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**LEST WE FORGET**

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**Nagambie Times - 2nd February 1917**

*A Call from the Dardanelles.*

*As I Lay on the deck of a hospital ship,  
At the gate of the Dardanelles,  
Mid thunder of warships cannons  
And the bursting of giant shells;  
Where men were dying in Britain's cause,  
To open the Sultan's door;  
Shrapnel rifle and machine gun fire,  
Was raising a living hell on shore.*

*I thought of three men who were fighting  
These thousand miles from home,  
Shoulder to shoulder with Australia's sons  
(The clerk and the rolling stone),  
Gurkhas, Sikhs and Lancers from India's  
Sunny clime;  
All had left their near and dear  
For a place in the firing line.*

*Each one had answered the Empire's call,  
Each one doing his bit,  
While thousands are resting at home  
Equally strong and fit.  
Could they but known, could they but see  
The soldier and the lar  
Fighting together, as Britain's should,  
In the fight at Sedh-al-Bar,*

*They would throw their aprons to the girls,  
Give up their game of whist,  
And sing the Tipperary song  
As they scramble to enlist.  
There is Achi Baba yet to take,  
And the forts around Chenark;  
These positions must be won,  
There must be no hanging back.*

*We want more men and still more men  
Before this can be done;  
Do they realise the fact?  
God! Will they ever come?  
I'm only a rag time soldier,  
But I'll put it to them straight,  
Go, now and enter the army  
Before it is too late!*

*Ere the butt of an enemy's rifle comes  
Crushing through your door,  
And the blood of innocent children stains  
The kitchen floor,  
Tell them you are coming,  
Tom, Dick and Harry, too;  
Shoulder to shoulder, and hand in hand,  
And we will pull the empire through.*

*-Hugh Were  
Late 5th Battalion, 1st Division  
Polloch, 28/1/1917*

## Foreword

Officer was originally referred to as the “Officer’s Wood Siding”. With an abundantly wooded landscape, James Lecky, LL Smith and Robert Officer were instrumental in having the train stop to collect the fire-wood logged on the property of Robert Officer, known as “Greenbanks”. A flag would be displayed, and the Gippsland train would stop at the railway siding to collect the logged timber for transportation to Melbourne.

In 1888 the township became known as Officer.

During the 1880’s land boom in Melbourne, Officer prospered with the abundance of timber available and clay suitable for bricks; there was at least five brick yards at the peak of the building boom. After the housing bust in the late 1880’s, the cleared land was found suitable for orchards to be grown. The orchard industry flourished with the capability of transportation to Melbourne both by railway and road.

Originally there was no store or post office, the mail would be collected from the railway station. The first store was opened in the late 1890’s by Fred Harris. Then the new public hall was approved and built, a “great convenience” for public meetings. In the following years it would be well utilised with regular dances and celebratory events. The local state school began in 1886 and the new wooden school was built on a new site in 1913. Rix and Hicks built new kilns in their brick yards, supplying drainpipes and the like and offering local employment. Several Eucalyptus distilleries produced large quantities of oil which were successful for a few years. There were numerous farms; dairy, poultry, sheep, crop growing, and flower growers, which have been prosperous in Officer for many years. The Progress Association was formed in 1911, as were other community groups, supporting the township.

War intervened; On the 4 August 1914 Great Britain declared war with France against Germany. Two days later the Australian Government offered an Australian expeditionary force and the Commonwealth Government called for volunteers for the Australian Imperial Force. Officer, one of many small towns, was swept up in the conversations and excitement of war, the young men full of enthusiasm and the opportunity of an adventure, began to enlist. In 1918 the Great war came to an end and those that survived returned. Officer was a small

town, so the loss of numerous local men had devastating consequences. The fabric of the close community was changed forever. Grief and sadness made the following years a challenge in rebuilding the lives of the families and the town itself. Stoic and hardworking the people of Officer strived forward. As reported some years ago, *“The Officer people have a happy knack of pulling together.”*

The Officer Union Church built in 1929 by the community, gave the opportunity for all denominations to have a place of worship. The Officer Country Women’s Association began, which was enthusiastically welcomed by the women of Officer. Having played sports on a local property, finally with the acquisition of a 13 acre site, the Officer sports club was officially opened on 17th January 1930. Sport has always been an important activity for the locals to participate and enjoy the break from working life. The Officer Fire Brigade was formed in 1942 another example of the community spirit.

In 1918 a boulevard of trees on the north side of the highway was planted to honour the men who had enlisted from the district. In later years (1970’s) with the widening of the highway the trees have all gone. Clair Whiteside instigated the idea that a committee be formed to erect The War Memorial Gates at the entrance to the Officer Recreation Reserve. The unveiling ceremony took place on Sunday 11 November 1951. Due to the rapid development of Officer and the need for road upgrades, the Officer Memorial Gates were moved to their current location in 2014.

Anzac and Remembrance Day services are now held at the Memorial Gates each year to honour and commemorate all who have served their country including those that made the Supreme Sacrifice.

The soldiers that joined the Australian Infantry forces for “King and Country” could never have imagined the extensive transformation of Officer in this past 100 years.

# Beadel, Percival Thomas

**Service Number:** 820



**Rank:** Corporal

**Roll Title:** D Company 24th Australian Infantry Battalion

**Date of Embarkation:** 8th May 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Euripid

**Age:** 19 years

**Born:** 1896, Brighton, Victoria.

**Father:** Charles Joseph Beadel, York Street, Brighton Victoria.

**Mother:** Mary Hannah Beadel (Maybury) Officer, Victoria.

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Labourer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 29th March 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 7 inches

**Complexion:** Red, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Dark Brown



**Berwick Shire News and Pakenham and Cranbourne Gazette**  
**- 20th December 1916**

*Private E. P. Beadel, of Officer who has been on service for some time, has been promoted to the rank of lance-corporal.*

**Berwick Shire News and Pakenham and Cranbourne Gazette**  
**- 24th January 1917**

*In a list of casualties published on Monday by the Defence authorities, the name of Corporal P. T. Beadel of Officer appears amongst those reported to be wounded and seriously ill.*

Percival died 17th January 1917 from a gunshot wound. He is innterred at St Sever Cemetery Extension, Haute-Normandie, France.

**The Age - 8th February 1917**

*Berwick.*

*News has been received of the death of Corporal Percival Beadel, of Officer, who died in the 6th General Hospital from a gunshot wound. He was one of the first to leave Australia, and was in the trenches on Gallipoli for some time. He was 20 years of age.*

# Bell, Thomas Stanley

Service Number: 3773



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 9th Reinforcements 22 Battalion

**Date of Embarkation:** 8th February 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Warilda A69

**Age:** 23 years

**Born:** 1893, Avenel (Seymour), Victoria.

**Father:** William Isaac Bell, Thorpdale Victoria.

**Mother:** Mary Ann (Eaton), *St Germain's*, Clyde Victoria.

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** *St Germain's*, Clyde Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 12th August 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 6½ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Fair

On the 3rd May 1917, Thomas was wounded in action with a shrapnel wound to the chest, he returned to Australia on 18 October 1917.

He was discharged from the AIF on 21 January 1918 and received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal on 13th April 1923.

In 1922 Thomas married Mabel May Wilmott in Footscray and they had two sons, Maxwell Thomas and Maurice John.

They lived in Berwick, occupation Farmer. Thomas retired in the 1950's and moved to Dandenong before Glen Waverley.

Thomas died on 17th January 1982 in The Manchester Unity Nursing Home, Coleman Parade, Glen Waverley. He was cremated on the 19th January at Springvale Cemetery.

# Boase, Arthur Leslie

**Service Number:** 7213



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 8 Battalion Depot and 7 Battalion

**Date of Embarkation:** 19th February 1917

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Ballarat

**Age:** 26 years

**Born:** 2nd February 1889, Carlton Victoria.

**Father:** Unknown.

**Mother:** Annie Morris (Boase) 75 Henry Street, Windsor, Victoria.

**Religion:** Methodist

**Occupation:** Labourer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 2nd August 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 5¾ inches

**Complexion:** Sallow, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Dark Brown

Arthur enlisted and served 66 days before becoming ill with bronchitis, he was given a medical discharge on 6th October 1915.

