetically and the residents subscribed liberally. In this connection the irrepressible Harry May gained the highest list amongst the collectors. The ladies deserve special mention for the tasteful manner in which the interior of the hall was decorated with flowers, flags and evergreens, the effect being most pleasing to the eye. Mr Chimside supported the movement in a very generous way. He engaged four pipers for the occasion and in the evening at about 8 o'clock the pipers, attired in their attractive costumes, arrived at Beaconsfield, having marched from Mr Chimside's place. The bagpipes soon aided in attracting a crowd of about 300, and selections were played in front of the hall. Mr Chimside also donated 20 Barling pipes for the local volunteers. Proceedings started with the National Anthem, followed by a few words of welcome by the Chairman Mr Rozier who expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present.

Mr Jennings Jnr played a first-class pianoforte selection, which was followed by selections by the pipers, who then left for Melbourne on the evening train. Cheers were given for the volunteers, and the company joined in singing "They are Jolly Good Fellows". Little Miss D Currie sang The Australian Kangaroos; Mr Hurditch, Molly the Marchioness; Mr F Richardson, Your Country Calls You; Mr E Williams, The Powder Monkey; Mr M Kelly (in costume) Up, Up Early in the Morning, and the Roaming and the Gloaming; Little Miss Lily Richardson, Only One of the Toys; Mr Harding, Asleep in the Deep; and Mr Jennings Snr and Mr Williams, The Battle Eve. The Rev. W. Whiteside said he was pleased to be present to say good-bye to the volunteers, and to wish them God speed; he felt proud of them, was glad they were going to the front, and would be pleased to welcome them home again. It was said that Corporal Jacka's mother didn't want her son to go to the war, but the lad while insisting, remarked that he may gain a V.O. and he got it, too (Applause). The young men with them tonight might do the same; they were going to fight for the freedom of the world, and the good, old flag. Britain had always come out of any serious war in the past, well, and at the moment, although the outlook was black he believed she would emerge from the present struggle just as successfully as she had in the past. He hoped their volunteers would return victorious (Applause).

The Rev. J. Wilson said that their young friends must go, for duty called them, but the

deepest desire in his heart was the delightful pleasure of welcoming them back again. He felt it keenly that so many of the young men had to leave and engage in the conflict, but he was glad of the opportunity to say farewell to them. At Beaconsfield meetings were regularly held, when prayers were offered for men at the front, and these would be continued with especial interest under existing circumstances. His last words were God be with you till we meet again (Applause).

Mr Jas Gibb expressed his pleasure at being present to honour the young men leaving for the front. The district, which he had known for 50 years, had reason to feel proud of them. From his place in New South Wales eight of his best men were leaving to engage in the fight for liberty, as their grandfathers had done years ago. He hoped the young men would return safe and sound, and trusted to be present when they are welcomed home (Applause).

Mr Crozier also joined in wishing the men God speed and a safe return. He had known the district in the early days, and considered during recent years gratifying advancement had been made, he asked the young men to always be gentlemen, paying regard to the language they used, and would ask them to live clean lives in order that the country would eventually benefit. Beaconsfield would then indeed have reason to be proud of them when they returned (Applause). Mr Keast said he had accepted the invitation to be present that evening with a twofold pleasure - he had been with the people of the district in their pleasures and joys, and he was with them at the present time while they were honouring the young men who were going to the front. He wished them God speed and a safe return. At the present time the British Empire was engaged in the biggest fight it had ever been in and in this respect he was proud to say that the Australian lads in Gallipoli had put their names on a roll of honour; no men had ever done better on a battlefield (Applause). We are now fighting for our very existence, and against a powerful nation, but we've got to win the day, and the boys with them tonight were going to help do it. We had to win the day for the peace of the world, and praise God, we will win the day (Applause). Although he did not believe in preference, if there was to be any preference in regard to employment, it should be given to those who returned after fighting for their country. Fathers and mothers of the brave lads fighting at Gallipoli had every reason to feel proud of their sons and what had already been accomplished. At present the outlook was serious; Bulgaria was mobilising troops and it looked as if she would fight with Turkey, but, in that case no doubt Greece and Romania would join the Allies. We will win this war, but our troops must be prepared to fight, not only at Gallipoli, but wherever they were required. Great Britain has raised an army of 3,000,000 also 800,000 for making munitions and he had no doubt the boys with them tonight will do their duty, and maintain the honour of Australia. It would be found that the British soldiers were as good as ever and it not be forgotten that the Germans hadn't touched the Navy yet (A voice - they can't touch it). It was the mothers, however, who were making the biggest sacrifice in regard to the volunteers, and they had his sympathy. Beaconsfield had sent the largest proportion, according to population, than any other part of Australia, and he felt proud of the fact. He felt that a

great destiny awaited Victoria, but the people must economise and live within their income, for 20,000,000 pounds had been borrowed and in the near future 25,000,000 would be required. Before concluding he wished to refer to the public spirited generosity of Mr Chirnside, who had set a splendid example by donating a motor ambulance, and had also liberally contributed to the function that night, for which he (the speaker) desired to thank him (Applause).

Mr Keast on behalf of the residents of Beaconsfield presented the following with wristlet watches - Privates Alex May, Jas Adamson, H Harbour, D Tulk, John Tucker, Tom Sterry, L Paternoster, Whiteside, F White, A Childs, A Bragg, J Rix, J Osborne, A Bryman, H McNaughton, Sweeney, L Christie, John Adamson and Corporal Luke. And, on behalf of Mr Chirnside, each was presented with a Barling pipe. Three hearty cheers were then given for the volunteers, three more for their mothers and fathers, and another round of cheers for Mr and Mrs Adamson, who have three sons with the expeditionary forces.

Corporal Barnett, who briefly responded, returned thanks for the presentations made, and also acknowledged the splendid manner in which they had been treated by the people of the district. A flashlight photo of the assemblage was taken by Mr Luke. Mr Keast on behalf of the residents, extended a welcome home to Private Gardiner, recently returned from Gallipoli. Private Gardiner said that, although he was glad to be amongst his friends again, he hoped to recover from the wounds he received, so that he could once more take his place in the firing line. He would never forget the experience he had gone through, and it could scarcely be imagined how much help was needed two days after the troops landed in Gallipoli. Acclamation from the audience took the form of singing He's a Jolly Good Fellow. The chairman on behalf of the members of the congregations of the Church of England, Congregational Church and the Methodist Church, presented Mr John Adamson with a silver pencil, a notebook, and a testament. Mr Adamson Snr responded on behalf of his son, who was unable to be present. On the motion of Messrs H May and Thompson, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr Keast, Mr Chirnside and the performers. Mr Keast suitably replied. At about 11 o'clock Corporal Rix and Private Childs put in an appearance, it appears that when they reached Melbourne, from Seymour, they were too late to complete the journey by train, so a taxi was requisitioned. Thus it was that they were enabled to be present at the send-off, and they were hailed upon the platform to address a few words to their Beaconsfield friends. An elaborate and abundant supper was provided by the ladies and the large attendance did full justice to the good things provided. The hall was then cleared for dancing and an enjoyable programme of dances was indulged in to the strains of excellent music supplied by an efficient band.

AVENUE OF HONOUR HISTORY

AVENUES OF HONOUR

GIPPSLAND TIMES (25TH APRIL 1918)

Professor Ernest Scott, of the Melbourne University, says:- Every little township set in the great plains or homed in the quiet hollows of the hills, every place of whatever kind from which men have gone, should have its avenue or grove, each tree bearing a metal plate - perhaps also the enamelled Battalion colours - with the name, corps, recital of the battles, honours won, the full tale of the heroes' accomplishments in war, engraved upon it. It might be worthwhile to distinguish merit by particular trees, say, oaks for the Victoria Cross men, beeches for the Military Cross men and so forth. It should be known to every man serving, or about to serve, that somewhere in his own country - in the place where he is born, or where he lived when he enlisted - there would grow a tree telling his tale of honourable service to generations to come, a tree which would grow nobler with the years, beneath whose shade some would often gather, and look up to the bronze plaque, and read the name and record respectfully a tree where in the birds would sing his praises from season to season down the long avenue of time.

EXTRACTS FROM DR ALLAN CORREY (THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, 1994)

Nearly all cultures have found ways of remembering wars and honouring the war heroes. The first conflict in which Australia was involved was the South African War of 1899-1902 and memorials to those who served were erected. However it was the Great War of 1914-1918, which affected the lives of so many people, that fostered an enormous community need to establish lasting memorials than any other country. Originally memorials were monuments of stone; buildings and arches were favoured at first. Planting trees was seen as a symbol of hope for the future but above all it was seen as something tangible, which ordinary people could become personally involved with.

The idea of planting trees as war memorials appears to have originated in Great Britain in 1918 when the office of the Kings Highway issued a pamphlet titled "Roads of Remembrance as War Memorials". The two objectives of this program were to transform suitable existing highways "to the dignity of Roads of Remembrance adorned with trees" and to organise the building of highways "of exceptional dignity and beauty with open spaces at intervals as special memorials in the Great War". The first and most famous avenue of honour was the one planted between 1917 and 1919, at Ballarat in Victoria.

Plants have long been associated with specific symbolism. Trees which are vertical or pyramidal such as poplars and cypress are often used to symbolise "the elevation of the soul from worldly concerns and focusing heavenward on the external" (Professor James Stevens Curl, Architectural Historian).

BEACONSFIELD SOLDIERS

BEACONSFIELD

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (10TH JULY 1919)

A social was held in the Public Hall on Friday night to welcome home several "diggers" who had recently returned. The hall was tastefully decorated with gum leaves and flags of the Allies. Almost 200 people were present, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Cr Martin officiated as chairman and welcomed the boys home on behalf of the residents of Beaconsfield. Cr Anderson also welcomed them back, and said the council would stand by the soldiers and see that they got a fair deal. A short musical programme arranged by the secretary Mr Williams was greatly appreciated, the following contributing – Mrs F Richardson, Miss G May, Miss E Anderson, Messrs Kerr, Paxton and Meeking. Mrs Cliff and Miss Williams played the accompaniments. The boys got a very warm reception when they were asked to come on the platform to receive a gold medal each, given by the residents. Cr Groves M.L.A. made the presentations, and in a stirring speech, roused great enthusiasm. Following are the names of those who received the medal: - Sgt G Grant, Cpls C Whiteside and Barnett, Ptes Luke, Bryant, R Adamson, Jack Adamson, J B Adamson, N N Warmbrunn, Brown, R Williams, F F Williams, Pettit, Sweeney and M (William) McNaughton. Cpl Whiteside responded on behalf of the "diggers". Supper was then handed around, after which dancing was indulged in until the wee small hours.

Note:- Jack (John) Adamson
M McNaughton, William was known as Mick.

ROLL OF HONOUR BOARD HISTORY

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (14TH OCTOBER 1915)

A sufficient amount of money remains in the hands of the soldiers' farewell committee to purchase a Roll of Honour board, to be hung in the public hall. Photographer Luke is preparing an enlargement of the flashlight photo with the individual photos of the "boys" which he intends to present to the hall committee as a memento of the historical event.

ROLL OF HONOUR BOARD HISTORY

Originally the Roll of Honour was a list of local war volunteers displayed in a public area usually on notice boards at community clubs, churches or schools. The list was written to acknowledge the local men who had volunteered for the First World War. A town community group would instigate the idea and a list would be written of the known local people.

Discussion then led to the want of a permanent memorial in the form of a "Roll of Honour Board".

The first known board was erected at South State School, Castlemaine on the 11th February 1915.

The erection of Honour Boards became popular all over Australia including large and small towns. Community groups held their meetings, nominated a person, usually the secretary, to compile a list and then a board would be made and hung with great pride at the establishment of choice.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

"Honour boards and rolls were erected in many local schools, halls, churches and offices as a means of acknowledging the commitment made by the community to the Military forces.

The criteria used for inclusion of the names on an honour board were determined by those creating the board and can vary. For example, the board may only include those who were born in the town, those who enlisted in the town, those who were living or working in the town when they enlisted or veterans who became associated with the area after the war when the honour board was being created. Some honour boards include all those who served and others only list who died in the war. In most cases an individual may appear on more than one honour board".

ADA ELIZABETH ARMYTAGE

PHILANTHROPIST

Ada was born in 1859 at Balmoral, Victoria, Australia. Ada's mother Mrs Caroline Armytage purchased Holm Park, Beaconsfield in 1884. After Caroline's death in 1909, Ada continued to live predominantly at Beaconsfield. Ada worked for the Returned Soldiers, Red Cross and the Comfort Fund; doing "her bit" for the war effort.

WEEKLY TIMES (23RD FEBRUARY 1918)
SPECIAL EFFORT MADE

Headed by Miss Ada Armytage and Miss A Craven, the Beaconsfield Patriotic League will make a special effort this month to raise funds for the Australian Comforts Fund. Misses Craven, who have charge of the post and telegraph office at Beaconsfield, have converted one of their residential rooms into a shop for the sale of clothing, household goods, and novelties. These goods command a ready sale and as there is no scarcity of donations the organisers intend to conduct sales until Easter. Another attraction is an entertainment to be given at the Beaconsfield Hall on Friday evening, when a returned soldier, under the theatrical name of "Haroldi" will do a conjuring turn. "Haroldi" has no fewer than twenty-seven wounds as a result of his experiences in the present war, one of his scars being received at Lone Pine. Many interesting curios have been forwarded for exhibition. These include a pre-reformation gold cross, a Queen Elizabeth sampler, bits of mosaic from Pompeii and Rome, a cameo of the George III period, and other relics. At the close of the entertainment various articles will be sold by auction.

THE ARGUS (6TH JULY 1928)
BEACONSFIELD

The progress association has applied to the Country Roads Board to plant an avenue of honour on the Princes Highway.

The Avenue of Honour was initiated by the BPA. Ada Armytage philanthropist donated the funds and instigated the tree planting. The original avenue consisted of 123 Hybrid Black Poplar Trees. They were planted in 1929 to honour the Beaconsfield locals who had served in the First World War.

