CITY OF PARRAMATTA

WORLD WAR ONE

AND

HORSE SOLDIERS

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INTRODUCTION

Australia's involvement in World War One began on 4 August 1914. Many who joined up believed that the war would be a great adventure, but none could have imagined the scale of the endeavour on which they were about to embark. Sadly, many of these soldiers, sailors, airmen, medical support staff and nurses didn't make it home. Their courage, sacrifice, hardship and losses brought a new maturity to our nation.

Animals played a vital role during World War One, especially horses. Australia sent more than 136,000 Australian horses overseas to support and serve. The type of war horse that was favoured by the light horsemen in the campaign were originally from New South Wales, hence the sturdy, hardy breed became known as 'Walers'.

The Australian Light Horse unit was a popular choice for many Australian volunteers who enlisted. Here we have compiled a list of some of the local soldiers who either served with the Australian Light Horse or worked with animals during their time in service.

For Australia, the World War One remains the costliest conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 men enlisted, of whom more than 60,000 were killed and 156,000 were wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner. Another 6,000 veterans died by the 1930s due to war related injuries and suicide. There was also significant impact on Australia's economy. At that time, the majority of exports from Australia were wool, wheat and minerals. Exporters were deprived of shipping services and they found it difficult to receive payments for their goods.

The team in Research Services have prepared and posted hundreds of biographical stories and accounts of events which relate to the actions of Parramatta servicemen and women during World War One.

We hope you enjoy reading about these amazing people and the terrifying and sometimes awe inspiring events which carried them across the globe to fight against Germany and her allies.

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World War One and Horse Soldiers

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Percy Thomas Ainsworth   - Service number: 2682
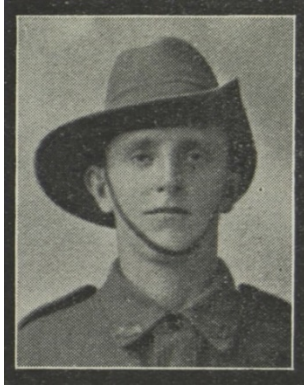
Percy Thomas Ainsworth had served for three years in the 7 Australian Light Horse under Major Stowe in Parramatta, New South Wales before he enlisted on the 25 July 1916. Originally intending to join as a light horseman, he ended up part of the infantry to accompany his mate Private Jack Noble of Fairfield (service number 4392). Born in 1895 in Bathurst, New South Wales, he was the youngest son of William Thomas and Eliza Ellen Ainsworth, former residents of Westmead for 5 years before moving to and living at Woolesley Street, Fairfield, New South Wales. Prior to enlistment, Ainsworth was working as an ironworker at Vale and Sons' Works for 2 years. He previously worked for 3 years at the Clyde Works.

On 9 November 1916, he embarked as part of the 10 Australian Infantry Brigade, 38 Infantry Battalion, 5 Reinforcements aboard the HMAT *'Benalla A24'* from Sydney. He marched in from the Military Hospital Fargo in England in March 1917 before he proceeded overseas to France. Taken on strength in the field in France, Private Ainsworth was wounded in action and suffered a gunshot wound to his skull on the 8 June 1917. He died as a result of his injuries at the 29 Australian Casualty Clearing Station, aged 22. He was buried in the Trois-Abres Cemetery, Steenwerck, France (grave reference: plot I, row N, gravestone 20). His roll of honour states that he was *"Always a good comrade and respected by all"*.

William Andrew Anderson   - Service number: 701

William Andrew Anderson lived at 'Edith' on Victoria Road, Granville, New South Wales with his wife Mrs. Ellen M. Anderson when he joined the Australian Army on 30 January 1916. Prior to enlisting he worked at Goodlet and Smith Limited in Granville as a horse driver. On 13 May 1916, he embarked from Sydney aboard the HMAT *'Beltana'* with his unit, the 9 Infantry Brigade, 36 Infantry Battalion, C Company. After two years of active service, four wounds and receiving a stripe for good conduct, he was killed in action on 12 October 1917 at Passchendaele, Belgium during the Third Battle of Ypres, aged 39 years. Following the war his body was not recovered and he is remembered with honour on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium.