Arthur later re-enlisted on the 24th July 1916, but he became ill once again after serving 106 days. He was discharged on the 7th November 1916. Arthur enlisted for a third time on the 10th November 1916 and served another 7 months before returning to Australia on 27th September 1917 with a fractured left ankle.

He was discharged from the AIF on 1st February 1918 and would go on to receive the British War Medal on 2nd July 1923.

In 1918 Arthur married Linda Renfern in Footscray, Victoria and they had five children, Clarence Leslie, Lila Mary Doreen, Raymond John, Elvie Linda and Kevin George.

Arthur died on 6th January 1946 at Royal Melbourne Hospital, Parkville. He was buried at Springvale Cemetery 7th January 1946.



# Bromley, Harold John

**Service Number:** 22094



**Rank:** Farrier Sergeant

**Roll Title:** 23 Howitzer Brigade and 1 to 10 Reinforcements  
and Brigade Ammunition Column

**Date of Embarkation:** 20th May 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Medic A7

**Age:** 22 years

**Born:** May 1893, Carlton, Victoria.

**Father:** John Thomas Bromley, Officer Victoria.

**Mother:** Susan Jane (Bell)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Engine Driver and Blacksmith

**Residence:** Oakleigh, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 28th June 1915

**Height:** 5 feet 10 inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

Harold returned to Australia on the 21st June 1919 was discharged from the AIF on the 27th September 1919.

He received the British War Medal on the 13th June 1921, and the Victory Medal on the 25th June 1934.

Harold married Charlotte Rann on the Isle of Wight, England in March 1919.

After the war they lived at 1 Taylor Street, Oakleigh, Victoria and had three children: Joan Dorothy, John Stephen and Donald Keith.

Harold continued employment as an Engine driver, but later in life was a Taxi proprietor.

Harold died on the 4th July 1968 and was cremated and interred at the Springvale Cemetery Victoria on the 8th July 1968.

# Bromley, John Thomas

**Service Number:** Depot



**Rank:** Veterinary

**Roll Title:** Permanent Guard

**Date of Embarkation:** N/A

**Place of Embarkation:** N/A

**Ship Embarked on:** N/A

**Age:** 43 years

**Born:** 1872, Oakland Junction, Broadmeadows, Victoria.

**Father:** John Henry Bromley, Brunswick, Victoria.

**Mother:** Sarah Ann (Crouch)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farrier

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 23rd June 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 7½ inches

**Complexion:** Dark, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Dark Brown

John was a Private from 23rd June 1915 to 19th July 1916. He was discharged unfit for duty due to synovitis of the right knee.

He re-enlisted on 8th August 1916 considered fit for home service until 13th December 1916. In a detailed medical report John was recommended for permanent discharge by the medical board having been assessed as permanently unfit and an invalid on the 4th April 1917. His knee injury was caused by the kick from a horse at Seymour Camp.

On entering service, John was married to Susan Jane (Bell) and in 1919 they resided in Oakleigh Victoria.

They had ten children, Harold John, Norman John, George Henry, George Walter, Leslie Henry, Violet Dorothy Ellis, Frank Henry, Alice Gladys, Francis (Frank) Stanley and John (Jack) Thomas.

John died on 18th February 1919 in hospital in South Melbourne and was buried at Melbourne Cemetery on 19th February 1919.

### **The Age - 19th February 1919**

*Bromley - On the 18th February at the Base Hospital, Private John Thomas Bromley, late of the Veterinary Corps, the beloved husband of Susan Jane Bromley, of Oakleigh, aged 48 years.*

# Bromley, Norman John

Service Number: 20024



**Rank:** Farrier Sergeant

**Roll Title:** 8 Field Artillery Brigade / 3 Division Ammunition Company

**Date of Embarkation:** 20th May 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Medic A7

**Age:** 19 years

**Born:** 2nd February 1896, Fitzroy, Victoria.

**Father:** John Thomas Bromley, Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Susan Jane (Bell)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farrier

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 28th June 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 8 inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Light Brown



Norman married Florence Louisa Batchelor on 27th August 1919 at St Mary's Church on the Isle of Wight, England.

Norman returned to Australia on 18th December 1919 and was discharged on the 28th March 1920. On 24th November 1923, he received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

After discharge from the military Norman continued as a Blacksmith living in Oakleigh Victoria.

Norman and Florence had two children, Joyce Evelyn and Olive Jean.

Norman died on 14th March 1976 at 20 Bent Street South Caulfield Victoria. He was cremated and interred at Springvale Botanical Cemetery on 16th March 1976.

# Brown, Percy Charles

Service Number: 7211



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 14 Infantry Battalion 24 & 25 Reinforcement

**Date of Embarkation:** 19th February 1917

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Ballarat A70

**Age:** 23 years

**Born:** 1893, Hawthorn, Victoria.

**Father:** Thomas Brown, *Mayfield*, Pakenham, Victoria.

**Mother:** Matilda (Ludlow) Brown

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Horse Driver

**Residence:** *Mayfield*, Pakenham, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 18th September 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 9 inches

**Complexion:** Medium, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Brown

Percy was wounded in action on 22nd October 1917. On the 29th October 1917, he was admitted to hospital for a severe gunshot wound to the head.

Percy returned to Australia on 13th March 1918 and discharged on 22nd August 1918. On 21st May 1923 he received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

On the 26th July 1923 Percy married Doris Peake in Camberwell, Victoria.

They lived in Officer and Percy worked as an orchardist.

They had four children, Russell, Lorna Rae, Doris Lynette and Pamela Clair.

Percy died on 12th May 1966 at Officer, Victoria. He was cremated on the 16th May at Springvale Cemetery and was later buried at the Pakenham Cemetery.

# Brunt, Archibald Andrew

Service Number: 101



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 13 Light Horse Regiment

**Date of Embarkation:** 26th June 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Vestalia A44

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 1894, St Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria.

**Father:** William Brunt, Cranbourne, Victoria.

**Mother:** Sarah (Buckland), 50 Albert Road, Albert Park, Victoria.

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** 137 Wellington Parade, Jolimont, Melbourne, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 11th November 1915

**Height:** Not Recorded

**Complexion:** Medium, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Light Brown

Archibald enlisted early on the 28th September 1914 at Broadmeadows and by 11th January 1915 he was at the training depot. He was to experience action in both Egypt and France.

Archibald was awarded the Military Medal on 23rd June 1917 for his bravery during battle.

### **Pakenham Gazette and Berwick Shire News - 14th September 1917**

*Officer.*

*Word has been received that Private A Brunt second son of Mrs Brunt of Jolimont and grandson of Mrs R Brunt "Gin Gin Bean" Officer, has been awarded a military Medal for bravery under shell fire.*

On 6th October 1918, Archibald was accidently injured and admitted to hospital. He was later transferred to hospital in the UK.

He returned to Australia on 18th December 1918 and discharged on 30th March 1919. On 26th September 1921 he received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. He was later awarded the 1914/1915 Star Medal on 10th May 1923.

In 1922 Archibald married Adelaide Letitia Gilbert and continued farming after the war.

Archibald died on 28th January 1968 in Baxter, Victoria and was cremated on 1st February 1968 at the Springvale Cemetery.



# Brunt, Trevor William

Service Number: 358



**Rank:** Driver

**Roll Title:** 1 Divisional Train (I to 4 Companies Army service Corps)

**Date of Embarkation:** 22nd October 1914

**Place of Embarkation:** Adelaide

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Hymettus A1

**Age:** 24 years

**Born:** 27th June 1890, Windsor, Victoria.

**Father:** William Brunt, Cranbourne, Victoria.

**Mother:** Sarah (Buckland), 50 Albert Road, Albert Park, Victoria.

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Clerk

**Residence:** 50 Albert Road, Albert Park, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 20th August 1914

**Height:** 5 feet, 7½ inches

**Complexion:** Dark, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Brown

**Berwick Shire News and Pakenham and Cranbourne Gazette**  
**- 2nd September 1914**

*Trevor Brunt, who used to play with Berwick Football team is now with Expeditionary Force at Broadmeadows.*

On the 12th May 1916 Trevor was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

He returned to Australia on 5th March 1919 and discharged on the 24th June 1919.