The original plaques were made by local men; not only were local men commemorated others have been included such as Ada's relatives.

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY (29TH JANUARY 1935)

Miss Armytage was the founder of the Pass it on Club, and has always been busy with philanthropic work.

Early in 1914 she had innumerable tiny Belgian flags made and sold them in aid of the Belgians, and out of her charming idea grew the flag days, and later, the button days, that raised such huge sums during the war.

Ada died on the 2nd September 1939 at Beaconsfield, Victoria.

She was cremated on the 5th September 1939 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.



“Honouring and celebrating Life”

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ADAMSON James Randle I

SERVICE N° 19

James Randle Adamson was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations at Bellicourt on 29th September 1918. Discharged on the 15th August 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

On the 23rd December 1919 James married Ethel Sedgman in Essendon, Victoria. After the war James continued to live in Beaconsfield and was employed as a carpenter/ builder. Died in March 1958 at Beaconsfield, Victoria. Funeral service was on the 17th March 1958, buried at Berwick Cemetery, Victoria.

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (16th January 1919)

Signaller JR Adamson, son of Mr J Adamson, J.P. of Beaconsfield has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous gallantry at Bellicourt. Sig Adamson is identical with the left hand bowler of the Berwick team in pre-war days, a good sport and fine cricketer. He left in November, 1915, with the 29th Battalion, and has passed through every stunt that the 29th were in, unscathed. He has two other brothers on active service also – Bob, in the 13th L.H, and Jack in the Army Medical. Truly a patriotic family.

Name	ADAMSON James Randle
Service N°	19
Rank	Signaller
Roll	29 Infantry Battalion November 1915
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	10th November 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ascanius All
Age	31 years
Birth Place	15th April 1884, Petersham, New South Wales
Father	James Adamson, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Agnes Maud Mary Randle
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Carpenter
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	10th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Black

2 ADAMSON John

SERVICE N° 10131

John Adamson returned to Australia on the 12th May 1919. Discharged on the 7th June 1919. In 1915 John was the Hon Secretary for the Beaconsfield Sports Club. On the 30th April 1923 John married Elaine Pell from Colac, Victoria. After the war he continued his occupation as carpenter. John and his family were well known residents of Beaconsfield. Died on the 6th November 1978. Cremated on the 9th November 1978 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

BERWICK SHIRE GUARDIAN (9th April 1914)

Residents of Beaconsfield and surrounding district are looking forward to the annual gathering of the Beaconsfield Athletic Club on Easter Monday 13th April for which Messrs JR & John Adamson are making preparations.

Name	ADAMSON John
Service N°	10131
Rank	Private
Roll	1 Australian Stationary Hospital 14-16 Reinforcements. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital 14-16 Reinforcements. Dermatological Hospital 3 and 4 Reinforcements. 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station 3-5 Reinforcements. 2 Casualty Clearing Station and 1-5 Reinforcements. 3 Australian Casualty Clearing Station 1 Reinforcements. 1 Sanitary Section 1-5 Reinforcements. (Nov 1915 - May 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	29th March 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	RMS Orontes
Age	27 years
Birth Place	1889, Malvern, Victoria
Father	James Adamson, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Agnes Maud Mary (Randle) Adamson
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Carpenter
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	30th August 1915
Height	5 feet, 7 ½ inches
Complexion	Medium; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Dark

ADAMSON Robert Syme 3

SERVICE N° 631

Robert Syme Adamson returned to Australia on the 27th April 1919. Discharged on the 9th August 1919. Died on the 13th October 1952. Buried on the 15th October 1952 at Berwick Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (19th May 1915)

A most enjoyable valedictory social evening and presentation was given to Pte R Adamson at Beaconsfield. There was an exceptionally large attendance and in the capable hands of Mr Geo Bould everything went as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell. After dancing had been enjoyed for about two hours Mr A R Bragg, who acted as chairman, delivered an address, referring to complimentary terms to the guest of the evening; Messrs E Williams, J Rosier and H McCann also spoke. All the addresses were patriotic in spirit and were particularly suited to the occasion. The chairman, on behalf of the local residents, presented Pte Adamson with a handsome wristlet watch, a fountain pen and suitably inscribed gold medal and asked him to accept them as a token of goodwill and esteem. Mr James Adamson returned the thanks on behalf of his son in a few chosen remarks. A sumptuous supper was enjoyed and dancing resumed. The patriotic element was very pronounced at the gathering, and since then quite a number of Beaconsfield boys have signified their intention of enlisting.

Name	ADAMSON Robert Syme
Service N°	631
Rank	Private
Roll	13 Light Horse Regiment 1-7 Reinforcements (June-Nov 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	25th June 1915
City	Sydney
Ship	HMAT Ceramic A40
Age	22 years
Birth Place	8th August 1892, Berwick, Victoria
Father	James Adamson, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Agnes Maud Mary (Randle) Adamson
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Station Hand
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	20th January 1915, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Complexion	Medium; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Light Brown

4 ARMYTAGE Charles Morrel

SERVICE N° 543

Charles Morrel Armytage married on the 14th December 1914 to Margery Pamela Tustin.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

On 8th June 1915 Ada Armytage writes to the Officer in Charge at the War Office regarding her nephews. Ada writes that all correspondence regarding her nephews be forwarded to her as her brother, the father of Charles and Clive, is suffering from a heart "affection".

On the 14th August 1915 Charles contracts typhoid in Alexandria, Egypt.

Charles is discharged on the 21st October 1916 to serve in a temporary commission in the Special Reserve, Royal Field Artillery. Died on the 18th September 1960. Buried in September 1960 at Dunkeld Cemetery, South Australia.

Name	ARMYTAGE Charles Morrel
Service N°	543
Rank	Private
Roll	4 Light Horse Regiment (October 1914)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19th October 1914
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wiltshire A18
Age	20 years
Birth Place	14th May 1894, Melbourne, Victoria
Father	Charles Norman Learmouth Armytage, South Yarra, Melbourne
Mother	Leila Matilda Buckland (Halloran) Armytage
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Jackaroo
Residence	"Alta Vista", Punt Road, South Yarra
Enlisted	19th September 1914
Height	6 feet, ½ inch
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Light Brown

ARMYTAGE Clive Norman 5

SERVICE N° 551

Clive Norman Armytage was discharged on the 14th September 1916, being appointed to a Cadet Artillery Brigade, Imperial Army, England.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Married in 1926 to Viva Youngman of "Retreat Station", Casterton, Victoria. Died on the 10th April 1942 at Casterton, Victoria. Buried in April 1942 at Casterton, Victoria.

PORTLAND GUARDIAN (16th April 1942)

MR CLIVE ARMYTAGE.

The death occurred on Friday evening of Mr Clive Norman Armytage, of Wando Estate, near Casterton in his forty ninth year. Mr Armytage was mustering sheep on his property about 5.45pm, when he was overcome by heart attack; he died later in the evening. Mr Armytage was born at Holm Park, Beaconsfield on May 24th, 1893, being the eldest of a family of four- three boys and a girl. His brothers were C M Armytage and H F Armytage, and his sister, Edna, (Mrs L M Bailey). He was educated at Greenvale and Geelong Grammar schools. He enlisted with the 4th Australian Light Horse at the commencement of the Great War, served on the Gallipoli campaign and was later granted a commission in the R.F.A. (Special Service). He served in France, where he won the Military Cross. In 1926, Mr Armytage married Miss Viva Youngman, of Retreat Station, Casterton. There were two children, Norman and Patricia.

Name	ARMYTAGE Clive Norman
Service N°	551
Rank	Private
Roll	4 Light Horse Regiment (October 1914)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19th October 1914
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wiltshire A18
Age	22 years
Birth Place	24th May 1893, "Holm Park", Beaconsfield, Victoria
Father	Charles Norman Learmouth Armytage, "Alta Vista", South Yarra
Mother	Leila Matilda Buckland (Halloran) Armytage
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Jackaroo
Residence	"Alta Vista", South Yarra, Melbourne, Victoria
Enlisted	24th September 1914
Height	6 feet
Complexion	Dark; Eyes- Yellowish; Hair- Dark Brown

6 ARMYTAGE Edward Oscar

SERVICE N° 159827

In 1901 Edward was living in Kensington, England. In 1914 Edward was living at "Holm Park", Beaconsfield. His occupation was given as "Independent means".



Ada Armytage and Edward were cousins. Died on the 13th March 1946 at Surrey, England. Buried in March 1946 at Guildford, Surrey, England.

THE DAILY NEWS (14th May 1915)

Among the passengers in transit by the Maloja, this week was Mr Edward Armytage, son of the late Oscar Armytage, of Melbourne, who is travelling to England to join the Officers Training Corps at Harrow preparatory to going to the front.

THE COLAC HERALD (10th July 1916) - WINCHELSEA.

Word has been received in Winchelsea that Lieutenant Edward Oscar Armytage, of the Black Watch Regiment and the son of the late Mr Oscar Armytage, of Ingleby Station, has been seriously wounded in the recent heavy fighting on the Flanders front.

THE ARGUS (10th May 1946) - MR EDWARD O ARMYTAGE.

The death occurred in England on March 13th of Mr Edward O Armytage, the Timbiens, Bramley, Surrey, England. He was the only son of Oscar F Armytage of Ingleby Station, Winchelsea, Victoria. He was educated at Harrow, and held a commission in the Black Watch and served in France during the First World War. In the Second World War he re-joined this regiment and became a Major serving in Egypt in GHQ. He was at El Alamein before and after the advance. Between the two wars he travelled extensively and while in Egypt he was decorated by the French Government for his interest in the revival of Aramaic Art. He had the distinction of becoming a fellow of the Royal Etymological Society of England before he was 21.

Name	ARMYTAGE Edward Oscar
Service N°	159827
Rank	2nd Lieutenant, British Army
Roll	3rd Battalion, Royal Highlanders, The Black Watch
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Age	23 years
Birth Place	1893, South Yarra, Melbourne, Victoria
Father	Oscar Ferdinand Armytage, "Ingleby Station", Winchelsea, Vic
Mother	Maud Andrew, Guildford, Surrey, England

ARMYTAGE Gerald Mostyn 7

SERVICE N° 21992

Gerald Mostyn Armytage was awarded on the 24th June 1917 the Military Medal for bravery in the field. Gerald returned to Australia on the 23rd July 1919. Discharged on the 1st August 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Gerald married Myrtle Mooreland Davis on the 20th December 1920. On the 28th July 1923 the Victory medal was forwarded to Gerald Armytage at his residence, "Glenronald", Glenthompson, Victoria.

Nephew of Ada Armytage. Died in 1966 at Ballarat, Victoria. Buried in 1966 at Ballarat, Victoria.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA GAZETTE (4th January 1918)

"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for Bravery in the Field to undermentioned soldier.

No 21992 Gunner GM Armytage."

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No 219 of 20th December 1917.

Name	ARMYTAGE Gerald Mostyn
Service N°	21992
Rank	Gunner
Roll	23 Howitzer Brigade & 1-10 Reinforcements & Brigade Ammunition Column (May 1916-February 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	20th May 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Medic A7
Age	19 years
Birth Place	6th December 1896, South Yarra, Victoria
Father	George Herbert Armytage, "Yarrala", St Georges Road, Toorak
Mother	Amelia Fanny Tyler
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Residence	St Georges Road, Toorak, Victoria
Enlisted	3rd February 1916
Height	5 feet, 6 ½ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Black

8 ARMYTAGE Neville Fairbairn

SERVICE N° 38944

Neville Fairbairn Armytage returned to Australia on the 11th August 1919. Discharged on the 4th September 1919. On the 24th April 1923 Neville married Joyce C Landale in Deniliquin, New South Wales. They lived at "Warianna", River Street, Deniliquin. Neville's occupation was listed as Grazier. Died on the 15th May 1973 at Deniliquin, New South Wales. Cremated on the 17th May 1973 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

THE ADVERTISER ADELAIDE (14th May 1917)

ANSWERED THE CALL. - ENLISTMENTS - PUBLIC SCHOOLS BATTALION.

A fine example of those attending to enlist in the Public Schools Battalion was set by Neville Fairbairn Armytage, 20, of Punt Road, South Yarra, who walked into the town hall recruiting depot this morning with his college colours flying and enlisted for service. This young recruit rowed with the Geelong Grammar crew in 1915-1916 and is a fine specimen of young Australian manhood. He described himself as a jackaroo on Mundiwa Station, Deniliquin.

Name	ARMYTAGE Neville Fairbairn
Service N°	38944
Rank	Gunner
Roll	Field Artillery Brigade 27-35 Reinforcements (Nov 1917-Jun 1918)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	26th November 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	SS Indarra
Age	20 years
Birth Place	13th September 1896, Armadale, Victoria
Father	Charles Norman Armytage, "Alta Vista", Punt Road, South Yarra
Mother	Leila Matilda Buckland (Halloran) Armytage
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Jackaroo
Residence	"Alta Vista", Punt Road, South Yarra
Enlisted	12th May 1917
Height	6 feet
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Fair

BARNETT Thomas Frederick 9

SERVICE N° 10803

In 1910 Thomas married Alice Maud Larkin. Returned to Australia on the 28th June 1919. Discharged on the 14th December 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Thomas and Maud lived in Beaconsfield until 1931. They then resided at 277 Dandenong Road, Malvern. Died on the 9th November 1960 at St Kilda, Victoria. Funeral service on the 11th November 1960, buried at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

THE ARGUS (5th June 1911)

FLIGHTS FROM FIRE - ESCAPES BY NIGHT.

DRESSING IN THE BUSH - BEACONSFIELD UPPER, SATURDAY.

On Friday night a cottage owned by Mrs Larkin, and built on the Quamby settlement at Beaconsfield Upper was destroyed by fire. Mr Barnett, a son-in-law and two youths were staying at the cottage, and retired to bed early. When around half-past 8 o'clock the fire had such a hold that the occupants had just time to snatch up their clothes and escape. They dressed in the bush.