Edwin Leonard Atkins   - Service number: 2871

Edwin Atkins was a 21-year-old farmer in Carlingford, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 7 February 1917. He was the son of William Henry Atkins of Pennant Parade, Carlingford and had attended high school in Parramatta. Atkins was 5 foot 7 inches tall and had the tattoo of an anchor emblazoned on his upper left arm. He enlisted on 7 February 1917 and left as a Reinforcement of the Camel Corps from Melbourne, Victoria on 10 May 1917 on board the HMAT *'A42 Boorara'* He served with the 2 and 4 Camel Regiments and the 1 Light Horse Regiment. He was first posted to Abbassia, Egypt on the 8 September 1917, then after serving for nearly two years including stints at Jericho and Gaza he was returned to Australia on 13 March 1919 and discharged on the 25 May 1919 as medically unfit.

Sydney Ellis Aubrey   - Service number: 3

Sydney Ellis Aubrey was born in Penrith, New South Wales and was the son of David and Elizabeth Aubrey of Hillview, Penrith. His brother J. Aubrey lived in Norfolk Street, Liverpool, New South Wales. He enlisted as a Corporal on the 30 August 1914 in Sydney at the age of 32 years. Prior to enlistment he was a soldier stationed at the Victoria Barracks in Paddington, New South Wales and had served six and a half years with the Light Horse and two and a half years in the Royal Horse Field Artillery. He was well-known at Hornsby, a scout master at Penrith, an expert horseman and rifle shot, and a member of the Hawkesbury Half Squadron Lancers. On 18 October 1914, he left as part of the 1 Australian Brigade Headquarters Australian Field Artillery from Sydney aboard HMAT *'Argyllshire A8'*. Aubrey served in Egypt and Gallipoli. He was first wounded on 11 July 1915 in Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt and after undergoing a successful operation for the removal of the bullet from his chest and a few weeks' rest, again went into the firing line, re-joining his Unit in Gallipoli, Turkey. Sadly, he died of wounds on the 28 September 1915 at Gallipoli, aged 35 years. He was buried in the Skew Bridge Cemetery (Plot I, Row C, Grave 1), Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

Some of his peers wrote letters to his family to offer their condolences which were published in *The Nepean Times,* dated 11 December 1915, page 7:

Captain F Thornwaite, Cape Hellas, Gallipoli: —

> *'I regret to have to report the death of your brother Sidney on September 17. Whilst in company with the remainder of the staff we were cheering the news of a glorious*

victory, in France, a bullet struck him in the neck and penetrated the lung. He received every attention it was possible to give, but nothing could save his life, and he died in about a quarter of an hour. He died very peacefully, and free from pain. His last words were, 'I am going to die; say good-bye to mother.' Corporal Aubrey is buried in the brigade cemetery, and his comrades are erecting a stone to mark his grave, which is well fenced in and protected. A voluntary parade was held for his funeral, and practically the whole brigade turned out to pay their respects to their comrade. I may say that I feel his loss keenly, as Corporal Aubrey was my clerk for a long period, and I know I shall never be able to replace him. Please accept my condolence and those of the commanding officers, officers and men of the brigade, who one and all are grieving with you today over your loss.'

Lieutenant-Colonel S. E. Christian, O.C., 1 Field Artillery Brigade in a letter of condolence says:

'He was respected and loved by all his comrades, and we all deplore his loss.'

The battery clerks of the 1 Field Artillery Brigade (Messrs Bert Clark, E H Smith, Leslie Golding, and W Charlasher) stated:

'We desire to record our high appreciation of the late Corporal S Aubrey, not only, in his official capacity, but personally. His unfailing courtesy and readiness to assist us in any way at any time made him a real good friend, whose place in our hearts will be hard to fill. Future recollections of our long months of close associations with the late corporal will be ever of a pleasurable nature, tinged with regret at his early, death.'