On 25th April 1922, Trevor received the 1914/1915 Star Medal, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Trevor died on 18th January 1939 and was cremated on 19th January at Springvale Cemetery.

**The Argus - 21st January 1939**

*Brunt - On the 18 January at 56 Adelaide Street Malvern, Trevor William dearly loved husband of Millie L Brunt loving father of Bill, Roma and Ross. Peacefully sleeping.*

# Clements, John William Henry

Service Number: 5995



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 6 Infantry Battalion - 19 to 23 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 28th July 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Themistocles A32

**Age:** 26 years

**Born:** 1888, Kensington Hill, Victoria.

**Father:** Robert Charles Clements, 170 Scotchmer Street, North Fitzroy, Victoria.

**Mother:** Julia Jane (Ansell)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** State School Teacher

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 21st August 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 8 inches

**Complexion:** Ruddy, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Dark Brown

## **Berwick Shire News - 8th September 1915**

*Officer.*

*Mr J H W Clements, the head teacher, who is a great favourite with the children, has enlisted and goes to camp on Monday. The children presented him with a handsome dressing case. Mr Crook made the presentation on behalf of the children and spoke of their regret on losing him. Mr Clements feelingly responded.*

*Mr Clements will be greatly missed in the district, having been connected with the Progress Association since its beginning. He was also Hon. Treasurer for the hall for the last 12 months.*

John returned to Australia on the 25th September 1919 and was discharged from the AIF on 27th March 1920.

On 12th April 1922 he received the British War Medal and, later, on 16th March 1923 received the Victory Medal.

In 1927 John married Myrtle May Scale in West Melbourne, they had one daughter Mavis Enid.

John died at the Repatriation General Hospital Caulfield on the 5 July 1944. He was cremated on 6 July 1944 at the Fawkner Crematorium.

## **The Argus - 6th July 1944**

*Clements - On July 5 at Caulfield Military Hospital, John William Henry Clements, of Portarlinton late of the 14th Battalion AIF, loved brother of Bruce, Harold and Bert, aged 56 years.*

# Davies, Alan Cathcart

Service Number: N/A



**Rank:** 2nd Lieutenant

**Roll Title:** 59 Infantry Battalion - 2 to 5 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 4th May 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Port Lincoln A17

**Age:** 25 years

**Born:** 1890, Armadale, Victoria

**Father:** George Schoen Davies, *Llanfynyge*, Tooronga Road, Malvern, Victoria.

**Mother:** Jessie Agnes (MacMurtrie)

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** 292 Williams Road, Toorak, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 8th July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 8 inches

**Complexion:** Fair, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Fair

The 1914 Electoral roll lists Alan Cathcart Davies and his brother, Basil Raynor Davies at *Jesmond Dene*, Officer, Farmer.

### **South Bourke and Mornington Journal - 9th May 1918**

*Keen regret was felt in the district when the sad news came through this week that Lieut Alan Davies had died of wounds. He was engaged in farming with Mr Patterson, of Officer, and made many friends here. His brothers, Captain Vernon Davies D.S.O., and Sergeant Basil Davies, are still in France.*

On 7th September 1923, Alan received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. They were issued to his brother.

# Davies, Basil Rayner

Service Number: 804



**Rank:** Lance Corporal

**Roll Title:** 39 Infantry Battalion

**Date of Embarkation:** 27th May 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Ascanius A11

**Age:** 24 years

**Born:** 1891, Armadale, Victoria

**Father:** George Schoen Davies, *Llanfynyge*, Tooronga Road, Malvern, Victoria.

**Mother:** Jessie Agnes (MacMurtrie)

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** *Jesmond Dene*, Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 25th February 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 6 inches

**Complexion:** Medium, Eyes-Fair, Hair-Fair

## **London Gazette - 20th August 1919**

*Awarded the Military medal. His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned-*

*No 804 Sergeant Basil Raynor Davies, 39th Battalion.*

*For gallant conduct and devotion to duty during the period 16 September 1918. To November 11, 1918.*

*Sergeant Davies did excellent work on the 18th September, 1918, at Bony. He was sent in charge of a patrol to go forward to the canal. His control came under heavy Machine gun fire, but in spite of this he pushed on and gained very valuable information regarding the location of enemy machine gun. He was also successful in keeping his patrol together, having no casualties.*

*The above has been promulgated in "Commonwealth of Australia Gazette" No 135, dated 11 December 1919.*

Basil returned to Australia on 5th April 1919 and was discharged from the AIF 12th July 1919. Basil would go on to receive the British War Medal on 9th September 1921 and would later receive the Victory Medal on 28th February 1923.

## **The Age - 2nd July 1940**

*Artist Marries.*

*The marriage of Mrs Lanfear Thompson, who is a well known as the artist Madge Freeman, to Mr Basil R Davies, Coongarra, Longwarry North, Gippsland, was celebrated at St Andrews Church, Bendigo Yesterday. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs G Freeman Barkley Place, and the late G H Freeman.*

*At the ceremony, which was attended only by close relatives she wore a teal blue ensemble and a hat of matching flowers, from which hung a shoulder length veil. Her accessories were navy blue, and she had a spray of orchids pinned at the shoulder of her coat. Dr V Davies was best man.*

Basil and Frances Margot lived in Longwarry Victoria farming Ayrshire cattle for many years, they eventually retired to live in Ivanhoe.

Basil died on the 3rd August 1979 in Thornbury. His body was received at Department of Anatomy, University of Melbourne on 6th August 1979.



# Drummond, Daniel George

Service Number: 3082



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 23 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 8 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 26th November 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Commonwealth A73

**Age:** 27 years

**Born:** 11th November 1887, Mitta Mitta, Victoria

**Father:** William Peter Drummond, Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Margaret Annie (Duncan)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 12th July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 8 inches

**Complexion:** Fair, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Brown

Daniel George Drummond's name is listed on the Officer Roll of Honor as Drummond. A.

Daniel married Annie Robertson Hopkirk (Hopkins) on 31st March 1919 at St Giles Edinburgh Scotland. They had five children George Douglas, Nancy McAuslane, George Keith, William John and Douglas Frank.

He returned to Australia 13th April 1919 and was discharged 25th July 1919.

Daniel received the British War Medal on 20th September 1923 and the Victory Medal on 8th October 1923.

After the war Daniel, who was a farmer, lived and worked in several locations in Gippsland before moving to Wondai, Queensland.

Daniel died 13th August 1968 at Wondai District Hospital and was buried at the Wondai Cemetery, Queensland.

# Drummond, William John

Service Number: 2902



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 4 Light Horse Regiment – 13 to 25 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 7th September 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Port Sydney A15

**Age:** 29 years

**Born:** 1886, Mitta Mitta, Victoria.

**Father:** William Peter Drummond, Harkaway via Berwick, Victoria.

**Mother:** Margaret Annie (Duncan)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Occupation:** Baker

**Residence:** Harkaway Road, Berwick, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 31st January 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 10¾ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Auburn

William John Drummond's name is listed on the Officer Roll of Honor as Drummond. J.

### **South Bourke and Mornington Journal - 12th June 1919**

*Harkaway.*

*Three Harkaway war veterans returned from the front last week. Two sons of Mr W Drummond, who have seen three years and nine months service, and a son of Mr E Fleer, who has also seen over three years' service. The three were looking none the worse for their experience, having been fortunate in escaping the scars of war.*

William returned to Australia on 5th September 1919 and was discharged on the 9th December 1919.

He received the British War Medal on 6th November 1924.

William married Lucinda Cornelia Waddington in 1923 and they lived farming at *The Poplars*, Fish Creek, South Gippsland, Victoria.

They later moved to *Boondilla*, Benjeroop, Victoria and had four children, Margaret Thora, Patricia Ann, William John and Mary Dawn.

William died on 7th May 1967 and was buried on 8th May 1967 at the Kerang Cemetery, Victoria.