Name	BARNETT Thomas Frederick
Service N°	10803
Rank	Wheeler
Roll	3 Divisional Train, Nos 22-25 Companies, (Army Service Corps) & 1 Reinforcements, (includes Headquarters), (May-June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	3rd June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Persic A34
Age	27 years
Birth Place	1887, St Kilda, Victoria
Father	Samuel Barnett, Derby Road, Caulfield East
Mother	Kate (Belbin) Barnett
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Carpenter
Residence	Mrs Alice Maud Barnett, C/O Mrs Bond, 146 Napier Street, South Melbourne
Enlisted	23rd July 1915, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

10 BAUSCH Frederick William

SERVICE N° 3016

Frederick William Bausch returned to Australia on the 3rd July 1919. Discharged on the 25th October 1919. On the 18th December 1920 Frederick married Hazel Jessie Louise Williams. In 1924 Frederick and Hazel moved to Mologa near Bendigo, Victoria. Died on the 25th April 1975 at Bendigo, Victoria. Buried on the 28th April 1975 at Bendigo Lawn Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (21st September 1916)

BEACONSFIELD.

A send off was given to Private Fred Bausch last week in the hall. The guest was presented by Cr Geo Martin, on behalf of the residents, with a wristlet watch. Opportunity was taken to unveil the Roll of Honour that had been hung in the hall. It is a piece of work, done by Mr Luke, and contains photos of the soldiers who have gone to the front.

Name	BAUSCH Frederick William
Service N°	3016
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Light Horse Regiment 15-31 Reinforcements (April 1916-Nov 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19th September 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Clan MacCorquodale A6
Age	21 years
Birth Place	1896, Warracknabeal, Victoria
Father	Frederick Bausch
Mother	Mrs Julia Annie Burrell, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Carpenter
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	5th July 1916, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

James returned to Australia on the 18th July 1919. Discharged on the 30th October 1919. James married Elizabeth E Cox in Durham, England.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

After the war James lived at "Hillcrest", Beaconsfield, Victoria. In the 1940's James and Elizabeth resided at Dandenong Road, Frankston and he was employed as a hospital attendant. Died on the 12th June 1958 in Victoria. Cremated on the 13th June 1958 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

THE ARGUS (20th June 1921)

BEACONSFIELD MURDER.

ARREST HOPED FOR, CLUE BEING FOLLOWED.

Perhaps the most important piece of information now being sifted by Detective Milne is a story told to police by James Binks, a carter living at Beaconsfield. He states that when driving along Quamby Road near the Sheard's home about 11 o'clock on the morning when the crime was discovered, he saw in one of Sheard's paddocks what he described as a "person dressed in woman's clothing" moving quickly across the cleared land in the direction of the bush. A thorough search for 10 miles around has failed to reveal any trace of this mysterious person.

Name	BINKS James
Service N°	1703
Rank	Private
Roll	13 Light Horse Regiment 8-23 Reinforcements (May 1916-Feb 1918)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th May 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Clan MacCorquodale A6
Age	23 years
Birth Place	4th August 1887, Nateby, West Morland, England
Father	George Binks
Mother	Elizabeth (Spooner) Binks
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Melton Railway Line, Victoria
Enlisted	4th January 1916
Height	5 feet, 3 ½ inches
Complexion	Dark; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Brown

12 BONETTE Francis Leonard David

SERVICE N° 1890

Francis Leonard David Bonette returned to Australia on 16th June 1919. Discharged on 30th December 1919. On 7th July 1915

David married Elsie Maisie Fairthorne; in 1923 a divorce was granted, David gave his address as Bull & Mouth Hotel, Bourke Street, Melbourne describing himself as a Military Pensioner. In 1924 David Bonette was residing at "Holm Park", Beaconsfield; he listed his occupation as student.

In 1933 L David Bonette Esq, "Holm Park" wrote and requested names from the war office to organise a reunion. David Bonette assisted Ada Armytage with her functions which included charity balls, debutante balls, fundraisers and the boy scouts. David lived at "Holm Park " until the death of Ada Armytage; he then resided at 18 Teak Street, Caulfield, occupation Soldier as he re-enlisted for WWII. Died on the 5th April 1954 at Parkville, Victoria. Cremated on the 7th April 1954 at Fawkner Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

THE ARGUS (7th October 1918)

Reported wounded with a gunshot wound to the left knee, Cpl D. Bonette, Clifton Hill.

THE ARGUS (8th April 1954)

DEATH NOTICE.

David Bonette loved brother of Herbert (dec), Eileen (Mrs Jones) and Leo.

Name	BONETTE Francis Leonard David
Service N°	1890
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Reinforcements, 21st Battalion
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	26th August 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	Unknown, destination Cairo
Age	19 years
Birth Place	16th November 1895, Federal Palace Hotel, Melbourne, Vic
Father	James Herbert Bonette, Federal Palace Hotel, Melbourne, Vic
Mother	Molly Anastasis (O'Loughlan) Bonette
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Chemistry student
Residence	97 Hodgkinson Street, Clifton Hill, Victoria
Enlisted	21st June 1915
Height	5 feet, 6½ inches
Complexion	Sallow; Eyes- Blue/Grey; Hair- Dark Brown

Arthur Robert Bragg married Emily Culverwell (Curel) on 19th January 1908 in Queensland. On the 4th September 1913, the License for the Gippsland Hotel, Beaconsfield, was transferred from Mr Umhauer to Mr Bragg. At a Valedictory Social evening on the 19th May 1915 Arthur was the Chairman.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

BERWICK ADVOCATE (19th August 1915)

Emily Bragg applied for a transfer of the Central Hotel, Beaconsfield, from her husband, Arthur Robert Bragg who is going to war. Mrs Bragg gave evidence that she intended to carry on the business during the absence of her husband- Granted.

Arthur Robert Bragg and Emily Bragg were granted a divorce on the 25th November 1915.

28th July 1916, Arthur is reported missing.

LETTER TO OFFICER IN CHARGE OF BASE RECORDS, MELBOURNE. (4th March 1917)

"Emily Bragg writes I am very anxious to know as when we hear of them missing it keeps us hoping on. Perhaps you could now give me something definite as it is more than 6 months now. Could you also inform me about his Will if he left any? I am sorry to trouble you so much but I hope under the circumstances you will forgive me and send me a few particulars of his Will as nothing you sent would hurt me now".

In Reply:

"No further information is available, every endeavour is being made by the British Army authorities to obtain definite information concerning these issues, and any further reports received will be promptly transmitted. In the mean-time it is regretted nothing can be done from this end".

21st August 1917 Court inquiry decides Arthur "Killed in action", France.

Name	BRAGG Arthur Robert †
Service N°	2564
Rank	Private
Roll	24 Infantry Battalion 1-8 Reinforcements (May 1915-Jan 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th October 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ulysses A38
Age	39 years
Birth Place	20th February 1876, West Maitland, New South Wales
Father	Edmund Togwell Bragg, Gosford, New South Wales
Mother	Harriet Elizabeth (Grant) Bragg
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Publican
Residence	100 Powlett Street, East Melbourne
Enlisted	2nd August 1915, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 5½ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Light Brown, Balding

14 BRAIN Albert John

SERVICE N° 356

On 24th September Albert was wounded in action, a gunshot wound to the right arm. Returned to Australia on the 2nd January 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Discharged on the 15th May 1919. Albert married Olive Maud Shelton; after Olive died Albert married Lillian Nora Vincent McAllan. Between 1914 to 1928 Albert was an orchard hand at Beaconsfield Upper. Then tragedy struck.

THE ARGUS. (25th January 1928)

Beaconsfield Upper, Tuesday; Mrs Beeching a visitor from Melbourne, was spending a holiday with her sister, Mrs Bert Brain, at North Beaconsfield. Yesterday afternoon Mrs Beeching's son, aged four years, was in the yard with Mrs Brain's young son, who apparently went to the man's room and obtained a loaded gun. A report was heard, and Mrs Beeching's son was found shot in the head. He died a few moments afterward.

Consequently the Brains moved to Hastings and then in 1942 Albert resided in Footscray and listed his occupation as Boiler attendant.

Died on the 26th July 1961 at Van Ness Ave, Maribymong, Victoria.

Cremated on the 27th July 1961 at Western Suburbs Crematorium, Altona.

Name	BRAIN Albert John
Service N°	356
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Pioneer Battalion (June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wandilla A62
Age	29 years
Birth Place	1896, London, England
Father	George Brain, 349 Swan Street, Richmond
Mother	Maud (Featherstone) Brain
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Arthurs Creek, Strathewen (Kinglake), Victoria
Enlisted	18th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 4 inches
Complexion	Fresh/Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Light Brown

Wounded in action 22nd October 1917. On the 29th October 1917 Percy was admitted to hospital for a severe gunshot wound to his head.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Returned to Australia on the 14th July 1918.
Discharged on the 22nd August 1918.

On the 26th July 1924 Percy married Doris Peake.

Percy continued to live his life as an orchardist in Officer after the war.

Died in May 1966 at Officer, Victoria.
Buried on the 16th May 1966 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	BROWN Percy Charles
Service N°	7211
Rank	Private
Roll	14 Infantry Battalion 24 & 25 Reinforcements (Feb-Nov 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19th February 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ballarat A70
Age	23 years
Birth Place	1893, Hawthorn, Victoria
Father	Thomas Brown, "Mayfield", Pakenham, Victoria
Mother	Matilda (Ludlow) Brown
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Horse Driver
Residence	"Mayfield", Pakenham, Victoria"
Enlisted	18th September 1916, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion	Fresh/Medium; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Brown

16 CAMERON Duncan

SERVICE N° 162

Duncan Cameron returned to Australia on the 20th December 1917. Discharged on the 20th March 1918.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

In 1893 Duncan married Eliza Ellen Redfern.

Duncan suffered from chronic rheumatism.

Died in 1937 at Dandenong, Victoria.

Buried in 1937 at Footscray Cemetery.

Name	DUNCAN Cameron
Service N°	162
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Pioneer Battalion (June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wandilla A62
Age	43 years
Birth Place	1873, Wallan Wallan, Victoria
Father	Duncan Cameron, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Flora (Buchanan) Cameron
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Damun, Victoria
Enlisted	28th February 1916
Height	5 feet, 11½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

Hugh Allan Cameron was transferred to the 1st Light Horse Machine Gun Squadron on the 2nd June 1917.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

On the 10th January 1919 Hugh was promoted to Corporal. Returned to Australia on the 27th October 1919. Discharged on the 11th December 1919. Hugh married Helen Mary Maiseed in 1915. Hugh re-enlisted for World War Two, Service No V91411.

Died on the 10th June 1967 at Heywood, Victoria.
Buried in June 1967 at Heywood Cemetery.

HAMILTON SPECTATOR (4TH FEBRUARY 1916)

WITH THE COLOURS.

Messrs Albert Sewell Cottier and Hugh Allan Cameron are the latest recruits who have volunteered for active service abroad, from Heywood, they are in training at camp. Both are members of the Heywood Rifle Club and Mr H Cameron is one of the best shots. He put on 176 (top score) in the last musketry shoot and is a winner of several local prizes.

Name	CAMERON Hugh Allan
Service N°	2648
Rank	Private
Roll	4 Light Horse Regiment 13-25 Reinforcements (Jan 1916-Jan 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	11th July 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	RMS Mongolia
Age	22 years
Birth Place	3rd March 1894, Heywood, Victoria
Father	Hugh Cameron, Post Office, Heywood, Victoria
Mother	Mary Cameron
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Carpenter
Residence	Heywood, Victoria
Enlisted	26th January 1916
Height	5 feet, 7½ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

18 CAMERON Richard Bruce

SERVICE N° 1522

In 1914 Richard married Annie Kathleen Margaret Ryan. Richard was diagnosed with Shell shock.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Returned to Australia on the 21st November 1917.
Discharged on the 25th December 1917.

Richard moved from the district living in Edithvale, Kinglake, Carrum and Panton Hill.
His brother is William Wallace Cameron.

Died on the 17th November 1970 at Dandenong, Victoria.
Buried on the 20th November 1970 at Berwick Cemetery.

Name	CAMERON Richard Bruce
Service N°	1522
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Pioneer Battalion 1-6 Reinforcements (Jun-Dec 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wandilla A62
Age	22 years
Birth Place	1898, Moe, Victoria
Father	Duncan Cameron, Berwick, Victoria
Mother	Mother- Eliza Ellen (Redfern) Cameron
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Darnum, Victoria
Enlisted	3rd April 1916
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Dark Brown

William Wallace Cameron returned to Australia on the 2nd January 1919. Discharged on the 27th March 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

William joined the police force in 1923. He was stationed at various Police stations across Victoria including Port Melbourne, Footscray North, Nathalia and Shepparton.

In 1936 William married Elizabeth May Menzies.

Died on the 5th March 1984.

Buried on the 8th March 1984 at Pine Lodge Cemetery, Shepparton, Victoria.

Name	CAMERON William Wallace
Service N°	1622
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Pioneer Battalion 1-6 Reinforcements (June-December 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wandilla A62
Age	18 years
Birth Place	15th August 1900, Trafalgar, Victoria
Father	Duncan Cameron, Darnum, Victoria
Mother	Mother- Eliza Ellen (Redfern) Cameron
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Farmhand
Residence	Darnum, Victoria
Enlisted	25th February 1916
Height	5 feet, 7½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Auburn

20 CHANDLER Stanley Wilfred

SERVICE N° 2860

On the 5th June 1912 Stanley married Florence May Chandler (Lee). Stanley was diagnosed with Chronic Gastritis and returned as an invalid to Australia on the 28th May 1917. Discharged on the 23rd April 1920.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

In 1919 Stanley worked as a Barman in Sale, Victoria and on the 29th November 1920 took up the licence of the Aldelphi Hotel.