Harry Jones Baber   - Service number: 1594
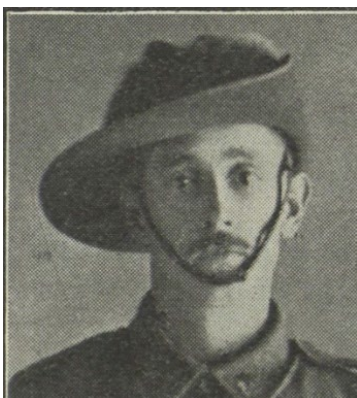
Harry Jones Baber was a carrier by trade and lived in Cabramatta, New South Wales at the time of his enlistment on the 4 September 1915. He had a fair complexion, brown eyes and brown hair and named his mother Mrs. Grace Baber of Cabramatta, as his next of kin. Baber embarked for service overseas on the 18 November 1915 on board HMAT *'A34 Persic'* to serve with 6 Light Horse Regiment as a trooper. He served in Egypt and was assigned as a driver in August 1917 with the Australian Mounted Divisional Train. He returned to Australia on the 15 June 1919, and was awarded the Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Lance Bathie   - Service number: 559

Lance Bathie was a blue-eyed 29-year-old iron moulder who served his apprenticeship with Bail and Company in Auburn, New South Wales before enlisting on 4 January 1915. Lance also had a bird and rose leaf tattoo on his right forearm. His father was George Bathie of Belmore Street, Parramatta. On 13 June 1915, he left Sydney as part of the 12 Light Horse Regiment, C Squadron on board HMAT *'A29 Suevic'*. He was transferred to the 6 Light Horse on 28 August 1915 and returned to the 12 Light Horse Regiment on 22 February 1916 after the withdrawal from Gallipoli. In the same year, Lance appears to have started training as a cook. Sergeant Bathie was returned to Australia on 29 April 1919.

Thomas Edgar Betts   - Service number: 1303
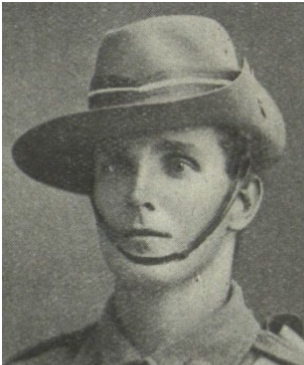
Thomas Edgar Betts was the son of Mr. Joseph William Betts of Water Street, Smithfield, New South Wales. He was one of four brothers who served during the war including older half-brothers Private Stanley W. Edwards, Private Roy H. Edwards and Able-bodied Seaman John 'Jack' Betts. Thomas Betts worked as a linesman before enlisting and joined the 1 Australian Light Horse Brigade, 1 Australian Light Horse Regiment, 10 Reinforcements on the 25 July 1915 in Liverpool, aged 24 years. He departed from Sydney on the 12 October 1915 aboard the HMAT *'Pera'*. He served in Egypt in Romani and Minia before temporarily being appointed a driver of the 34 Company on the Western Front. On the 13 March 1919, Trooper Thomas Edgar Betts returned to Australia per *'Ulimarea'*.

Gordon MacArthur Brown   - Service number: 606

Gordon MacArthur Brown was a 21-year-old station hand living at 'Brislington', Parramatta, when he enlisted on the 1 March 1915. His next of kin was his father, Doctor Walter S Brown also of 'Brislington'. Brown's unit, the 12 Light Horse Regiment, departed on board the HMAT *'Suevic'* bound for Europe. In October 1916, he was transferred to Cairo, Egypt for treatment for malaria. In February 1918, he marched out to Cairo for active duty. From the 26 October to 14 November 1918, Brown performed the duties of Staff Captain to the 4 Light Horse Brigade. In June 1919, he joined the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, and a month later relinquished the appointment of Staff Captain and departed to England for leave. Gordon Brown returned to Australia on the 23 September 1919.

Hubert William Brown   - Service number: 609

Hubert William Brown was a single, 23-year-old boilermaker's assistant, the son of Mrs. A. Brown of the corner of The Avenue and Daniel Street, Granville, New South Wales when he enlisted on 5 March 1915. He was transferred to the 12 Light Horse Regiment on 22 May 1915 and embarked on HMAT *'Suevic'* in Sydney, New South Wales on 13 June 1915. On 29 August, Brown was transferred to the 6 Light Horse Regiment.