# Drummond, Walter Neil

Service Number: 2571



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 8 infantry Battalion- 7 to 9 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 15th September 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** SS Makarini

**Age:** 28 years

**Born:** 1897

**Father:** William Peter Drummond, Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Margaret Annie (Duncan)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Occupation:** Blacksmith

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 28th June 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 9 inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Brown

Walter returned to Australia on the 16th May 1919 and was discharged on the 22nd June 1919.

He became a police officer and married Ruby Lillian Dean in 1924. They lived in Northcote, Victoria.

Walter received the 1914/1915 Star Medal, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He died on the 17th July 1962 and was buried on the 20th July 1962 at the Berwick Cemetery in Plot 3-555-B.

# Handley, Seymour Clive

Service Number: 164



**Rank:** Sapper

**Roll Title:** 2 Field Company, Australian Engineers

**Date of Embarkation:** 21st October 1914

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Orvieto A3

**Age:** 26 years

**Born:** 6th July 1888, Mount Eden, Auckland, New Zealand.

**Father:** Henry Edwards Handley, Devonport, New Zealand.

**Mother:** Mary Harriet Wells

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** *Culverthorpe*, Pampas, Queensland.

**Joined AIF:** 18th August 1914

**Height:** 5 feet, 9¼ inches

**Complexion:** Fair, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Fair

Seymour known as Clive was wounded, he was inflicted with a gunshot wound to the right forearm and right thigh. He was consequently discharged as unfit for service. Clive would have a decided limp for the rest of his life.

He returned to Australia on the 8th October 1915 and was discharged on the 13th April 1916.

On the 24th April 1920, Clive received the 1914/1915 Star Medal. He would later receive the British War Medal and Victory Medal on 18th August 1922.

On the 3rd October 1914 Clive married Madge Robina Forbes, they had two children Robert Clive and Joan Mary. After the war Clive had a small farm at Dandenong, he lived in the hope of regaining his health as “it is away from the noise and bustle of the city”.

### **The Age - 7th December 1926**

*Railway Competition.*

*To the Editor of The Age.*

*Sir - When private enterprise with the railways legislature is brought forward and the public is tamed. How about Mr Clapp and his poultry farm?*

*When it was opened a few years back assurance was given that the private individual would not be competed with. Now we find the railways flooding the Dandenong market with hundreds of pairs of ducks, hens and chickens, thus glutting the market and depriving the legitimate poultry farmer of coops, as the auctioneers give the railways preference, and we poultry farmers have to put our birds in boxes & out of the sun and without classification, consequently having to take much lower prices as the dealers cannot handle the birds. Many returned soldiers like myself, are trying to make a living out of poultry but if we have to compete with a Government concern we may as well close up.*

*Yours &c*

*S Clive Handley (late AIF)*

Seymour Clive Handley's name is listed on the Officer Roll of Honor as Handley. C.



# Harris, Claud Alfred

**Service Number:** 12451



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 10 Field Ambulance

**Date of Embarkation:** 20th June 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Runic A54

**Age:** 25 years

**Born:** 5th October 1888, Kew, Victoria.

**Father:** Solomon Harris, *Edgevale*, Beaconsfield Upper, Victoria.

**Mother:** Rosetta (Sparkes)

**Religion:** Baptist

**Occupation:** Mechanic

**Residence:** Hawthorn Road, Caulfield.

**Joined AIF:** 2nd February 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 5½ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Bluey/Grey, Hair-Dark

After the war concluded, Claud remained in Europe working in association with the authorities who were developing the cemeteries for the Australian war personal who paid the supreme sacrifice.

He returned to Australia on the 26th February 1920 and was discharged on the 27th May 1920. He would later receive the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Claud married Ellen Frances Glismann on 23rd April 1924 at St Johns Church, Beaconsfield Upper, Victoria. They had four children Cuthbert Claud, Francis Roy, Ellen Lorraine and Valerie Anne.

Claud owned and operated a carrier business in Beaconsfield Upper. He immersed himself in community life receiving an honorary life membership of Akoonah Park, he was also an elected member and President of the Shire of Berwick and was an active member of the Berwick RSL as the local Soldier Settlement representative.

Claud died on 28th February 1969 and is buried at the Berwick Cemetery.

# Heggart, Edward John

Service Number: 3858



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 5 infantry Battalion- 1 to 12 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 23rd November 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Ceramic A40

**Age:** 22 years

**Born:** 4th March 1893, Ballarat, Victoria.

**Father:** Thomas Ludgate Heggart, Talbot, Victoria.

**Mother:** Ellen Cecelia (Bourke)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farm Labourer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 10th July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 11 inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Dark Brown

Edward was wounded on several occasions; in 1916 he received gunshot wounds to the arm and left leg and in 1918, gunshot wounds to the right leg and left forearm.

He returned to Australia on the 12th December 1918 and was discharged on the 1st March 1919.

On the 26th April 1920, Edward received the Star Medal 1914-1915 and, later, the British War Medal on the 5th August 1921 and the Victory Medal on the 26th July 1923.

In 1920 Edward married Ethel Mary Collins at Clyde, Victoria. They had two children Leslie Frank and Alan Thomas.

Edward later enlisted in World War II (his service number was V367964).

After the war, Edward continued to farm at Yarragon before retiring to live in Warragul.

Edward died on the 11th February 1970 at 21 George Street, Warragul. He was buried on the 13th February 1970 at the Warragul Cemetery.

# Hunter, William Harold

Service Number: 72551



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** N/A

**Date of Embarkation:** N/A

**Place of Embarkation:** N/A

**Ship Embarked on:** N/A

**Age:** 28 years

**Born:** 28th August 1889 Beaconsfield, Victoria.

**Father:** Thomas Hunter

**Mother:** Mary Ann (Funston)

**Religion:** Church of Christ

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** Clyde Post Office, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 28th May 1918

**Height:** 5 feet, 7 inches

**Complexion:** Fair, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

William enlisted in Dandenong and was approved and appointed to the Recruit Depot Battalion at the Broadmeadows Camp. After 211 days of service, William was discharged on the 24 December 1918. He received no medals.

In 1933 William (Harold) married Elsie Muriel Mitchell in Ballarat, Victoria. they had two children Lois Mary and Valerie Irene.

He continued farming in Clyde and later in life moved to Dandenong.

#### **Dandenong Journal - 17th February 1954**

*Clyde.*

*Well-known local residents, Mr and Mrs Harold Hunter and family, who are leaving the district, will be given a farewell evening in the Clyde North Hall on Friday evening, February 26th.*

William died 6th December 1972 in Doncaster, Victoria and was buried on the 8th December 1972 in the Berwick Cemetery.

# Johnston, William

Service Number: 4740



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 21 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 12 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 4th April 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Euripides A14

**Age:** 43 years

**Born:** 1872, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria.

**Father:** Paul Johnston, Bacchus Marsh, Victoria.

**Mother:** Susan Hamilton

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Labourer

**Residence:** *Wagin Poultry Farm*, Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 1st January 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 5½ inches

**Complexion:** Dark, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Brown

William Johnston was married to May Meggett. They had two children.

He was killed in action at the age of 44 on the 12th November 1916 in France. His name is listed on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France.

On 23rd December 1921, he posthumously received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

### **South Bourke and Mornington Journal - 25th December 1919**

*Clyde.*

*Two scholarships, which were open to children of fallen soldiers, have been won by Willie and Madge Johnston,: both members of the one family. Willie Johnston's entitles him to tuition at Scotch college, and Madge Johnston's to the Presbyterian Ladies' College. - Congratulations both to them and their mother.*

William Johnston's name is listed on the Officer Roll of Honor as Johnstone. C.



# Lecky, James Alexander

**Service Number:** 19922



**Rank:** Driver

**Roll Title:** 8 Field Artillery Brigade

**Date of Embarkation:** 20th May 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Medic A7

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 25th June 1890, Berwick, Victoria.

**Father:** James Lecky, Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Maggie (Duff)

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 25th February 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 5½ inches

**Complexion:** Fair, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

## **Pakenham Gazette and Berwick Shire News - 10th August 1917**

*Officer.*

*Mr Lecky has received word from both his sons-Drivers JA Lecky and Gunner Mervyn Lecky that they are well. When the war broke out Mr Lecky's two sons were among the first to enlist.*

While serving in France, James sustained a gunshot wound to the chest that would later claim his life on the 14th November 1918.