THE ARGUS (21ST MARCH 1922)

Transfer of Licence Cardinia Park Hotel, Beaconsfield, Henry Victor Pickering to Stanley Wilfred Chandler 20th March 1922.

Stanley was a salesman in Toorak before returning to being a hotel keeper at Yinnar, Morwell with his new wife Linda St Legor Tuomy who he married in 1926. Later he moved to Richmond and then Caulfield.

Died in December 1971 in Victoria.

Buried 28th December 1971 at the Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	CHANDLER Stanley Wilfred
Service N°	2860
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Light Horse Regiment 15-20 Reinforcements (March 1915-June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th July 1916
City	Adelaide
Ship	SS Walwa
Age	25 years
Birth Place	28th November 1890, Rutherglen, Victoria
Father	Walter Chandler, Wangaratta, Victoria
Mother	Elizabeth (Nixon) Chandler
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Publican
Residence	"Earl of Zetland Hotel", Findon Street, Adelaide South.
Enlisted	14th February 1916
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Light Brown

† CHILDS Albert George 21

SERVICE N° 2599

Shortly after 1911 Albert immigrated to Australia. He was in search of a new life as his mother had died and his father had remarried.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

In 1914 Albert worked as a farmer in Nar Nar Goon, Victoria. He then moved to "Primrose Park", Beaconsfield. Albert was mustered as a Gunner on the 25th March 1916, he was then promoted to Bombardier in May 1916.

He received gunshot wounds to his left thigh and scalp during action on the 4th August 1917.

Died on the 5th August 1917 from the wounds. Buried on the 5th August 1917 at the Adinkerke Military Cemetery, De Panne, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium.

Name	CHILDS Albert George †
Service N°	2599
Rank	Private
Roll	23 Infantry Battalion 1-8 Reinforcements (May 1915-Jan 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th October 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ulysses A38
Age	29 years
Birth Place	About 1885, Bridport, Dorset, England.
Father	Robert Childs, 66 North Allington, Bridport, Dorset, England
Mother	Ann Selina Childs
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Dairyman
Residence	"Primrose Park", Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	9th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 2 inches
Complexion	Medium; Eyes- Light Brown; Hair- Dark Brown

22 CHRISTIE John Leslie †

SERVICE N° 3054

John Leslie Christie was killed in the vicinity of Moquet Farm, France. He is listed at the VC Corner Australian Cemetery and Memorial, Fromelles, France. On the 3rd February 1963, Miss Noreen Binding, 132 Walker Street, North Sydney, New South Wales wrote to the record office enquiring about the grave of John Leslie Christie, she was informed there is no known grave.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (13th September 1916)

Mr & Mrs W G Christie of Clyde Road have received word that their son John Leslie is officially reported wounded and missing since the 19th July last.

THE ARGUS (19th July 1918)

Christie – In loving memory of our dear son, Les, who was killed in action at Pozieres, July 19th, 1916. We miss him most who loved him best. Also, in memory of his comrade and our dear friend, Steve Sleigh, killed in action on the same day. With other comrades they played their part, and did their duty with a loyal heart. (Inserted by his loving parents, sisters and brothers, Beaconsfield.)

Name	CHRISTIE John Leslie †
Service N°	3054
Rank	Private
Roll	23 Infantry Battalion, 1-8 Reinforcements (May 1915–January 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914–1918
Embarked	26th November 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Commonwealth A73
Age	25 years
Birth Place	About 1892, Lang Lang, Victoria
Father	William George Christie, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Ada Mary (Thatcher) Christie
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	20th November 1915, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Brown

Harold Coulson was an AIF Abroad Soldier.
Harry made his Will on the 5th November 1917.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Harold was killed in action on the 4th July 1918 at Mericourt, France.

Buried at Mericourt L'Abbe Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Harry immigrated to Australia aged 18. He worked as an orchardist with the Evans Family at "Lalla Rook", Dewhurst, prior to enlisting with the AIF.

Name	Coulson Harold (Harry) †
Service N°	3369
Rank	Private
Roll	46 Infantry Battalion 6-9 Reinforcements (October 1916-May 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	11th May 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ascanius A11
Age	20 years
Birth Place	July 1896, Hull, Yorkshire, England
Father	George Coulson, 174 Bean Street, Hull, England
Mother	Ada Coulson
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Orchardist
Residence	Emerald, Victoria
Enlisted	5th March 1917

24 CROWLEY John

SERVICE N° 5989

John was returned to Australia due to his age and Rheumatism in his shoulders. He continued to live in the district including Narre Warren and Clyde. Returned to Australia on the 10th March 1918. Discharged on the 14th June 1918. Died on the 1st June 1933 at Melbourne, Victoria. Buried in June 1933 at Berwick Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

THE ARGUS (2ND JUNE 1933)

Crowley - On the 1st June at Alfred Hospital, John eldest son of the late John and Jane Crowley, brother of Jane (Mrs Battersby, deceased), Kate (Mrs Edebohls, deceased), William, Heb, Minnie (Mrs Sutton), Norman, David and Bessie (Mrs Addison), late AIF.

Name	CROWLEY John
Service N°	5989
Rank	Private
Roll	5 Infantry Battalion 13-23 Reinforcements (Dec 1915-Nov 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	28th July 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Themistocles A32
Age	45 years
Birth Place	1871, Berwick, Victoria
Father	John Crowley, Berwick, Victoria
Mother	Jane Ellen (Asling) Crowley
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Upper Ferntree Gully PO, Victoria
Enlisted	13th April 1916, Melbourne, Victoria
Height	5 feet, 9¼ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

Died on the 21st September 1917 as a result of shrapnel wounds to the abdomen.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

THE MILDURA CULTIVATOR (24TH OCTOBER 1917)

THE 343RD CASUALTY LIST

The 343rd casualty list contains 901 names. Fifty two officers were killed in action, 9 died of wounds and one of some other cause; 29 were wounded and one is missing. One chaplain is killed. Of other ranks, 123 were killed in action, 220 died of wounds and 21 of other causes, one was drowned, 423 were wounded and two injured, one is missing, three are prisoners and 14 are sick. Died of wounds; Private E Dineley.

THE ARGUS (24TH SEPTEMBER 1921)

Dineley - In sad and loving memory of our only son, Lance-Cpl Edward Bernard Dineley who died of wounds in France September 21, 1917 (Inserted by his Mother and Father).

He died at the 2nd Canadian Casualty Clearing Station in Belgium. Buried at the Lijssehoek Military Cemetery in Belgium.

Name	DINELEY Edward Bernard †
Service N°	1151
Rank	Lance Corporal
Roll	38 Infantry Battalion (June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	20th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Runic A54
Age	22 years
Birth Place	About 1892, Charters Towers, Queensland
Father	Frederick William Dineley, Cardinia Park Hotel, Beaconsfield VIC
Mother	Mary Dineley
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Engineer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	22nd March 1916
Height	5 feet, 7 inches
Complexion	Medium; Eyes- Hazel; Hair- Black

26 FERGUSON Henry

SERVICE N° 4783

On the 19th July 1916 Henry was wounded by shrapnel. The following week his right eye was removed and an artificial glass eye was fitted.



Returned to Australia on the 30th January 1919. Discharged on the 23rd March 1919.

RINGWOOD AND CROYDON CHRONICLE WOORI YALLOCK. (7TH JANUARY 1916)

Taking advantage of the Christmas holidays to secure their leave together, a send off was given to two volunteers Privates E Cooper and H Ferguson. The function was held at Glynn's Hotel and a pleasant evening was spent. Various toasts were honoured and a presentation made to each volunteer.

HEALESVILLE & YARRA GLEN GUARDIAN WOORI YALLOCK (15TH FEBRUARY 1919)

Three successive welcomes were accorded Ptes H Ferguson, J Douthie and M Staff, on their return from the war last week. An enthusiastic gathering assembled at the station on each occasion, and the returned men were warmly welcomed. Some regret that the dance at which they were to be given a public welcome on the 28th Inst, will have to be postponed owing to the influenza epidemic, which fortunately, has so far given this part a wide berth.

Henry married Margaret Maud Keenan. They lived on Telegraph Road, Beaconsfield. Died November 1967 at Beaconsfield, Victoria. Cremated on the 27th November 1967 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	FERGUSON Henry
Service N°	4783
Rank	Private
Roll	6 Infantry Battalion 13-18 Reinforcements Dec 1915-July 1916
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	7th March 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wiltshire A18
Age	25 years
Birth Place	About 1890, Woori Yallock, Victoria
Father	John Ferguson, Woori Yallock, Victoria
Mother	Mary Ellen (Paul) Ferguson
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Farmer
Residence	Woori Yallock, Victoria
Enlisted	9th October 1915
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

On the 17th January 1918 Robert was diagnosed with "Trench Fever".



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Returned to Australia on the 22nd August 1919.
Discharged on the 1st December 1919.

In 1914 Robert married Ivy Lavinia Bartrop. In 1931 he was a dairy farmer living in Wangarratta. In 1954 Robert lived in Gembrook Road, Nar Nar Goon; he was a farmer.

The reason for his inclusion in the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour is unknown.

Died on the 11th June 1970 at Beaconsfield, Victoria. Buried June 1970 at Pakenham Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	FOX Robert Henry
Service N°	33338
Rank	Driver
Roll	Field Artillery Brigade-Monthly Reinforcements Feb-May 1917, (May-August 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	11th May 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Shropshire A9
Age	22 years
Birth Place	1894, Kensington, Victoria
Father	Alfred Samuel Fox, Kensington, Victoria
Mother	Annie Edith (Wright) Fox
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Confectioner
Residence	"Werona", Victoria Road, Malvern
Enlisted	28th October 1916
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Fair

28 GILBERT John Hand

SERVICE N° 606

John returned to Australia on the 22nd December 1918. Discharged on the 24th April 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c. 1929

John had immigrated to Australia after his father's death in 1911. On the 28th February 1923 John received his medals, the witness was L D Bonette, "Holm Park", Beaconsfield.

In 1924 John lived in Beaconsfield and then resided in Warrandyte. He was an active member of the Warrandyte community; 1929-1933 Treasurer of the Mechanics Institute, Warrandyte; 1930 on the Warrandyte Spring Show committee and the District Swimming Club Treasurer; 1931 he was the Tennis Club Secretary and in 1937 a member of the new Labor Branch that was formed.

Died in May 1962 at Heidelberg, Victoria.

Cremated on the 22nd May 1962 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	GILBERT John Hand
Service N°	606
Rank	Private
Roll	2 Cyclist Battalion 2-10 Reinforcements (June 1916-May 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	1st August 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Orsova A67
Age	27 years
Birth Place	About 1889, Derby, England
Father	John Gilbert
Mother	Elizabeth Ann (Meynell) Rogers, 173 St Thomas Road, Derby, England
Religion	Anglican
Occupation	Seaman
Residence	Sunbeam Hotel, Swanston Street, Melbourne
Enlisted	31st May 1916
Height	5 feet, 4 ½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Fair

On the 27th January 1917 in England, Richard married Adelaide Eva Taylor. On the 31st August 1918 it was reported Richard had been gassed and admitted to hospital. He returned to Australia on the 20th May 1920. Discharged on the 24th November 1920.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

THE ARGUS (18TH AUGUST 1942)

10,000TH WAAAF ENLISTS

When Miss Peggy Gledhill enrolled yesterday in the WAAAF at No. 1 recruiting centre Russell Street, she was the 10,000th WAAAF to enrol in Australia. Mr Drakeford, Air Minister, welcomed Miss Gledhill into the service and wished her every success. Air-Commodore R. J. Brownell MC, AOC, No. 1 training centre, and Wing-Cdr. C. B. Ransom, CO, No. 1 training centre were also present. Miss Gledhill, the daughter of Lt. R. Gledhill and Mrs Gledhill of Cohuna, has been a dental nurse for about 6 years, and has enrolled as a dental orderly. Her brother, Norman, is a wireless air gunner in the RAAF.

Richard re-enlisted for Military Service on the 13th September 1937 and served until 1945. He was then employed by the railways and in 1949 he was the Assistant Station Master at Cohuna. The reason for Ada Armytage to include Richard in the Beaconsfield list is unknown. Died in 1949 at Cohuna, Victoria buried in 1949 at Cohuna Cemetery, Victoria .

Name	GLEDHILL Richard (Dick)
Service N°	5385
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion 13-23 Reinforcements (December 1915-November 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	4th April 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Euripides A14
Age	18 years
Birth Place	Born -16th February 1899, South Melbourne, Victoria
Father	Richard Young Gledhill, 5 Highbury Grove, Armadale, Victoria
Mother	Ethel Beatrice (Errington) Gledhill
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Ironmonger
Residence	5 Highbury Grove, Armadale, Victoria
Enlisted	16th February 1916
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Medium; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Light Brown

30 GORDON Richard Samuel Stewart

SERVICE N° 6270

Richard was wounded in action on the 30th September 1917. He had a severe shrapnel wound to his right forearm. Returned to Australia on the 10th January 1918. Discharged on the 29th August 1918.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Richard returned to the district of Beaconsfield. He remained a farmer in Beaconsfield and Berwick Road, Harkaway. He never married.

THE ARGUS (22nd November 1946)

Gordon - On November 21st, at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Richard Stewart, loved son of the late Samuel and Marianne Gordon, dearly loved brother of Annie and Grace, brother-in-law of Joseph Curtis, late 1st AIF.

Died on the 21st November 1946.