Brown was attached to the Postal Corps on 1 June 1916 and promoted to Acting Sergeant on 23 June 1916. He was transferred to the 12 Regiment for duty at the Savoy Hotel, Cairo, Egypt on 6 December 1916 and attached for duty on 14 December. On 19 May 1917, he marched out to the Australian Base Post Office, Kantara, Egypt and then joined the 12 Regiment on 6 June 1917. At his own request, Brown reverted from Acting Sergeant to Trooper on 6 June 1917. On 25 October 1918, he was promoted to Temporary Corporal and embarked aboard 'Malioa' for England. On 21 May 1919 he marched into 1 Group Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery, Heytesbury, Wiltshire, England. Brown embarked on the *'Prinz Ludwig'* to return to Australia on 9 July 1919 and disembarked in Sydney, New South Wales on 8 September 1919. He was discharged from service on 7 November 1919.

Joseph Beattie Brown   - Service number: 3246

Joseph Beattie Brown was 21 years old when he joined the Australian Imperial Force on the 11 August 1915 in Warwick Farm Depot, New South Wales. He was labourer prior to enlisting and stated his address as being Nagle Street, Liverpool, New South Wales. He was the fourth son of James B. Brown, chief attendant at the Liverpool Hospital. On the 13 October 1915, he embarked as a Private with the 4 Infantry Battalion, 11 Reinforcements from Sydney aboard the HMAT *'Port Lincoln'*.

Arriving in Tell-el-Kebir, Egypt, he was taken on strength and transferred to the 56 Battalion. On the 24 February 1916, he injured the cartilage in his right knee and was admitted to the 1 Australian General Hospital in Heliopolis, Egypt on the 1 March 1916. His condition resulted in his early return home via Melbourne, Victoria per Hospital Ship (HS) *'Runic'* from Suez, Egypt. He was officially discharged as medically unfit on the 18 August 1916 in Sydney, New South Wales.

Peter Brunton   - Service number: 3265

Peter Brunton was born in 1882 in Durham, England to Joseph Brunton and his wife, as one of three brothers. Prior to his enlistment on the 18 February 1917 at the age of 35 years, Brunton was a goods porter, living with his parents at Seven Hills, New South Wales. He departed from Melbourne, Victoria with his unit, the 7 Light Horse Regiment, 26 Reinforcement on board HMAT *'Boorara'* on the 10 May 1917. He returned to Australia on the 28 June 1919 and was discharged as medically unfit. He passed away on 1 November 1963 at the age of 81 years.

Fredrick George Burns   - Service number: 1427

Private (later Trooper) Frederick George Burns, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Burns of Alice Street, Parramatta enlisted in the 1 Regiment Australian Light Horse in Parramatta. Working as a fitter at Lithgow prior to enlisting, he embarked for Europe aboard HMAT *'Mashobra'* on 4 October 1915. Trooper Burns was killed in action at Tel el Khuweilfe, Palestine on 3 November 1917, aged 25 and was buried in the Beersheba War Cemetery, Israel.

James Burns   - Service number: Unknown

Known as the 'Father of the New South Wales Light Horse', James Burns joined the New South Lancers in 1891. When the Federation of Australia was effected, the three Cavalry Regiments of New South Wales were formed into the 1 Australian Mounted Brigade, which in addition, had artillery and other units necessary to form a self-supporting force. Colonel (now Sir James) Burns was appointed Brigadier-Colonel of this brigade, the 1 Brigade of the Australian Light Horse in 1902. It was the first fully formed and equipped in Australia, and on several occasions treks were made of about 100 miles under active service conditions, the troops bivouacking in the open. He died in Parramatta on 22 August 1923.