## **Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate - 28th November 1918**

*On Active Service.*

*Lecky- Officially reported died of gunshot wound on 14th November 1918, at the 10th General Hospital, France. James Alexander, beloved son of James and Maggie Lecky, Cardinia Park, Officer, after 21/2 years active service, age 28 years.*

*The Supreme Sacrifice.*

*It is with feelings of the deepest sympathy and regret that we have to chronicle the death of driver James Alexander Lecky, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Lecky "Cardinia Park" Officer. A few days ago a cable came through to the effect that the young soldier had been badly wounded in the chest by gunshot, and was seriously ill. On Monday official information was received that Driver Lecky had succumbed to his injuries. Mr and Mrs Lecky had two sons- James and Mervyn- and both brave lads have paid the supreme sacrifice in fighting for their King and country, and homeland. It is some little consolation to the bereaved parents to know that the young soldiers followed the precept- "England expects that every man this day will do his duty;" and that they. "Fighting forward fell".*

*A thousand glorious actions, that might claim  
Triumphant laurels and immortal fame,  
Confused in crowds of glorious actions lie,  
And troops of heroes undistinguished die.*

He posthumously received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal on 8th October 1924. James Lecky is interred at the St Sever Cemetery Extension in Haute-Normandie, France.

# Lecky, William Mervyn

Service Number: 6612



**Rank:** Gunner

**Roll Title:** 12th Battery, 4th Field Artillery Brigade

**Date of Embarkation:** 18th November 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMA T Wiltshire

**Age:** 20 years

**Born:** 7th April 1895, Berwick, Victoria.

**Father:** James Lecky, Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Maggie (Duff)

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 15th June 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 5½ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

## **Pakenham Gazette and Berwick Shire News - 10th August 1917**

*Officer.*

*Mr Lecky has received word from both his sons-Drivers JA Lecky and Gunner Mervyn Lecky that they are well. When the war broke out Mr Lecky's two sons were among the first to enlist.*

William was killed in action while serving in France on the 1st September 1918.

## **Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate - 19th September 1918**

*Killed in Action.*

*It is with deep regret we have to announce that Gunner William Mervyn Lecky was killed in action in France on the 1st September, two years and ten months of active service. He was the younger son of Mr and Mrs James Lecky, "Cardinia Park" and was only 23 years of age when he paid the supreme sacrifice. His elder brother, Driver James Lecky, enlisted at the same time as his brother, and is still bravely serving his country, and it is our heartfelt wish that he may be spared to return safe and sound to his parents when the world's war is over. Very deep and general sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing parents in their great affliction.*

## **National Archives - 25th July 1919**

*Dear Sir (Mr James Lecky),*

*It is with feelings of admiration at the gallantry of a brave Australian soldier who nobly laid down his life in the service of our King and Country, that I am directed by the Honourable the Minister to forward to you. As next of kin of the late No 6612 gunner W M Lecky, the Military Medal which his majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award to that gallant soldier for conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty while serving with the Australian Imperial Expeditionary Force. The specific deed for which this distinction was bestowed is as follows:-*

*"At Herleville during the operations on the morning of the 23rd instant thie telephonist, together with three others, formed part of the F.C.Party.*

*During the day these men worked under great difficulty from the forward O.P.*

*station to the relay post under heavy shell fire and due to an utter disregard for personal safety, succeeded in maintaining the line except for short periods.*

*The F.C. Officer was thereby enabled to send back information of considerable tactical importance as regards the line held by our own infantry flash bearings of hostile batteries shelling our new positions, and enemy movement likely to develop into a counter attack.*

*Their conduct is deserving of special recognition”*

*I am also to ask you to accept his deep personal sympathy in the loss which, not only you, but the Australian Army has sustained by the death of Gunner Lecky whose magnificent conduct on the field of battle has helped earn for our Australian soldiers a fare which will endure as long as memory lasts.*

*I shall be obliged if you will let me know whether it comes safely to hand by signing and returning the attached receipt.*

*Yours Faithfully,*

*Major, Officer I/C Base Records*

He posthumously received the Star Medal 1914/1915 on the 21st September 1920, the British War Medal on the 30th September 1921 and the Victory Medal on the 3rd February 1923. William Lecky is interred at the Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension in Peronne, Picardie, France.



# Lever, Harry (Harold)

Service Number: 2833



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 38 infantry Battalion- 1 to 6 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 16th December 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Medic A7

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 22nd August 1895, Brighton, Victoria.

**Father:** Horatio Lever, Brighton, Victoria.

**Mother:** Eliza (Yendall)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 29th September 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 5 inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

Harry was wounded in August 1918, he returned to Australia on the 25th June 1919 and was discharged on the 28th August 1919.

On the 27th June 1921, he received the British War Medal and, later, on the 11th November 1922 he received the Victory Medal.

On the 27 March 1927 Harry married Harriet Francis Johnson, they had Four children, Jack Leopold, Harold Desmond, Ellen Catherine and Carlos David Martin.

### **Table Talk - 20th April 1922**

*Mr Harold Lever to Miss Ettie Johnson.*

*“The wedding was celebrated at St Johns Church of England, Sorrento, on March 27, by Rev Mr Warner, of Mr Harold Lever, of Brighton to Miss Ettie Johnson of “Creswick” Back Beach Road”.*

After the war Harold lived the remainder of his life in Dromana, Victoria.

Harold died on the 11th September 1968 in Sorrento and was buried on the 12th September 1968 at the Sorrento Cemetery, Victoria.



# Maxwell, Henry Charles Kempson

Service Number: 1923



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** Flying Corps (October 1916 - October 1917)  
Reinforcements and 1 and 2 Special drafts (May 1917)

**Date of Embarkation:** 4 August 1917

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Themistocles A32

**Age:** 26 years

**Born:** 29th September 1891, Kerang, Victoria.

**Father:** Edwin Stanford Maxwell, Moondah Park, Longreach, Queensland.

**Mother:** Harriet Lucy (Kempson), *Luckham*, Officer, Victoria.

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Grazier

**Residence:** Moondah Park, Longreach, Queensland.

**Joined AIF:** 16th February 1917

**Height:** 6 feet, ½ inch

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Brown

On Henry's application to enlist he was then living at *Luckham* in Officer. After the war he lived in Queensland.

He returned to Australia on the 6th May 1919 and was discharged on the 16th July 1919.

On the 4th April 1924, Henry received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

### **Queensland Country Life - 22th April 1954**

*About Northerners.*

*Back to Sheep.*

*After two years of cattle, Boorama, McKinlay, is going in for sheep. Boorama is owned by Messrs Maxwell and sons, and is managed by Mr G Pearce, who is a McKinlay delegate on the cattle committee of the C and N Graziers Association. Mr Pearce, who has been three years on the property came from Cunnamulla.*

Henry died on the 17th June 1964 and was cremated on the 19th June 1964 at Mt Thompson Crematorium, Queensland.

# McMahon, John Peter Daniel Muldrick

Service Number: 4151



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 23 Infantry Battalion- 9 to 12 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 7th March 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Wiltshire A18

**Age:** 20 years

**Born:** 16th April 1895, Beaconsfield, Victoria.

**Father:** John McMahon, Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Marion (Muldrick)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Occupation:** Carpenter

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 15th October 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 11 inches

**Complexion:** Medium, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Light Brown

On the 16th November 1916, John was wounded in action.

He returned to Australia on the 25th September 1919 and was discharged on the 5th January 1920.

John received the British War Medal on 16th March 1922 and, later, the Victory Medal on the 8th December 1923.

John married Aimee Clarice Geddes in 1920, they had two children Joan and John.

After the war John lived in Melbourne as a Railway employee.

He died on the 6th September 1944 and was buried on Friday 8th September at the Melbourne General Cemetery.