Buried November 1946 at Old Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	GORDON Richard Samuel Stewart
Service N°	6270
Rank	Private
Roll	14 Infantry Battalion 13-23 Reinforcements (Dec 1915-Nov 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	7th September 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Port Sydney A15
Age	37 years
Birth Place	About 1880, Hamilton, Victoria
Father	Samuel Gordon, Rokeby, Victoria
Mother	Annie (Crayford) Gordon
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Residence	Neerim South, Victoria
Enlisted	20th March 1916
Height	5 feet, 7½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Unknown; Hair- Brown

On the 10th September 1919 Cecil's mother wrote a letter requesting Cecil's return to help on the orchard. Cecil was already on board the ship "Euripides" having left England on the 7th September and expected to arrive in Australia the second last week of October. Returned to Australia on the 20th October 1919. Discharged on the 19th November 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Cecil returned from the war and lived in Beaconsfield, his occupation was an Orchardist. Died on the 10th August 1979 at Heidelberg, Victoria. Cremated on the 14th August 1979 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery. Cecil was an avid writer as a child. The following story was printed in the Children's Column, The Bathurst Times, Saturday 11th. Nov 1911.

TOOMUC VALLEY

I would like to tell you a little about Toomuc Valley It is about six miles from Pakenham Station, which is on the Gippsland line in Victoria The Toomuc Valley Creek runs winding in and out with maidenhair fern growing along its banks under the trees All around are high hills where live plenty of kangaroos and wallabies There are a good many orchards but the Toomuc Valley Orchard is the largest At the entrance of this orchard the creek has been widened out to form an artificial lake In the lake are one or two islands and a few little bridges, here and there add to the scene.

Cecil Grant - Upper third; 13 years

Name	GRANT Cecil Henry Bell
Service N°	3398
Rank	Private
Roll	57 Infantry Battalion 6-9 Reinforcements (October 1916-June 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	21st June 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Suevic A29
Age	18 years
Birth Place	1898, Armadale, Victoria
Father	William Grant, "Edgecombe", Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Bessie Daniel (Windsor) Grant
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Orchardist
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	9th October 1916
Height	5 feet, 7 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Hazel; Hair- Fair

32 GRANT George Thomas

SERVICE N° 2187

On the 10th June 1902 George married to Isabella Sarah Priest at Albert Park, Victoria.



SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (9TH NOVEMBER 1916)

Berwick Enlisted Mr George Grant, who goes into camp next week. George has considerable experiences at soldiering, but being married with a large family has deterred him from being there long ago, he says so many are hanging back, that he cannot resist "The call of the Empire" any longer.

On the 14th March 1918 George was suffering with severe jaundice and he was hospitalised.

Returned to Australia on the 8th April 1919. Discharged on the 30th June 1919.

Before and after the war George was an orchardist at Beaconsfield Upper.

Died in April 1951 at Woodend, Victoria.

Cremated on the 11th April 1951 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	GRANT George Thomas
Service N°	2187
Rank	Private
Roll	13 Light Horse Regiment 8-23 Reinforcements (May 1916-Feb 1918)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	17th January 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	RMS Omrah
Age	29 years
Birth Place	1887, Hawthorn, Victoria
Father	Thomas Henry Grant, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Louise (Ludlow) Grant
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Orchardist
Residence	Berwick, Victoria
Enlisted	14th November 1916
Height	5 feet, 9 ½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Hazel; Hair- Fair

On the 27th February 1917 Herbert was killed in action.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

THE ARGUS (16TH MARCH 1917)

Mr J Harbour of Beaconsfield received the sad news of the death of his son, Driver Herbert Harbour, reported killed in action. Deep sympathy is felt for his relatives. Driver Harbour was a steady, hard-working young man, well known and well liked. He had been in France for some months doing "his bit" for his native land.

Buried at the Grass Lane British Military Cemetery, Grass Lane, Guedecourt, France.

Name	HARBOUR Herbert Joel †
Service N°	3337
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion 10-12 Reinforcements (Sept-Nov 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	11th October 1915
City	Adelaide
Ship	HMAT Nestor A71
Age	23 years
Birth Place	1892, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Father	John Harbour, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Sarah (Beecham) Harbour
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	19th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion	Ruddy; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Dark Brown

34 HARBOUR William

SERVICE N° 5112

On the 20th June 1916 William received a severe gunshot wound to the eye. Returned to Australia on the 19th June 1919. Discharged on the 28th September 1919.



SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (18TH SEPTEMBER 1919)

A Welcome home social was held in the local hall on Friday last. The building was tastefully decorated with flags, foliage and flowers, and presented a pleasing and bright appearance. Cr WG a'Beckett JP, presided, and, was supported by Cr Stevenson. A musical programme was provided, after which the returned soldiers were invited on the platform, each to receive a gold medal presented by the residents of the district. The guests were Sgt W Harbour, Dvr J Rix, Tpr F Bausch, Pts A May and S White. Each of them receiving an ovation as Cr a'Beckett presented the medals. Pte S White responded on behalf of the recipients. The following artists contributed to the success of the evening; Mrs F Richardson, Misses Thompson, G May, Wallace and Master Reid who rendered songs which were greatly enjoyed. Misses Williams, Thompson, R May and Mr Meeking played the accompaniments. After the presentation, supper was served and dancing was indulged in until the sma' hours of the morning, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening. The committee deserve great credit for the manner in which everything was carried out.

In 1919 William married Dora Vera Mahoney. They remained in Beaconsfield farming.

Died on the 23rd October 1963 at Melbourne Hospital, Victoria.

Buried on the 25th October 1963 at Berwick Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	HARBOUR William
Service N°	5112
Rank	Private
Roll	5 Infantry Battalion 13-23 Reinforcements (Dec 1915-Nov 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	1st April 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Suffolk A23
Age	33 years
Birth Place	20th September 1882, Berwick, Victoria
Father	John Harbour, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Sarah (Beecham) Harbour
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Bootmaker
Residence	81 Albion Street, East Brunswick, Victoria
Enlisted	31st January 1916
Height	5 feet, 7 inches
Complexion	Brown; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Fair

Clarence returned to Australia on the 24th June 1917. Discharged in 1919. Clarence, his parents and siblings, immigrated to Australia in 1890.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

In 1919 Clarence married Margaret Alice Newbold in Derby, England.

In 1936 Clarence lived in Woods Street, Beaconsfield and his occupation was carrier.

Died on the 10th June 1958 at Caulfield Convalescent Hospital, Kooyong Road, Caulfield, Victoria.

Buried on the 12th June 1958 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

BENDIGO ADVERTISER (24TH JUNE 1917)

Australian Imperial Forces.

326th Casualty List.

Wounded.

Clarence Juan Hill.

Name	HILL Clarence Juan
Service N°	550
Rank	Private
Roll	4 Machine Gun Company 2-9 Reinforcements (Apr-Dec 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th December 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Orsova A67
Age	27 years
Birth Place	6th February 1888, Barrowwash, Derbyshire, England
Father	Edwin Hill, 142 High Street, St Kilda, Victoria
Mother	Mary Hannah (Foden) Hill, 94 Dover Street, Richmond, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farm Labourer
Residence	Berwick, Victoria
Enlisted	8th January 1916
Height	5 feet, 5 ¾ inches
Complexion	Medium; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

36 HOUSE Herbert

SERVICE N° 5493

Herbert returned to Australia on the 13th April 1919. Discharged on the 5th August 1919. Herbert was an Engine Driver living in Beaconsfield after the war. He married Isobel McIntyre.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

THE ADVERTISER (30TH OCTOBER 1923.)

MOTOR LORRY COLLIDES WITH A BRIDGE.
MELBOURNE, OCTOBER 29TH.

At Midnight yesterday a motor lorry collided with a bridge on the main Gippsland Road, opposite Pakenham. As a result two men were taken to the hospital, the injured one- Mr Herbert House (42), married, of Beaconsfield, fractured leg; and Mr Cyril Brimich (25), single of Potter Street, Dandenong, fractured base of skull.

In 1934 Herbert was hospitalised at the Repatriation Hospital, Caulfield.

THE ARGUS (18TH JULY 1952)

House- On July 17 at Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Herbert, dearly loved husband of Isobel of Woods Street, Beaconsfield and beloved son of the late Alfred & Margaret House of Tatura (no flowers by request).

Died on the 17th July 1952 at Heidelberg, Victoria.

Cremated on the 18th July 1952 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	HOUSE Herbert
Service N°	5493
Rank	Sapper
Roll	6 Field Company Engineers 1-5 Reinforcements (Nov 1915-Mar 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	17th December 1915
City	Sydney
Ship	HMAT Berrima A35
Age	34 years
Birth Place	1881, Qltatura (Tatura), Victoria
Father	Alfred House, "Somerset", Euroa, Victoria
Mother	Margaret (Carroll) House
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Engineer (Engine driver)
Residence	Euroa, Victoria
Enlisted	17th August 1915
Height	6 feet, 1¾ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

On the 23rd September 1918 Harry was admitted to hospital as he had been gassed. Returned to Australia on the 28th March 1919. Discharged on the 6th July 1919. On the 7th April 1928 Harry's wife writes to the War Office that Harry is missing his discharge papers. They were residing at 16 Chapel Street, West Melbourne.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

On the 15th May 1946 Harry Hutton, Cardinia Creek, Beaconsfield, writes requesting a replacement badge as he had lost his while out collecting wood.

On the 28th April 1964 the following letter is sent from the Berwick RSL to the Army Records Section Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

A 1914-1915 Star has been found and handed in to us. It bears the following inscription:- 3325; Pte H Hutton 6/Bn AIF. I am told that this man lived for a time in Berwick and died here. Can you let me know if there are any next of kin to whom I can return the Medal?

Yours Faithfully,

J E Bruce

Hon Secretary.

The return letter requested the Star be mailed to the storeroom for safekeeping which it was on the 22nd May 1964. Died on the 7th May 1953. Buried on the 11th May 1953 at Berwick Cemetery.

Name	HUTTON Henry (Harry)
Service N°	3325
Rank	Private
Roll	6 Infantry Battalion 10-12 Reinforcements (Sept - Nov 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	11th October 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Nestor A71
Age	32 years
Birth Place	1882, South Melbourne, Victoria
Father	John Hutton, Brunswick Street, Coburg, Victoria
Mother	Rebecca (Osborne) Hutton
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Tyremaker (rubber)
Residence	4 Herbert Street, Footscray, Victoria
Enlisted	9th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 6½ inches
Complexion	Sallow; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Brown and Scanty

38 LAMB Harold Kent

SERVICE N° 6447

On the 15th April 1917 Harold was diagnosed with Tuberculosis. Returned to Australia on the 18th September 1917. Discharged on the 3rd December 1917.



On the 18th November 1913 Harold married Elsie May Grant, sister of George Thomas Grant.

In 1919 continuing until after 1954 Harold was an orchardist at "Grantham", Beaconsfield.

WEST GIPPSLAND GAZETTE (27TH MAY 1930)

FARM WANTED.

Dairy farm wanted as a going concern to 1500 pounds in Warragul or Drouin district, must be good. House property in Berwick township as deposit. Nice home well situated, all conveniences, 28 miles city. Send full particulars to Harold K Lamb, Beaconsfield.

In the 1960's Harold then lived at Rosebud, Victoria.

Died in 1970 at Rosebud, Victoria.

Cremated on the 11th November 1970 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	LAMB Harold Kent
Service N°	6447
Rank	Private
Roll	21 Infintary Battalion 13-18 Reinforcements (July - Nov 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	23rd November 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Hororata A20
Age	26 years
Birth Place	1890 Nhill, Victoria
Father	John William Lamb, Carlton, Victoria
Mother	Elizabeth (Hunter) Lamb
Religion	Baptist
Occupation	Bank Accountant
Residence	Woorayl Street, Murrumbeena, Victoria
Enlisted	17th July 1916
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Fair

On the 23rd May 1917 returned unsuitable for service. Discharged on the 31st July 1917.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

George attended Melbourne University. Once a qualified solicitor he was employed at 327 Collins Street, Melbourne. He was married to Johanne Bertha Gunnensen and they had five children.

THE ARGUS (11TH FEBRUARY 1938)
SENATE VACANCY

Sir- Your explanation of the difficulties involved in choosing a senator to replace the late Mr John Barnes should satisfy "Taxpayers" and others. If the State Houses selected a successor surely an election could be avoided by calling for nominations and only one nomination being made, namely, the candidate selected by the State Houses.

Respect for Mr Barnes, combined with the certainty of election of a candidate supported by both State Houses, should prevent any contest and the waste of taxpayers' money- Yours

G D Lawrence, Camberwell.

After Johanne passed away in 1938 George married Mavis Bertha. George continued to live in the Camberwell district his entire life, the reason for his inclusion on Ada's list is unknown, a possibility is that he may have been an Armytage family solicitor. Died on the 21st April 1960 at Camberwell, Victoria. Cremated on the 23rd April 1960 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	LAWRENCE George Douglas
Service N°	Capt
Rank	Captain
Roll	8 Field Artillery Brigade (May 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	20th May 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Medic A7
Age	36 years
Birth Place	22nd April 1880, Launceston, Tasmania
Father	Octavius Vernon Lawrence, 13 Grandview Grove, Hawthorn, Vic
Mother	Jessie (Bernard) Lawrence
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Solicitor
Residence	13 Kasouka Road, Camberwell, Victoria
Enlisted	1st April 1916
Height	Unknown
Complexion	Unknown

40 LUKE Victor Mason

SERVICE N° 2399

Victor Mason Luke returned to Australia on the 10th June 1919. Discharged on the 2nd August 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

During the First World War, Victor's father, Edmund, was a photographer, the first appointed to David Syme & Co. His war time contribution was to photograph local men who enlisted for the war. These portraits are included as the Beaconsfield Honour Roll Board. Victor is one of the men photographed.

In 1919 Victor married Nellie Elizabeth Merritt.

In 1923 Victor still owned Lot 19, Montuna Park, Beaconsfield.

Victor had a successful signwriting business in Kew, Victoria.

THE ARGUS (1ST NOVEMBER 1945)

Victor Mason Luke was duly elected a councillor for the Prospect ward of the City of Kew.

Died in March 1966 at Heidelberg, Victoria.