John Burns   - Service number: 115

John Burns was the son of James Burns, a noted Parramatta businessman, shipowner and philanthropist who resided in 'Gowan Brae' in George Street. Burns was 27 years of age when he enlisted, firstly in the 1 Light Horse Field Ambulance before being transferred to the 6 Light Horse Regiment in May 1915. In October 1915, he was promoted to Lieutenant, and in October of that year embarked for Egypt. In January 1916, Burns returned to Sydney aboard the 'Karoola' from Egypt, as he had been diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis. He embarked on the SS *Medina'* to re-join his unit in October 1916 only to be admitted to hospital in Egypt again in July 1917 before being returned to Sydney for treatment. Burns was discharged from the Australian Imperial Force as medically unfit on the 14 December 1917 due to pulmonary tuberculosis and he died from his illness on February 25, 1921.

Robert David Burns   - Service number: 16

Robert David Burns, at age of 27 years, was the youngest son of Brigadier-Colonel the Honourable Sir James Burns, KCMG and Lady Burns of 'Gowan Brae', Parramatta and brother of Sergeant John Burns (service number 115) of the 6 Battalion. He enlisted on 17 May 1915 at Holsworthy, New South Wales as a private in the 4 Australian Light Horse Brigade, Headquarters. Prior to enlisting, he was a station manager. On 13 June 1915, he embarked from Sydney on board HMAT *'A29 Suevic'* for Egypt. Taken on strength at Anzac Cove on 28 November 1915, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant ranking on 20 January 1916 and Lieutenant on 30 May 1916. Lieutenant Burns served in Egypt, Gallipoli and the Western Front. He was attached to the 6 Light Horse Regiment from 27 November 1915, then 4 Battalion from 27 January 1916, and 56 Battalion from 16 February 1916. After being qualified as a First Class Instructor on completion of Vicker's Maxim Machine Gun course in Ismailia (31 March – 20 April 1916), he was seconded for duty with the 14 Machine Gun Company on 26 March 1916. In 1917 the *Cumberland Argus* conveyed the sad news that Burns had been reported missing at the front in France.

> *"The gallant young hero is 25 years of age. His eldest brother, Lieutenant John Burns, came home from the front on Saturday, invalided. He also had been through the Gallipoli fighting. Another brother, Lieutenant James Burns, is in camp, and will shortly be leaving to take his brother's place at the front".*

It was later discovered that Robert David Burns had been killed in action on 20 July 1916. Originally listed as 'No Known Grave' and commemorated on the Australian National Memorial and Villers-Bretonneux. In 2010, he was subsequently identified and interred in the Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery in France (Plot I, Row F, Grave number 1).

Note: Name entered incorrectly on Australian War Memorial First World War Embarkation Roll as Robert Davis Burns.

Ewen Vincent Cameron   - Service number: 8586

Ewen Vincent Cameron was born in Sydney and was the nephew of Mr. Henry Ohlsen of 142 Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales. He was a 22-year-old carriage builder when he enlisted on the 2 January 1916 with the 7 Australian Light Horse Regiment. Cameron returned to Australia by the SS 'Nestor' on the 20 May 1919. The *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* reported his safe return on the 9 July.

John George Challenger   - Service number: 1624

John George Challenger lived in Merrylands, New South Wales when he enlisted as a Trooper with the 7 Light Horse Regiment, 12 Reinforcement. His unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT 'Persic' on the 18 November 1915. After a period of serious illness which included influenza and stomach problems, Trooper Challenger returned to Australia and was discharged on the 30 May 1917. He passed away in September 1967.

Albert Cheetham   - Service number: 1535
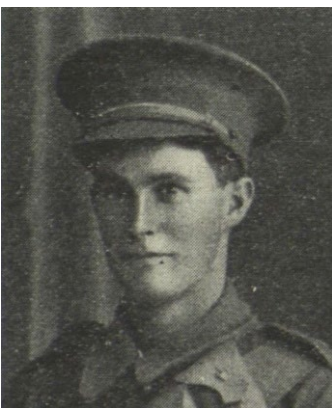
Albert Cheetham was the son of Charles and Esther Cheetham of Stanley Street, Silverwater, New South Wales. He was a 21-year-old who worked as a carter when he enlisted on the 17 August 1915 in the Holsworthy camp in New South Wales. On the 23 October 1915, he embarked from Sydney, New South Wales aboard HMAT SS 'Hawkes Bay' as part of the 12 Reinforcements of the 2 Light Horse Brigade, 6 Light Horse Regiment as a Private.