### **Record - 9th September 1944**

*Shunter Killed Near Yea.*

*Mr Peter (Jack) McMahon of 215 Clarendon Street, South Melbourne was killed on Wednesday when he was jammed between a train buffer and a crane while on shunting duty in the Molesworth yard, near Yea. Mr McMahon is survived by his wife, daughter (Joan) and son (Jack).*

### **The Dandenong Journal - 13th September 1944**

*Mr Peter Daniel McMahon, a railwayman who was killed at Molesworth on September 6, when he was crushed against a crane, was the son of the late Mr and Mrs John McMahon, former residents of Officer.*

# Moss, Albert

Service Number: 6150



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 14 Infantry Battalion- 13 to 23 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 1st August 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Miltiades A28

**Age:** 18 years

**Born:** 15th January 1898, London, England.

**Father:** John William Moss, 66 Park Avenue, Palmer's Green,  
London, North England.

**Mother:** Annie Elizabeth (Barker)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farm Labourer

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 27th August 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 4¼ inches

**Complexion:** Sallow, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Dark Brown

Albert returned to Australia on the 14th September 1919 and was discharged on the 29th September 1919.

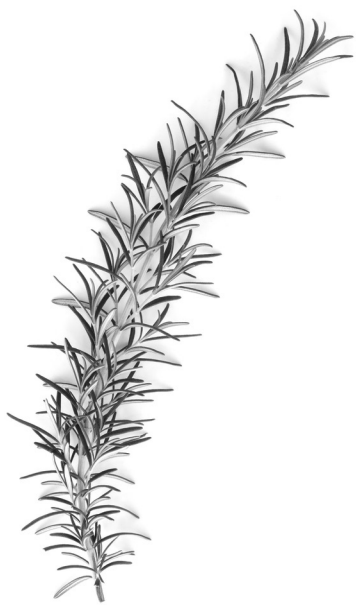
Miss Mary Maybury of Officer, Victoria was the Next of Kin given when Albert enlisted.

On the 5th May 1919, he married Kathleen Rose Abram at Parish Church, Earl's Barton, Northampton, England. They returned to Victoria and lived at Reservoir. Albert worked as a metal polisher. They had four children Betty Phyllis, Robert Stanley, James and Junette.

On the 18th February 1922, Albert received the British War Medal and, later, on the 25th November 1922 he received the Victory Medal.

On the 16 November 1956, Albert was living at 20 Gilbank Street, Reservoir, Victoria.

Albert died on the 5th September 1964 and was cremated on the 8th September at the Fawkner Cemetery, Victoria.



# Nichols, A.

Service Number: Unknown



The Australian War Memorial list 422 results for Nichols of which only 97 are the surname Nichols.

38 are Nichols as a given name or Nicholson.

There are 10 "A" Nichols. Only 2 of which are from Victoria;  
Abel from Mornington and Alfred from Essendon.

Then there are 10 with "A" as a middle name, none from Victoria.

For the spelling Nicholls there are 259 results, with 20 as an "A" Nicholls.  
8 are from Victoria but none from Officer or Shire of Berwick as it was.

There are Nichols buried at the Berwick Cemetery but none of them or  
their relations served in the First World War.



# O'Brien, Henry James

Service Number: 3369



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 5 Infantry Battalion – 1 to 12 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 11th October 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Nestor A71

**Age:** 26 years

**Born:** 1889, Kensington, Victoria.

**Father:** John O'Brien, 60 Dover Street, Flemington, Victoria.

**Mother:** Elizabeth (White)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Occupation:** Assistant Station Master, Victorian Railways

**Residence:** N/A

**Joined AIF:** 13th July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 7¾ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Dark Brown

Henry was admitted to hospital in England with a gunshot wound to his left thigh on the 27th August 1918.

He returned to Australia on the 23rd March 1919 and was discharged on the 15th May 1919.

From 1914 to 1919 Henry lived in Officer and was employed with the Railway.

In 1915 Henry married Dorothy Irene Beadel in Flemington, Victoria. They had two children Gwendoline Dorothy and Doreen Lorraine.

Henry was eventually promoted to Railway Station Master and the family lived in Coburg, Victoria.

He received the Star Medal 1914/1915 on the 15th May 1919, he also received the British War Medal on 19th October 1921 and the Victory Medal on 15th May 1922.

Henry died at the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg on the 24th August 1962 and was buried on the 17th August 1962 at the Fawkner Cemetery.

# Osborne, James Patrick

Service Number: 2733



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 24th Infantry Battalion 1 to 8 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 27th October 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Ulysses A38

**Age:** 36 years

**Born:** 1879, Walhalla, Victoria.

**Father:** Patrick Osborne, Walhalla, Victoria.

**Mother:** Bridget (Traynor)

**Religion:** Roman Catholic

**Occupation:** Labourer/ Farmer

**Residence:** *Fairwood Park*, Lower Beaconsfield, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 2nd August 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 6¾ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Dark Brown

James was killed in action in France on the 19th August 1919.

**The Argus - 23rd September 1916**

*Osborne - Killed in action on 19th August 1919 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.*

James' sister received all of his Medals as both of his parents were deceased prior to 1920.

**Major, Officer in Charge, Base Records. (In writing to James' sister)  
-10th November 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 momentos 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 is interred in the Serre Road Cemetery No 2, Beaumont Hamel, Picardie, France.

# Peterson, Frederick Victor

Service Number: 4056



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 12 Infantry Battalion- 9 to 12 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 24th November 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** RMS Orontes

**Age:** 18 years

**Born:** 16th April 1897, South Melbourne, Victoria.

**Father:** Oscar Frederick Peterson

**Mother:** Elizabeth (Sutar) 53 Stanley Street, West Melbourne, Victoria.

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Driver

**Residence:** N/A

**Joined AIF:** 15th March 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 4½ inches

**Complexion:** Dark, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Dark Brown

Frederick was wounded in action on the 24th July 1916 and again on the 19th August 1916.

He returned to Australia on the 23rd November 1918 and was discharged on the 24th May 1919.

On the 19 June 1923, Frederick received the Star Medal 1914/1915, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

In 1933 Frederick was living in Camperdown. He applied for his medals to be replaced on the 19th August 1936.

Frederick married Christine Tharle Schular in 1944, they did not have any children and they lived in Newport Victoria.

### **The Age - 10th October 1953**

*Told to repay 800 pound pension.*

*Frederick Victor Peterson, 58 years, railway watchman of Prentice Street Newport, was fined 3 pound at South Melbourne court yesterday on each of 10 charges of obtaining a service pensions by means of false written statements to the Repatriation department.*

*Mr Molony SM also ordered defendant to make restitution to the Repatriation department of 810 pound 17/6, which has been paid to him in the form of pension payments during the years from 1942 to 1951.*

*Peterson was told he could make restitution at the rate of 3 pound per week after he had paid off the 30 pound fines.*

*The prosecution had alleged Peterson in written statements to the repatriation department, had falsely stated that he had no income apart from the pension.*

*Defendant had actually been employed by the State railways during those years and had earned as much as 10 pound weekly.*

Frederick died on the 9th October 1959 at 6 Prentice Street, Newport Victoria. He was cremated on the 12th October 1959 at Springvale Botanical Cemetery.

# Peterson, Oscar Frederick

**Service Number:** 12407



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** Army Service Corps Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 7th September 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Port Sydney A15

**Age:** 18 years

**Born:** 1872, Kalmar, Sweden.

**Father:** Frederick Peterson, Sweden.

**Mother:** Frederica (Unknown)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Storekeeper

**Residence:** Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 29th March 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 7¼ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Dark Grey

Oscar returned to Australia on the 26th March 1919 and was discharged on the 30th June 1919.

He received the British War Medal on the 18th June 1925.

Oscar and his wife Elizabeth were already married on their arrival to the Officer District. They had two children Frederick Victor and Anna Christine. Oscar was the Officer storekeeper from 1914 to 1918.

### **South Bourke and Mornington Journal - 30th December 1915**

*District News*

*Officer.*

*An unfortunate mishap was sustained by Mr Peterson, some days ago, whilst engaged in delivering orders with his horse and cart. Suddenly the horse, which had been left standing in the road, took fright and bolted with the cart and eventually collided with a stump. The vehicle was badly damaged- both shafts were broken and the horse had its leg broken and had to be destroyed.*

During World War II, Oscar lived at Hindmarsh, South Australia, working in the munitions factory.