Cremated on the 24th March 1966 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	LUKE Victor Mason
Service N°	2399
Rank	Private
Roll	23 Infantry Battalion 1-8 Reinforcements (May 1915-Jan 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	29th September 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	RMS Osterley
Age	25 years
Birth Place	1891, Ballarat East, Victoria
Father	Edmund Thomas Luke, Beaconsfield Upper, Victoria
Mother	Ida Florence (Pearson) Luke
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Signwriter
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	30th June 1915
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

In 1924 Les worked as a gardener and lived in Telegraph Road, Beaconsfield. He married Ina Isabelle Forscutt. They moved to Bradley Street, Newport, Victoria. Les was then employed as a petroleum pump system operator. His employment would have involved the functioning of the equipment, including pumps, valves and to check temperatures, ensuring all meters were working correctly.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Discharged on the 24th December 1918.

Died on the 26th January 1979 at Newport, Victoria.

Cremated on the 30th January 1979 at Fawkner Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	MADDOCKS Alfred Edward Leslie
Service N°	V80242
Rank	Private
Roll	Recruit Depot Battalion
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	None
City	None
Ship	None
Age	19 years
Birth Place	8th March 1899, Melbourne East, Victoria
Father	Edward George Maddocks
Mother	Emily Kate (Densley) Maddocks, Melbourne St, Murrumbeena, Vic
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farm Hand
Residence	Murrumbeena, Victoria
Enlisted	4th June 1918
Height	5 feet, 4 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Dark Brown

42 MANNING George William Harold †

SERVICE N° 219

Signaller George Manning (wounded) is the fifth son of Mr and Mrs J G Manning, of Beaconsfield, formerly of Beechworth. He was employed at "The Don" drapers, Collingwood and reached Malta Hospital on his 21st birthday. George was inflicted with a gunshot wound to his thigh.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

THE ARGUS (15th December 1915)

The death is announced of Private G Manning, son of Mr Manning of Beaconsfield. Private Manning was a member of one of the first contingents that left Australia, and was at Gallipoli for some months. Early in the campaign he was wounded and had to go to hospital for a time. On his recovery he was again sent to the front, where he had the misfortune to be wounded a second time. His parents received the notification of his death last week. The bereaved family have the deep sympathy of the whole community in their sad loss.

George was buried at sea on the 8th August 1915.

Name	MANNING George William Harold †
Service N°	219
Rank	Private
Roll	6 Infantry Battalion (October 1914)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19th October 1914
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Hororata A20
Age	20 years
Birth Place	1894, Beechworth, Victoria
Father	John Goodyear Manning, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Mary Ann (Furnell) Manning
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Salesman
Residence	Buckland Street, Heidelberg, Victoria
Enlisted	17th August 1914
Height	6 feet
Complexion	Sallow; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Dark Brown

On the 7th June 1917 Edgar married Muriel Alice Aldridge in England.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Edgar writes to Headquarters AIF.

I beg to apply to resign my commission in the AIF to enable me to return to Australia.

1/ My mother is a widow supporting a son who is totally invalid.

2/ The death of my father shortly before the war left my mother alone to manage his estate. In which several interests are involved and 6 months ago she came to England to consult me as to the management of the family property, leaving her affairs in the hands of a stranger.

3/ I have one brother commanding a naval ship on service and another, a physician in England.

4/ I have held a military commission of 17 years and have served in the regular and military forces of Australia. I have served 2.5/12 years as Lieutenant in the AIF.

5/ I was recommended for promotion by General Whittingham of the Camel Corp in Egypt, and also promised promotion by General Cox in France, but as shown by the attached letter, I have not received it.

6/ I was operated on in London 15 months ago for a disability received on service in Egypt, and am at present on light duty after being "gassed" in Belgium.

7/ I am a married man.

I have the honour to ask this letter may receive favourable consideration.

Edgar's commission is terminated on the 8th July 1918.

Returned to Australia on the 6th May 1920. In 1924 Edgar is a farmer in Beaconsfield, Victoria.

The Argus (24th November 1927)

Poor cows and poor prices for milk are what we are up against in Victoria said Mr Edgar John Marsden, dairy farmer of Beaconsfield, when giving evidence yesterday before the state parliamentary select committee which is inquiring into conditions in the dairy industry. Edgar later moved to Brighton, Victoria.

Died on the 9th September 1957 at Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Victoria.

Buried at New Cheltenham Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	MARSDEN Edgar John
Rank	Lieutenant
Roll	1 Divisional Ammunition Column Reinforcements 1-11 (Dec 1914-Oct 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th September 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Hororata A20
Age	35 years
Birth Place	6th August 1880, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria
Father	John Hudson Marsden, Mentone, Victoria
Mother	Emily (Howard) Marsden
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Artist Military Officer
Residence	56 Queen Street, Melbourne
Enlisted	6th September 1915

44 MAY Alexander (Alec) Leslie

SERVICE N° 5926

Alec initially served with the Military Police from the 16th October 1915 until the 7th September 1916. On the 4th October 1917 he was hospitalised



for shell shock. In Abbeville, France on the 6th August he was "gassed". On the 22nd August 1918 Alec was diagnosed as an invalid and sent to the United Kingdom, there Alec attended agricultural college in Edinburgh, Scotland. Returned to Australia on the 5th July 1917. Discharged on the 22nd September 1919. Alec married Louisa Helena Eleanor Drysdale. After living in Beaconsfield Alec moved to Longwarry, Victoria. Died on the 24th July 1956. Buried in July 1956 at Lang Lang Cemetery, Victoria.

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (5TH AUGUST 1915)

The accommodation of the Beaconsfield Hall was severely taxed on Sunday evening last, when relatives and friends of our recruits assembled to give the boys an encouraging and sincere farewell, on the occasion of their going into camp. The recruits who left were Messrs A Bragg, J Osborne, A May, J Rix, Leslie Paternoster and J Tucker; other recruits from here are already in camp. On behalf of Mrs Paternoster, Mr Roy Thompson addressed the boys and presented them each with a flag. Musical honours were accorded, followed by a hearty rendition of the National Anthem. Touching scenes marked the farewells, but one could not but feel impressed by the spirit of noble and unselfish devotion that dominated those concerned. Hearty cheers were raised as the train steamed out, and hats, flags and handkerchiefs were waved until the train was out of sight. God speed and safe return to all the boys who have given their best to the cause of honour.

Name	MAY Alexander (Alec) Leslie
Service N°	5926
Rank	Private
Roll	23 Infantry Battalion 13-18 Reinforcements (July-Nov 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	2nd October 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Nestor A71
Age	24 years
Birth Place	1891, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Father	Henry Savory May, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Elizabeth (Cadd) May
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	12th July 1916
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

Originally from Yea the McAlpin family moved to Cardinia/Tooradin in September 1919. After the war Ronald returned to the family sheep property, "Onich", Muddy Gates Road/Lane, Tooradin. Ron was a well-known sheep shearer and sheep farmer; he attended the district sheep sales with his quality stock. He and his brothers owned and operated a chaff cutter. They were employed by other farmers around the district during hay season to cut hay with the chaff cutter. In 1932 Ronald married Gladys Lyla Jackson. In the 1930's Ronald was the treasurer of the Tooradin and district sub branch of the Returned Soldiers League. It was decided to change the name of the branch to Tooradin, Cranbourne and district sub branch.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Ronald along with his four brothers; Walter Robert (Bob), Alan James, Norman John and Hugh Bain enlisted for WW2. In the 1950's, Ronald and Lyla moved to Loch, Victoria.

Returned to Australia on the 19th August 1919. Discharged on the 10th November 1919. Died on the 6th June 1972 at Loch, Victoria. Buried in June 1972 at the Nyora Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	MCALPIN Ronald
Service N°	3698
Rank	Private
Roll	4 Light Horse Reinforcements 26-32 Regiments (May 1917-Feb 1918)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	4th August 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Themistocles
Age	19 years
Birth Place	27th February 1898, Benalla, Victoria
Father	John McAlpin, "Highlands", Yea, Victoria
Mother	Mary Ann (Annie) (Bain) McAlpin
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Farmer
Residence	"Highlands", Yea, Victoria
Enlisted	5th April 1917
Height	5 feet, 8½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Green; Hair- Dark

46 M^cNAUGHTON Hugh †

SERVICE N^o 3869

On the 4th October 1917 Hugh was wounded in action in Ypres, France; he received a shrapnel wound to the lower left arm and a severe gunshot wound to the head. Returned to Australia on the 30th January 1918. Discharged on the 1st May 1918. On the 6th May 1918 Hugh was admitted to the Caulfield Military Hospital.



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DANDENONG ADVERTISER AND CRANBOURNE, BERWICK AND OAKLEIGH ADVOCATE (30TH MAY 1918)

Sad end of returned soldier Mr Hugh McNaughton, of Beaconsfield, who recently returned from the battlefields of France, and got a hearty welcome from the residents, has succumbed to an operation in Caulfield Hospital last Thursday. He had been wounded on the top of the head, and in the endeavour to cure the suffering that he at times experienced, it was decided to undergo the operation. Unfortunately he succumbed in the hospital immediately after. A large number of people from Upper and Lower Beaconsfield attended his interment in Berwick Cemetery on Friday. He was one of the first young men to offer his services for his country, and has gone through the cruel campaign, returning to die. Extreme sympathy is extended to his widow mother, his sister and brothers one of which William (familiarily known around here as Mick), is yet at the front, which shows the pluck and patriotism of the family.

Died on the 15th May 1918 at Caulfield, Victoria.

Buried on the 17th May 1918 at Berwick Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	M ^c NAUGHTON Hugh †
Service N^o	3869
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion 10-12 Reinforcements (Sept-Nov 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	23rd November 1915
City	Adelaide
Ship	HMAT Ceramic A40
Age	31 years
Birth Place	1883, Longford, Victoria
Father	Archibald Kirk McNaughton, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Mary Teresa (McDonald) McNaughton
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	14th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Brown

In 1909 William (Mick) married Clara Mary Gibson.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (13TH MAY 1915)

BEACONSFIELD.

Private M McNaughton who is serving with the Expeditionary Forces was entertained at a Valedictory Social evening here on Tuesday night and presented with a wristlet watch, a silver cigarette case, and a wallet. Mr Adams made the presentation and was supported by Mr Bragg and Mr E Williams. A most enjoyable dance followed.

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (1ST DECEMBER 1915)

Pte M McNaughton of Beaconsfield, who came over from Egypt as a guard on one of the ships carrying sick and wounded men, has gone back again. This time he takes his brother Hughie with him.

Returned to Australia on the 26th May 1919. Discharged on the 25th July 1919.

Died in 1944 at Yarram, Victoria. Buried in 1944 at Yarram, Victoria.

Name	M ^c NAUGHTON William Charles
Service N^o	204
Rank	Private
Roll	22 Infantry Battalion (May 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	10th May 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ulysses A38
Age	23 years
Birth Place	1891, Swan Reach, Victoria
Father	Archibald Kirk McNaughton, Berwick, Victoria
Mother	Mary Teresa (McDonald) McNaughton
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Driver
Residence	Beaconsfield PO, Victoria
Enlisted	27th January 1915
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Brown

48 NIXON Henry

SERVICE N° 286

In April 1918 Harry was hospitalised with a Hernia. Returned to Australia on the 19th April 1918. Discharged on the 13th May 1918.



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Died on the 31st December 1959 at Beaconsfield, Victoria.

Cremated on the 5th January 1960 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

BERWICK CITY NEWS (1ST MARCH 1916)

REPORTED.

At Pakenham 10 out of 14 succeeded in passing (an examination of recruits for Military Service). Harry Nixon, of Beaconsfield, also passed last week in Melbourne.

BERWICK CITY NEWS (19TH APRIL 1916)

At Beaconsfield last Saturday evening a presentation was made to Private Harry Nixon by a few personal friends. The presentation consisted of a case of silver mounted pipes and an embossed wallet on which was engraved name and date of presentation. The presentation took place at Mr W Paternoster's private residence, and was made by Mr Lyle. Mr H May spoke in kindly terms of Private Nixon, and all present expressed appreciation of his action in undergoing an operation to render him eligible to enlist. Mr E Williams responded. Heartfelt wishes for Private Nixon's safe return were expressed, and all joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow".

Name	NIXON Henry
Service N°	286
Rank	Private
Roll	3 Pioneer Battalion (June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	6th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wandilla A62
Age	30 years
Birth Place	1886, Berwick, Victoria
Father	George William Nixon, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Margaret (Marting) Nixon
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	24th February 1916
Height	5 feet, 10¾ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Brown

On the 19th August 1916, James was killed in action "in the field". Buried at the Serre Rd Cemetery No 2, Beaumont-Hamel, France.



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THE ARGUS (23RD SEPTEMBER 1916)

OSBORNE.

Killed in action on 19th August 1916 Private JP Osborne of Beaconsfield, late of Walhalla; brother to Mrs Keating, Beaconsfield and Mrs Clayton, Adelaide.

Dear Jim, May the Lord have mercy on your poor soul.

MAJOR, OFFICER IN CHARGE, BASE RECORDS (WRITES THE FOLLOWING TO JAMES' SISTER) (10TH Nov 1920)

Dear Madam,

It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late No. 2733 Private JP Osborne, 7th Battalion, but, in order that the instructions under the "Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918" may be properly complied with when disposing of medals, etc., I shall be glad to learn whether there are any nearer blood relations than yourself to the above-named, for instance, is his father living; if not has he any brothers (stating the eldest) or any sisters older than yourself (stating the eldest) still alive. If so I should be much obliged for their names and addresses at your earliest convenience. The provisions of a Will have no bearing upon the distribution of medals unless they are specifically mentioned therein, such mementos being handed over in the following order of relationship unless good and sufficient reasons for varying the procedure are stated:- Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister, eldest surviving half-brother, eldest surviving half-sister. Thanking you in anticipation of the favour of an early reply,

Yours Faithfully,

James' sister received the medals as both parents were deceased prior to 1920.