Oscar died on the 16th October 1953 and was cremated on the 19th October at the Springvale Cemetery.

### **The Age - 17th October 1953**

*Peterson - On October 16, at Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, Oscar Frederick dearly loved husband of Elizabeth (deceased) loving father of Fred and Anna (Mrs Schuler) fine father-in-law of Chris and Wally; aged 88 years. At Rest. Late 1st AIF. Private Cremation.*



# Pryor, William Alfred Ernest

**Service Number:** 26734



**Rank:** Gunner

**Roll Title:** 14 Field Artillery Brigade - 2 to 10 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 7th September 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Port Sydney A15

**Age:** 29 years

**Born:** 1887, Mysia (South of Boort), Victoria.

**Father:** Richard J Pryor, Thomas, Queensland.

**Mother:** Christiana (Dunstan)

**Religion:** Methodist

**Occupation:** Engine Driver

**Residence:** 12 Austral Ave, West Brunswick Victoria.

Lot 45, 142½ acres Parish of Pakenham

**Joined AIF:** 3rd January 1916

**Height:** 5 feet, 2¾ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

In 1906, William married Mary Jane (Weston). They had one child Violet May.

William Pryor was killed in action in France on the 8th April 1917.

### **The Argus - 12th May 1917**

*PRYOR.—Killed in action in France, Gunner W A. E. Pryor, loving father of Violet; brother of J. and R. and T. J., A. Adams, E. Elliott, N. Rutherford, M. Sincock, aged 30 years.*

*One of the best.*

*PRYOR.—Killed in action in France, 8th April, Gunner E. Pryor, husband of the late Doll, who died August 14, 1915 father of Violet. (Inserted by C and W Weston and Mrs H Jackson)*

### **Berwick Gazette and Berwick Shire News - 18th May 1917**

*A former resident of this district - Gunner Ern Pryor - was killed in action in France on April 8th. Deceased enlisted in Melbourne and left here in September last. Previous to enlisting he was farming on Sale road, Officer.*

On the 26th March 1923, William posthumously received the Victory Medal and, on 6th November 1924, the British War Medal. They were accepted by William's daughter, Violet.

William Pryor was interred in the Morchies Australian Cemetery, Morchies, Arras, Nord Pas de Calais, France. His name is listed on the Officer Roll of Honor as Pryor. E.

# Rix, James Henry

**Service Number:** 10918



**Rank:** Driver

**Roll Title:** 3 Divisional Train (Army Service Corps) Headquarters,  
22, 23 and 24 Companies (May - June 1916)

**Date of Embarkation:** 3rd June 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Persic A34

**Age:** 29 years

**Born:** 1885, Hawthorn, Victoria.

**Father:** Henry John Rix, Post Office Officer, Victoria.

**Mother:** Jane Elizabeth (Bennett)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** *Fairview*, Officer, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 9th July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 6¼ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Blue, Hair-Brown

## **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.*

Returned to Australia 2nd June 1919 and was discharged on the 4th September 1919.

Medals received the British War Medal and on the 7 February 1924 the Victory Medal.

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.

James died on the 23rd March 1938 in Melbourne, Victoria.

### **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.*

He was buried on the 24th March 1938 at the Berwick Cemetery.

# Sackett, Edmund Herbert

Service Number: 1138



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 8 Light Horse Regiment 1 to 10 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 20th August 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Kyarra A55

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 1896, Faversham, Kent, England.

**Father:** George Sackett, 3 Dartford Villas, Kent.

**Mother:** Louisa (Haysom), 3 Prefects Cottages, Birchington, England.

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** N/A

**Joined AIF:** 20th June 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 5½ inches

**Complexion:** Sallow, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Dark Brown

Edmund arrived in Australia on the ship *Norseman* on the 17th March 1914.

**Weekly Times - 11th March 1916**

*Illness.*

*Pte Sackett E H, 8th L H England in hospital.*

**The Argus - 24th March 1916**

*Australian Casualties.*

*Return to Duty.*

*Victoria*

*“E H Sackett”*

Edmund was killed in action in France on the 8th October 1918.

He posthumously received the Star Medal 1914/1915, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal on the 14th November 1922. The medals were accepted by his mother in England.

Edmund was interred in the Bellicourt British Cemetery in Bellicourt, Picardie, France.

# Skellett, Albert John Kempson

**Service Number:** 997



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 8 Light Horse Regiment 1 to 10 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 21st June 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Uganda A66

**Age:** 26 years

**Born:** 1889, Picton, New South Wales.

**Father:** Septimus Skellet, Elmhurst, Victoria.

**Mother:** Mary Eveline (Kempson)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** Bailey Street, Clunes Victoria

**Joined AIF:** 24th February 1914

**Height:** 5 feet, 8½ inches

**Complexion:** Medium, Eyes-Brown, Hair-Light Brown

## Clunes Gaurdian and Gazette - 14th March 1916

SOLDIERS' LETTER.

SIGNALLER KEM. SKELLET.

*Mrs Skellelt, of Clunes, has received the following interesting letter from her son, Signaller Kem Skellet : --You will know before this arrives that we have withdrawn from Anzac and Sulva portions of the Peninsula. It seemed a great shame to have to do so, after so many of our lads falling there; but we were only losing men and gaining nothing. Up in our position the 8th Light Horse were the last to leave, 17 of us being picked from the regiment to stay. I had the pleasure of being one. We had to take over the trenches of two regiments at 4 p.m. and were there till 2.15 a.m. No matter how many Turks came we had to hold our positions until that time. The men further up had to come down first, and I can tell you it was an anxious and tiring time. I had a post on my own. Our withdrawal was timed to the minute, and was carried out without a single man being hit. After we had been on board ship a short time the gun on Walker's Ridge was blown up. My word didn't the Turks start firing then. We have heard since leaving that the Turks bombarded our positions for two days after we left. We had 48 hours silence once before, so I suppose they thought we were at the same game again. We had rifles rigged up to go off at intervals after we left. We were extremely lucky to get off without a scratch. On the boat I met Milton Williamson and George Pollington. It was like old times meeting them. They were also in the last party to leave. We are On our way back to our horses. We had our Christmas dinner on board ship (roast pork and plum pudding.) I can tell you I am glad to get a spell, for we had a busy time of it on the Peninsula. I have never felt better than I did whilst On the Peninsula. From the day I left Alexandria until I got back was exactly four months, so I had a fair spell over there. Two of my mates are ill, one wounded, and one killed in the last bombardment' the Turks gave our trenches on Lone Pine.*

*In a later letter Signaller Skellet says he had met many Clunes boys at Heliopolis. They have military sports, football and boxing matches. An officer's widow has a place where the boys can go and have meals, which is a treat, as everything is so nice. You will be pleased to hear I have been promoted to the rank of corporal. I have been acting Squadron Quarter- Master for a time. Our regiments have been re organised, and after horse drill, we will go away some- where mounted. I got a Xmas billy, the contents of which my mates and I greatly appreciated. The sender was a lady of Ballarat, whom I intend to thank.*



Albert was related to Henry Charles Kempson Maxwell and may have worked or visited with the family at *Luckham* in Officer, Victoria.

Albert was wounded while serving in Palestine (which at the time was a part of the Ottoman Empire), he later succumbed to these wounds and died on the 20th April 1917.

### **The Ballarat Star - 25th April 1917**

*CLUNES.*

#### *DEATH FROM WOUNDS*

*Mrs Skellet (sister to Cr A E Kempson) received word on Monday evening that her only son Corporal Kempson Skellet, of the 8th ALH Anzac Mounted Division, had died from wounds at Palestine on the 20th inst. He enlisted over two years, ago, and fought for some months in Gallipoli and as one of the last to evacuate the Peninsula He then went to Egypt, and with the division fought right through the desert, until he was killed He was a strapping young man, of fine physique, and never had ill health since his enlistment.*

Albert posthumously received the Star Medal 1914/1915 on the 1st October 1920, the British War Medal on the 5th August 1921 and the Victory Medal on the 28th December 1922. All Medals were accepted by his mother, Mary Skellet.