Name	OSBORNE James Patrick †
Service N°	2733
Rank	Private
Roll	24 Infantry Battalion 1-8 Reinforcements (May 1915-January 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th October 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ulysses A38
Age	36 years
Birth Place	1879, Walhalla, Victoria
Father	Patrick Osborne, Walhalla, Victoria
Mother	Bridget (Traynor) Osborne
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Labourer/Farmer
Residence	"Fairwood Park", Lower Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	2nd August 1915
Height	5 feet, 6¾ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Dark Brown

50 PETTIT Thomas John

SERVICE N° 64548

Thomas returned to Australia on the 16th May 1919. Discharged on the 12th August 1919.



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After the First World War, Thomas lived in Campbell Street, Berwick.

He married Violet Mary Poole.

Thomas then enlisted for World War Two and served 26th June 1940-6th October 1945.

After his second military service Thomas moved to Bendigo.

Died in February 1974 at Bendigo, Victoria.

Buried on the 25th February 1974 at Eaglehawk Cemetery, Bendigo, Victoria.

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (21st JULY 1915)

At the recruiting meeting held at Beaconsfield on Monday evening three young men handed in their names; Messrs J Edmundson, Pettit and Tulk.

Amongst others who have been accepted for service during the week are C Whiteside, J Rix and L Faragher.

Name	PETTIT Thomas John
Service N°	64548
Rank	Private
Roll	6 G S Reinforcements
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	14th September 1918
City	Melbourne
Ship	SS Port Darwin
Age	19 years
Birth Place	15th November 1898, Wedderburn, Victoria
Father	Herbert J Pettit, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Margaret Mary (Caldwell) Pettit
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Driver
Residence	Berwick, Victoria
Enlisted	20th June 1918
Height	5 feet, 6 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Fair

James was first married to Sarah Ann Haw, she passed away in 1909. On the 8th May 1919 James married Mabel Hill at St Pauls Church, Liverpool, England. He remained an orchardist living at "Fairview", Officer. Returned to Australia on the 2nd June 1919. Discharged on the 4th September 1919.



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BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (4th August 1915)

LOCAL NOTES.

A very enjoyable dance was given by the ladies of Beaconsfield on the 21st ultimo, in aid of the Red Cross Funds. There were about 50 couples present, amongst the guests being the following recruits:- Messrs A May, H Harbour, L Paternoster, J Rix and J Tucker. (Since that date others have enlisted.) A most pleasant evening was spent.

THE ARGUS (24TH MARCH 1938)

Rix - On the 23rd March at Prince Henry's Hospital, James Henry the dearly beloved eldest son of Henry John and the late Jane Elizabeth and loving brother of Bert, Lil, Pic and May. A patient sufferer at rest. Beloved husband of Mabel, loved father of Laurel and Elizabeth.

Died on the 23rd March 1938 at Melbourne, Victoria.

Buried on the 24th March 1938 at Berwick Cemetery.

Name	RIX James Henry
Service N°	10918
Rank	Driver
Roll	3 Divisional Train (Army Service Corps) Headquarters, 22, 23 and 24 Companies (May-June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	3rd June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Persic A34
Age	29 years
Birth Place	1885, Hawthorn, Victoria
Father	Henry John Rix, Post Office Officer, Victoria
Mother	Jane Elizabeth (Bennett) Rix
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Residence	"Fairview", Officer, Victoria
Enlisted	9th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 6¼ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

52 ROBERTS Herman

SERVICE N° 1276

On the 4th October 1917 Herman received a mild gunshot wound to his back. He returned to active duty and on the 28th August 1918 was wounded with a gunshot wound to his right knee. Returned to Australia on the 16th June 1919. Discharged on the 22nd June 1920. Died on the 13th August 1953 at Beaconsfield, Victoria. Cremated on the 14th August 1953 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Herman returned to live at Beaconsfield, his occupation storekeeper.

His brother is Lieutenant Leslie Alfred Roberts.

THE ARGUS (24TH JANUARY 1925)

Roberts Beswick- On Christmas Day at St Andrew's Church of England, Middle Brighton by the Rev Canon Hancock, Herman (Mac) Roberts eldest son of Mr and the late Mrs Herman Roberts, Paynesville to Katherine Lucy second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Beswick, 5 Baker Street, Middle Brighton (late of Garfield, present address Station Store Beaconsfield).

Name	ROBERTS Herman
Service N°	1276
Rank	Private
Roll	38 Infantry Battalion (June 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	20th June 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Runic A54
Age	33 years
Birth Place	1882, Paynesville, Victoria
Father	Herman Roberts, Paynesville, Gippsland, Victoria
Mother	Charlotte (Fitz) Roberts
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Builder
Residence	Paynesville, Gippsland, Victoria
Enlisted	1st February 1916
Height	5 feet, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Auburn

Leslie married Vera Pearl Nicholson. They lived in Garratt Street, Euroa and his occupation was Butter Factory Manager. Leslie re-enlisted for World War Two, he served 14th June 1942-31st October 1945. He served as Captain with the 16th Victorian Battalion. Returned to Australia on the 4th July 1919. Discharged on the 3rd October 1919. Died in March 1961 at Box Hill, Victoria. Cremated on the 6th March 1961 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.



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BASE RECORDS OFFICE AIF (16TH JANUARY 1918)

Mr H Roberts - Raymond Island, - Gippsland, Victoria.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy extract from second supplement No 30243 to the London Gazette dated 21st August, 1917, relating to conspicuous services rendered by your son, No 1959 Lance Corporal LA Roberts 38th Battalion.

Awarded the Military Medal.

"His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer.

No 1959 Corporal LA Roberts."

The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No 219 of 20th December 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major, Officer in Charge, Base Records.

Name	ROBERTS Leslie Alfred
Service N°	1959
Rank	Lieutenant
Roll	38 Battalion 1-6 Reinforcements (June-December 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	16th August 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	RMS Orontes
Age	26 years
Birth Place	15th May 1889, Port Albert, Victoria
Father	Herman Roberts, Raymond Island, Paynesville, Gippsland, Victoria
Mother	Charlotte (Fitz) Roberts
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Clerk
Residence	Melbourne, Victoria
Enlisted	5th February 1916
Height	5 feet, 7 ½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

54 SCOTT George Wilfred

SERVICE N° 7590

George returned to Australia on the 22nd August 1919. Discharged on the 7th November 1919.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c. 1929

On the 13th August 1918 George was wounded in action, a gunshot wound to the left forearm.

In June 1921 he requested his medals be posted to his father C/O Mr E Wright, Officer P.O., Victoria.

In 1923 George married Alice Myrtle Little.

In 1924 he was employed at a Butter Factory, Dandenong. Then in 1931 George lived at 71 Edwin Street, Heidelberg, employed as a gravedigger.

On the 19th December 1958 he made application for war benefits under the Repatriation Act.

PAKENHAM GAZETTE (22ND JUNE 1917)

Mr G Stevens of Pakenham has enlisted for active service; the name of Mr GW Scott of Beaconsfield also appears in yesterday's list of recruits.

Died on the 7th September 1983 at Greensborough, Victoria.

Cremated on the 9th September 1983 at Fawkner Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	SCOTT George Wilfred
Service N°	7590
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion 24 & 25 Reinforcements (Feb-Nov 1917)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	21st November 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Nestor A71
Age	21 years
Birth Place	1896, Newlyn, Victoria
Father	Frederick William Scott, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Emma Louisa (May) Scott
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Dairy Farmer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	20th June 1917
Height	5 feet, 9 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Hazel; Hair- Light Brown

STERRY Thomas William Fell 55

SERVICE N° 6411

On the 4th April 1918 Thomas was severely gassed and hospitalised; diagnosed with gas poisoning.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Returned to Australia on the 6th June 1918.

Discharged on the 16th August 1918.

In 1919 Thomas worked as a Poultry farmer in Beaconsfield. He later married Hettie Irene Zabel Upton and lived in Caulfield, then employed in sales.

THE ARGUS (10TH OCTOBER 1945)

STERRY-On October 8th at Caulfield Military Hospital, Thomas William, dearly loved husband of Hettie, loved father of William (AIF), father-in-law of Yvonne, 50 Saturn Street, South Caulfield (late 1st AIF, 10th Battalion, 4th Fd Bge)- at Rest.

STERRY-On October 8th at Caulfield Military Hospital, Thomas William, late 1st, 10th Battalion, AIF, eldest son of William E Sterry and the late Sophia Sterry, brother of Florrie (Mrs SC Stuart) and dear uncle of Dorothy - In God's care.

Died on the 8th October 1945 at Caulfield, Victoria.

Cremated on the 10th October 1945 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	STERRY Thomas William Fell
Service N°	6411
Rank	Gunner
Roll	4 Field Artillery Brigade (November 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	18th November 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wiltshire A18
Age	26 years
Birth Place	1889, North Fitzroy, Victoria
Father	William E Sterry, 18 Lewisham Road, Windsor, Victoria
Mother	Sophia (Fell) Sterry
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Orchardist
Residence	18 Lewisham Road, Windsor
Enlisted	15th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches
Complexion	Sallow; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Brown

56 STEVENS William Charles

SERVICE N° 58/69120

On the 16th May 1915 William was inflicted with gunshot wounds to both his thighs.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Returned to Australia on the 11th January 1918.
Discharged on the 25th May 1918.

Twice William tried to re-enlist, he was finally pronounced medically unfit.

PAKENHAM GAZETTE (4TH OCTOBER 1918)

Pte Will Stevens who was the first to enlist from Beaconsfield, on the 4th August 1914, and who returned to Australia in March of this year, has re-enlisted for service. His service abroad totalled 1375 days. He was twice wounded in Gallipoli and afterwards met with an accident in France. Pte Stevens, of North Fitzroy, has two brothers at the front, one in the flying corps in Palestine, who has received his commission and granted promotion to the rank of Captain, and another in the gun section in France. (Brothers John Talbot Tuck Stevens and Thomas Walter Stevens.)

In 1919 William married Louisa Florence Rae, they lived in Albury and later Ferntree Gully.

Died in November 1963 at Heidelberg Repatriation General Hospital, Victoria.

Buried on the 7th November 1963 at Fawkner Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	STEVENS William Charles
Service N°	58/69120
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion (October 1914)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	19th October 1914
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Benalla A24
Age	22 years
Birth Place	18th September 1892, Kensington, Victoria
Father	John Talbot Stevens, 11 May Street, Fitzroy, Victoria
Mother	Mary Jane Mullen
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Grocer
Residence	11 May Street, Fitzroy
Enlisted	20th August 1914
Height	5 feet, 5 inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Fair

Nicholas Thomas was the local butcher in Wilson Street, Berwick. In 1920 Alonzo married Mary Ellen.



In 1924 Alonzo lived in Wilson Street, Berwick and his occupation was Blacksmith. In 1931 Lower Beaconsfield, Alonzo was married to Mary Ellen Lucy McElroy.

There are no records that show that Alonzo served in the First World War, the reason for his inclusion in "Ada's list" is unknown.

There are no other men with the name AG Thomas living in the Beaconsfield district or associated with the Armytage family.

Perhaps he was the Blacksmith that Ada Armytage frequented.

Died in November 1967 at Dandenong, Victoria.

Buried on the 6th November 1967 at Berwick Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	THOMAS Alonzo Guy
Service N°	
Rank	
Roll	
Conflict	
Embarked	
City	
Ship	
Age	
Birth Place	1899, Port Melbourne, Victoria.
Father	Nicholas Thomas.
Mother	Maria Caroline Reb Bruhn.
Religion	
Occupation	
Residence	
Enlisted	
Height	
Complexion	

58 TUCKER John Frederick †

SERVICE N° 2795

John was a coach driver for Mr AW Shorthouse, Beaconsfield Upper. At the time of enlistment his parents were both deceased and his only sister's address was unknown. John and his sister grew up in an orphanage.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (11TH OCTOBER 1916)

News was received in Beaconsfield last week of the death of Private JF Tucker, who was killed in action in France on the 3rd of last month. He was in the employment of Mr AW Shorthouse when he enlisted and made many friends, all of whom will regret to hear of his death.

THE ARGUS (7TH OCTOBER 1916)

Tucker- Killed in action in France on the 3rd September, Private John Frederick Tucker. "They miss him most who knew him best."

(Inserted by his sincere friends Arthur W and Amy B Shorthouse, Rosemount, Beaconsfield Upper.)

On the 3rd September 1916 John was killed in action "in the forest" in Belgium. He is buried at Woods Military Cemetery, Zillebeke, Belgium.

On the 15th December 1920 Mr Shorthouse applied to have John's war medals.

Name	TUCKER John Frederick †
Service N°	2795
Rank	Private
Roll	24 Infantry Battalion 1-8 Reinforcements (May 1915-Jan 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th October 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ulysses A38
Age	22 years
Birth Place	1893, Carlton, Victoria
Father	Unknown
Mother	Unknown
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Coach Driver
Residence	Beaconsfield Upper, Victoria
Enlisted	2nd August 1915
Height	5 feet, 8 ½ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Black

On the 16th August 1916 Richard was wounded in action. On the 17th October 1917 he was wounded again, a gunshot wound to his right arm in Rouen, France.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Returned to Australia on the 6th July 1919.
Discharged on the 25th October 1919.

In 1921 Richard married Mabel Ridgeway.

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (1ST DECEMBER 1915)

Private R Tulk late landlord of the Cardinia Hotel, has sailed for parts unknown, with the rest of the troops; he has a brother serving in the Navy.

Eleven recruits went into camp on Monday from Beaconsfield. The number includes Messrs Bragg and Tulk, the former was the Licensee of the Central Hotel, the latter the Cardinia Hotel.

Died on the 29th September 1964 at Bundaberg, Queensland.

Buried in September 1964 at Bundaberg Cemetery, Queensland.