Albert was interred at the Deir El Belah War Cemetery in Deir El Belah, Israel.





# Waldon, H.

**Service Number:** Unknown



The Australian War Memorial has 16 results for Waldon, only two “H” and neither are listed as being from Victoria.

The National Archives personal records has a Harry Victor Waldon age 33 enlistment but no service record, he resides in Richmond, Victoria.

Walden there re 35 results, 7 are “H”, only one from Victoria.

The spelling Walton there are 10 soldiers, there are 4 from Victoria.

There are no Waldon/Walden/Walton that have served that have any connection with Officer, Victoria.

# Were, Clive Wellington

Service Number: 521



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 5 Infantry Battalion

**Date of Embarkation:** 21st October 1914

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Orvieto A3

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 14th April 1889, South Yarra, Victoria.

**Father:** Francis Wellington Were, *Martinhurst*, Cromwell Road,  
Hawksburn Victoria.

**Mother:** Annie Isabella (McVean)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Residence:** 27 Cromwell Road, Hawksburn, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 17th August 1914

**Height:** 5 feet, 9 inches

**Complexion:** Dark, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Brown

In 1914 Clive owned 250 acres, Lots 15 & 16 Pakenham, the land on the right between Siding Avenue and Cardinia Road and 152 acres; Lot 50 down off McGregor Road when looking at the Parish maps. Clive's father Francis Wellington Were was a stockbroker who owned Lots 44, 197 acres and Lot 45, 142 acres on the left between McMullen Road and Thewlis Road. After the war all the land was then in the ownership of the father Francis Wellington Were.

Clive was killed in action on 25th April 1915 in Gallipoli (which at that time was a part of the Ottoman Empire).

### **Berwick Shire News - 23rd June 1915**

*Clive Were, of Officer, who has fallen at the front, was well known throughout the district, and the news of his death was received with regret by many friends. He was a member of the Pakenham cricket team and a splendid type of an athlete.*

### **Berwick Shire News - 30th June 1915**

*OFFICER - An impressive memorial service for the late Private Clive Were, who was killed in action at the Dardanelles, was conducted at Officer on Sunday afternoon last by Canon Hart. There was a large attendance, bearing evidence of the high esteem in which the young soldier was held.*

### **Berwick Shire News - 7th July 1915**

*At the memorial service for Clive Were, held on the 27th, collection was made for wounded Australians. A branch of the Red Cross Society has been formed here with a good membership.*

### **Pakenham Gazette - 10th August 1915**

*Mr John Mason: has taken a lease of Mr Were's farm where he intends carrying on dairying.*

Clive posthumously received the Star Medal 1914/1915 on the 16th April 1920, the British War Medal on the 8th April 1921 and the Victory Medal on the 28th August 1922. All Medals were accepted by Clive's father.

Clive is listed on the Lone Pine Memorial in the Gallipoli Peninsula in Canakkale Province, Turkey.

# Were, Hugh Arundell

Service Number: 520



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 5 Infantry Battalion

**Date of Embarkation:** 21st October 1914

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Orvieto A3

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 29th January 1893, Hawksburn Victoria.

**Father:** Francis Wellington Were, *Martinhurst*, Cromwell Road,  
Hawksburn Victoria.

**Mother:** Annie Isabella (McVean)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Bank Clerk

**Residence:** 27 Cromwell Road, Hawksburn, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 17th August 1914

**Height:** 5 feet, 11½ inches

**Complexion:** Dark, Eyes-Hazel, Hair-Black

On the 8th May 1915, Hugh was wounded with a gunshot wound to the chest. After convalescing in hospital, he was transported back to Australia on the hospital ship Euripides.

Hugh returned to Australia on the 29th January 1915 and was discharged on the 17th April 1916.

On the 20th September 1920, Hugh received the Star Medal 1914/1915. He also received the British War Medal on the 8th March 1922 and the Victory Medal on the 22nd May 1922.

In 1920 Hugh married Eva Marion Davies in St Kilda, Victoria. They had two children, Clive Wellington and Margot.

Hugh died on 3rd November 1970 at 69 Humphries Road, Frankston, Victoria and was cremated on the 5th November 1970 at the Springvale Cemetery, Victoria.



# Whiteside, Thomas Clair

Service Number: 2821



**Rank:** Private

**Roll Title:** 22 Infantry Battalion 1 to 8 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 27th October 1915

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Ulysses A38

**Age:** 21 years

**Born:** 1st October 1893, Ione, California, USA.

**Father:** William Sherlock Whiteside, Beaconsfield, Victoria.

**Mother:** Sarah (McCullagh)

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Occupation:** Orchardist

**Residence:** Beaconsfield, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 17th July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 8½ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Brown

## **Berwick City News - 15th March 1916**

*A letter from Pte Clair Whiteside appears in a recent issue of the Tumb 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 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.*

Thomas returned to Australia on the 15th January 1919 and was discharged on the 1st March 1919.

Thomas received the Star Medal 1914/1915, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal on the 10th October 1920.

In 1923 Thomas married Kathleen Amy Cunningham. They lived in Whiteside Road, Officer and he continued to work as an orchardist.

Thomas died in January 1959 in Officer, Victoria and was buried on the 6th January 1959 at the Berwick Cemetery.

His name is listed on the Officer Roll of Honor as Whiteside. C.

# Whitney, Leonard James

Service Number: 393



**Rank:** Acting Sergeant

**Roll Title:** 21 Infantry Battalion- 1 to 12 Reinforcements

**Date of Embarkation:** 8th February 1916

**Place of Embarkation:** Melbourne

**Ship Embarked on:** HMAT Warilda A69

**Age:** 35 years

**Born:** 9th February 1880, Kapunda, South Australia.

**Father:** Frederick Whittney, Bowden, South Australia.

**Mother:** Sarah (Doe)

**Religion:** Church of England

**Occupation:** Store Keeper

**Residence:** 223 Barkly Street, St Kilda, Victoria.

**Joined AIF:** 22nd July 1915

**Height:** 5 feet, 9½ inches

**Complexion:** Fresh, Eyes-Grey, Hair-Fair

In the Australian Electoral Roll of 1914 Leonard was listed as a store keeper in Officer, Victoria.

Leonard was wounded while serving in France, these wounds would later claim his life on the 13th February 1917.

### **Barrier Miner - 18th March 1917**

*Acting Corporal L J Whittney.*

*Mr Frederick Whittney of Ninth Street, Bowden, has been informed by the military authorities that his fourth son, Acting Corporal Leonard J Whittney, died of wounds in France on February 13. The deceased soldier was 36 years of age and was educated at North Adelaide Public School. He subsequently entered a drapery establishment with which business wholesale and retail he was closely associated, both in Adelaide and Melbourne. In later years he was chiefly in Melbourne with the Civil Service Stores and the Coliseum at Prahran. He enlisted in Melbourne and left for the front 12 months ago. Prior to entering the trenches, he was engaged as quartermaster-sergeant at a base in France. Mr A E Whittney, caretaker of the Trades Hall, and Mr C Whittney, an employee of the Broken Hill Proprietary mine are brothers of the late Corporal Whittney.*

Leonard posthumously received the British War Medal on the 11th November 1921 and the Victory Medal on the 20th February 1923. They were accepted by his father, Frederick.

He was interred in the Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension Dernancourt in Picardie, France.

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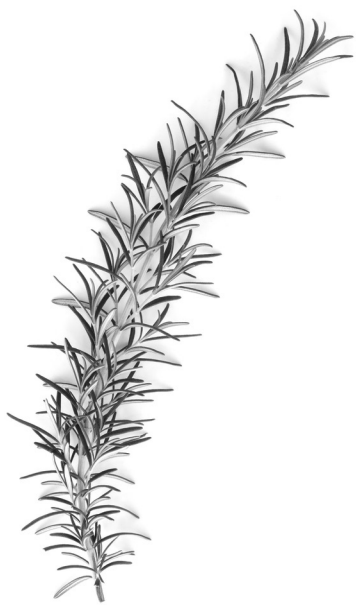
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