Name	TULK Richard Stephen
Service N°	2175
Rank	Private
Roll	8 Infantry Battalion 1-6 Reinforcements (Dec 1914-Jun 1915)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	17th June 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wandilla A62
Age	19 years
Birth Place	25th February 1895, Collingwood, Victoria
Father	Fredrick Albert Tulk, Cardinia Park Hotel, Beaconsfield
Mother	Caroline (Field) Tulk
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Engineer
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	21st April 1915
Height	5 feet, 7 ¾ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

60 WARMBRUNN Alfred Ernest

SERVICE N° 2014

On the 24th April 1917 Alfred was diagnosed with trench fever. On the 4th March 1918 Alfred was hospitalised for an abscess.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (10TH APRIL 1919)

Private A E Warmbrunn of Beaconsfield is expected back from the sea of war at an early date. Pte Warmbrunn was a trench mate of Pte Gamble who made a name for himself.

Returned to Australia on the 19th February 1919.

Discharged on the 15th May 1919.

In 1937 Alfred was living in Beaconsfield and his occupation was a Lineman.

Died on the 27th July 1966 at Beaconsfield, Victoria.

Buried on the 29th July 1966 at Berwick Cemetery, Victoria.

Name	WARMBRUNN Alfred Ernest
Service N°	2014
Rank	Private
Roll	57 Infantry Battalion 2-5 Reinforcements (April-September 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	8th July 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ajana A31
Age	31 years
Birth Place	5th August 1884, South Yarra, Victoria
Father	Ernest Martin Warmbrunn, "Tarilta", Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Catherine Warmbrunn
Religion	Baptist
Occupation	Gardener
Residence	"Tarilta", Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	7th March 1916
Height	5 feet, 3 ¼ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

On the 14th May 1917 Sydney married Annie Holland in Mayfair, England.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

Returned to Australia on the 23rd August 1919.
Discharged on the 17th October 1919.

On returning to Australia Sydney lived at Tooradin, then Clyde. In 1936 he lived at "Grassmere", Inglis Road, Berwick and his occupation was a dairy farmer.

THE ARGUS (5TH JULY 1954)

White Sydney Pleno on July 3 at Berwick, loving father of Les, father-in-law of Una and Pop of Valerie and Garron.

Died on the 3rd July 1954 at Berwick, Victoria.

Cremated on the 5th July 1954 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	WHITE Sydney Pleno
Service N°	3638
Rank	Private
Roll	21 Infantry Battalion 1-12 Reinforcements (Jun 1915-Apr 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	29th December 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Demosthenes A64
Age	31 years
Birth Place	1886, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England
Father	William S White, Bridge Farm House, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, England
Mother	Unknown
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Coachsmith
Residence	35 Wallace Avenue, Toorak, Victoria
Enlisted	12th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 5 ¼ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

62 WHITESIDE Thomas Clair

SERVICE N° 2821

Thomas returned to Australia on 15th January 1919. Discharged on the 1st March 1919. In July 1923 Thomas married Kathleen Amy Cunningham. They lived in Whiteside Road, Officer and he continued to work as an orchardist.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C. 1929

BERWICK CITY NEWS (15TH MARCH 1916)

A letter from Pte Clair Whiteside appears in a recent issue of the Tamb and Bruthen Times. The letter received by Mr Munachen a one time resident of Berwick. Private Whiteside says that he has been inside and outside of nearly all the chief places of historic interest- pyramids, citadel slave market, tombs, mosques etc. Some of the buildings are very artistic, but size was the chief wonder.

BERWICK SHIRE NEWS (30TH AUGUST 1916)

It was several weeks ago that Cpl Whiteside, son of Rev WS Whiteside, was wounded while fighting in France. The information was first received from Corporal Whiteside himself and afterwards from the defence department. On Monday Rev WS Whiteside received the following message from Base Records Office. "Now report your son Cpl TC Whiteside admitted to General Hospital, 22nd July, gunshot wound to the forehead severe, will promptly advise if anything further received." (This message was apparently delayed in transmission as it was about 5 weeks since Cpl Whiteside was wounded.) The latest information received by private cable, states that he is improving and expects to go into a convalescent home in a few days.

Died on the 24th November 1959 at Officer, Victoria. Buried at Berwick Cemetery.

His daughter Elizabeth Whiteside compiled his letters in the book - 'A valley in France' World War I letters to his parents and sister while on Active Service from Egypt, France and Great Britain. 1915-1918. Beaconsfield, Whiteside, 1999.

Name	WHITESIDE Thomas Clair
Service N°	2821
Rank	Private
Roll	22 Infantry Battalion 1-8 Reinforcements (Jun 1915-Jan 1916) 59 Battalion
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	27th October 1915
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Ulysses A38
Age	21 years
Birth Place	1st October 1893, Ione, California, USA
Father	William Sherlock Whiteside, Beaconsfield, Victoria
Mother	Sarah (McCullagh) Whiteside
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Orchardist
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	17th July 1915
Height	5 feet, 8 ½ inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Brown

Frederick returned to Australia on the 25th April 1919. Discharged on the 15th May 1920.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

BERWICK ADVOCATE (25TH JULY 1918)

BEACONSFIELD.

A very successful and enjoyable social evening was held in the Beaconsfield Hall, in honour of Pte F Williams, son of our worthy state school teacher, and trooper Tom Pettit, both of whom are shortly leaving for the front. Sgt Flett and Stevens were also on the platform. The latter has seen 3 years service and has re-enlisted. President G W Martin made the presentations of wristlet watches to Pte Williams and Trooper Pettit, in a very humorous speech, the gist of which was hardly understood by the locals present. Apologies were received from Mr and Mrs Chirside, Cr and Mrs a'Beckett, and Mr J Rosier, all of whom were unable to be present, but wished the boys God speed and a safe return. The lads in a few well chosen words suitably responded. Dancing was then indulged in until midnight when one and all went home happy if tired.

On the 17th January 1919 Frederick was very unwell and diagnosed with Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Died on the 8th May 1929 at Kilmore, Victoria.

Buried on the 10th May 1929 at Fawkner Cemetery, Melbourne.

Name	WILLIAMS Frederick John
Service N°	61018
Rank	Private
Roll	1-17 (Vic) Reinforcements (March-November 1918)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	31st August 1918
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Barambah A37
Age	23 years
Birth Place	1895, Epping, Victoria
Father	Ernest Williams, State School, Beaconsfield
Mother	Louisa Ann (Helms) Williams
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk (Central Wool Exchange)
Residence	Beaconsfield, Victoria
Enlisted	27th April 1918
Height	5 feet, 8 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Blue; Hair- Brown

64 WILLIAMS Rupert Ernest

SERVICE N° 37552

On the 8th October 1918 Rupert was reported as wounded in action, gassed.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE c.1929

SOUTH BOURKE AND MORNINGTON JOURNAL (16TH JANUARY 1919)

Bombardier Rupert Williams, son of Mr E Williams, headmaster of Beaconsfield State School, left England for Australia last month. The soldier was twice gassed in France, but hopes are entertained that the sea voyage will restore him to health. His only brother, Fred, was on the Barambah, but was lucky enough to escape infection, and land safely in England.

Returned to Australia on the 9th December 1918.
Discharged on the 16th February 1919.

Rupert married Bertha, they lived in Hamilton and then Sandringham, Victoria. He returned to his occupation as school teacher.

Died in February 1959 at Blackburn, Victoria.
Cremated on the 17th February 1959 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	WILLIAMS Rupert Ernest
Service N°	37552
Rank	Gunner
Roll	Field Artillery Brigade 27-35 Reinforcements (Nov 1917-Jun 1918)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	9th November 1917
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Port Sydney A15
Age	26 years
Birth Place	1890, Kilmore, Victoria
Father	Ernest Williams, Beaconsfield State School, Victoria
Mother	Louisa (Helms) Williams
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	School Teacher
Residence	C/O Jory's Coffee Palace, Ararat
Enlisted	25th October 1916
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Complexion	Fresh; Eyes- Grey; Hair- Brown

On the 10th May 1918 James was awarded a Military Medal.



ORIGINAL NAME PLATE C.1929

Action for which Commended.

At 3.15pm on 24th April 1916 Dvr Witham was lead driver of a team comprising portion of a convoy carting ammunition to the 55th Pty, A.F.A. When passing along a sunken road nearing the Bonnay Cross Roads, the convoy came under very heavy shell fire, killing two complete teams and wounding all the drivers. Dvr Witham although himself wounded immediately picked himself up and went to the assistance of the other drivers. Although the shell fire was particularly heavy and concentrated on this one point, this Dvr with utter disregard of personal danger, extricated from amongst the dying mules, one of the other drivers who was badly wounded, and still under heavy shell fire carried him 200 yards to a sap where his wounds could be dressed. His coolness under fire and his disregard for personal danger, although wounded set a very high example of courage and devotion to duty.

Returned to Australia on the 22nd May 1919. Discharged on the 12th September 1919. James returned to live in Beaconsfield, his occupation Shop Assistant. He married Hilda Florence Hodgson. Died in February 1959. Cremated on the 16th February 1959 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

Name	WITHAM James Albert
Service N°	4208
Rank	Private
Roll	23 Infantry Battalion 9-12 Reinforcements (February-April 1916)
Conflict	First World War 1914-1918
Embarked	7th March 1916
City	Melbourne
Ship	HMAT Wiltshire A18
Age	23 years
Birth Place	1893, Omeo, Victoria
Father	John Witham, Tongio West, East Gippsland, Victoria
Mother	Mary Ellen (Richmond) Witham
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Storeman
Residence	Seymour, Victoria
Enlisted	26th February 1915
Height	5 feet, 10 ½ inches
Complexion	Fair; Eyes- Brown; Hair- Brown

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Source Unknown



Holm Park - Home of Ada Armytage
Ada Armytage pictured in insert



JD Adamson's Hardware



Beaconsfield Hall - Built by Arthur Adamson



Beaconsfield District Picnic 1909

BEACONSFIELD CENOTAPH



EARLY DAYS



2014



BEACONSFIELD CENOTAPH

UNVEILED MARCH 1920

L/R Front Row: Frederick John WILLIAMS, Thomas Clair WHITESIDE, George Thomas GRANT, William HARBOUR, Robert Syme ADAMSON,
 Top Row: Henry NIXON, Unknown, John ADAMSON, James Randle ADAMSON, Clarence Juan HILL, Alexander (Alec) Leslie MAY, Rupert Ernest WILLIAMS, Thomas John PETTIT,

BEACONSFIELD AVENUE OF HONOUR 1914-1918

In 1928 Beaconsfield Progress Association applied to the Country Roads Board to plant the Avenue and funding was provided by Ada Armytage. Black poplar trees were planted in 1929 to honour the 65 servicemen from Beaconsfield and district who served in World War I.

Metal nameplates were made and later found in storage, but in poor condition.

In 2014 The Beaconsfield Progress Association Inc. and Cardinia Shire Council erected bronze name plaques for the servicemen with funding provided by the State Government of Victoria.

The trees can be viewed looking up the highway from Beaconsfield to Berwick.

NEW BRONZE PLAQUES INSTALLED IN 2014

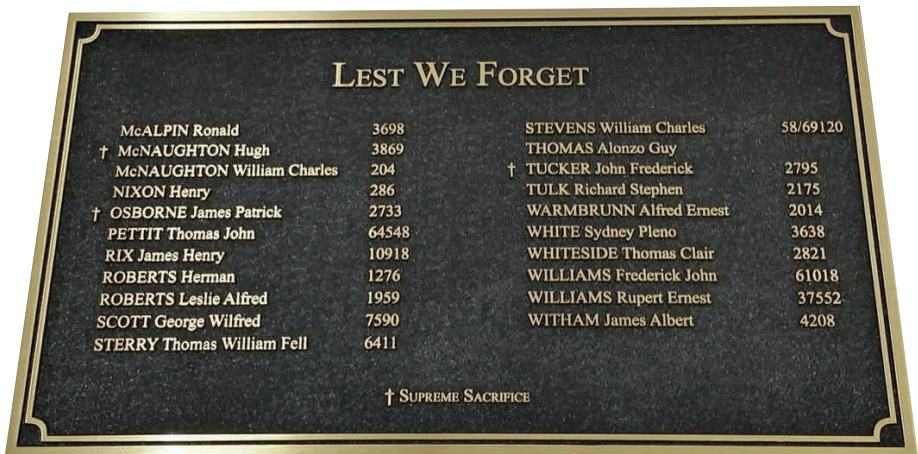
LEST WE FORGET

ADAMSON James Randle	19	BONETTE Francis Leonard David	1890
ADAMSON John	10131	† BRAGG Arthur Robert	2564
ADAMSON Robert Syme	631	BRAIN Albert John	356
ARMYTAGE Charles Morrel	543	BROWN Percy Charles	7211
ARMYTAGE Clive Norman	551	CAMERON Duncan	162
ARMYTAGE Edward Oscar	British Army 159827	CAMERON Hugh Allan	2648
ARMYTAGE Gerald Mostyn	21992	CAMERON Richard Bruce	1522
ARMYTAGE Neville Fairbairn	38944	CAMERON William Wallace	1622
BARNETT Thomas Frederick	10803	CHANDLER Stanley Wilfred	2860
BAUSCH Frederick William	3016	† CHILDS Albert George	2599
BINKS James	1703	† CHRISTIE John Leslie	3054

† SUPREME SACRIFICE



PLAQUES ON DISPLAY AT BEACONSFIELD PARK





BEACONSFIELD ROLL OF HONOR

UNVEILED BEACONSFIELD HALL 1916

Photography by Edmund Luke

The original Roll of Honor included 23 servicemen.

A further 10 were added after the War.

Beaconsfield School 1910



Beaconsfield Railway Station 1910



Beaconsfield Park Opening 1939

(Left) This photo from Tony Rushton's collection is believed to be from the opening of the gates in 1939 and includes Harold Harbour (2nd from left) next to him 'Slim' and twin brother 'Bluey' Jim Parkes.



Beaconsfield Park Today



Elizabeth Whiteside holding her fathers original name plate.

THOMAS CLAIR WHITESIDE





Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour - Winter

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Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour - Spring

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In Honour of the 65 Servicemen from the Beaconsfield District who served Australia in WWI



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