Stanley Francis Chippendale   - Service number: 1634

Stanley Francis Chippendale was the son of John Gabriel Chumstie Chippendale and Alice Carrington Chippendale, of Boundary Street, Parramatta, New South Wales. He was a popular local boy who was employed as an assistant draper in Mr. H. Quigley's mercery business for some years and lived at Boundary Street, Parramatta, New South Wales. He attempted several times to enlist before he was accepted from the 7 Light Horse which he had served over three years. He embarked from Sydney, New South Wales aboard the RMS '*Moldavia*' on 2 October 1915 with the 12 Light Horse Regiment. He was later transferred to the 52 Battery, 25 Brigade Australian Field Artillery.

Chippendale was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal on the 28 August 1916 for his bravery stating that

> "*Bombardier Chippendale worked unceasingly from 11am to 11 pm on the 19 instant keeping up communications between trenches and battery under very heavy shell and rifle fire. In the early stages of the engagement Bombardier Chippendale was buried by the explosion of a shell. On being released his first consideration was that of communication, which he speedily restored and maintained until he was relieved. He was frequently required to repair broken wire under heavy fire*".

He was wounded in action on the 19 July 1916 at Fleurbaix, France. Sadly, he died of his wounds on 17 August 1916 in Newcastle-On-Tyne aged 22 years and was buried in St. Andrew's and Jesmond Cemetery, Northumberland, England.

His death aged only 22 years as a result of wounds was reported in *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* on the 30 August 1916. The correspondent wrote:

> "*Intense sorrow was felt and sincere sympathy was expressed all over Westmead and May's Hill when It became known that Stan Chippendale, had died of wounds received in France. Stan, was well known and generally affectionately esteemed by many who offer their profound regrets to his father, Mr. J. Chippendale our universally popular postman for many years*".

William Edward Christian   - Service number: 525

William Edward Christian grew up in the Isle of Man with his mother Mrs. Quale. He was a 23-year-old labourer living in Liverpool, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 13 November 1914 and was assigned as a Private with the 6 Light Horse Regiment, 1 Reinforcements. He embarked with his unit from Sydney aboard the HMAT '*Bakara*' on the 22 December 1914.

Christian was hospitalised several times due to illness during his period of service. He re-joined the base depot in Abbassia, Egypt on the 15 March 1918. He was taken on strength on the 3 April 1918, and was posted to the 1 Battalion on the 22 April 1918. He was transferred and taken on strength into the 14 Light Horse Regiment on the 1 July 1918. He marched out to the Provost Corps on probation on the 22 July 1918. He was again hospitalised on the 4 September 1918 and was discharged on the 14 September 1918. He returned to Australia on the 13 October 1918. He was awarded the Star Medal, British War Medal and Victory Medal for his service

Lionel Robert Clarke   - Service number: 1235
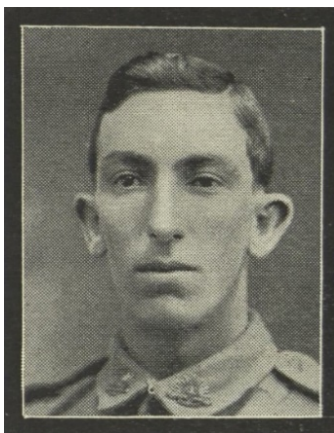
Lionel Robert Clarke was the son of Mrs. May Clarke of 'Daisy Ville', 4 Elsham Road, Auburn, New South Wales. He was a 22-year-old carter living in 'St. Elmo', King Street, Mascot, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 3 May 1915 in Liverpool, New South Wales.

Clarke embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT '*Argyllshire*' on the 30 September 1915. He was attached to the 1 Light Horse Regiment as a Private, but later served as a Gunner with the 10 Brigade Australian Field Artillery. Sadly, he was wounded in action on 3 August 1917 and died the same day at the 41 Casualty Clearing Station, France, aged 24 years. He was buried in the Godewaersvelde British Cemetery, France.

Harry Conlon   - Service number: 1238
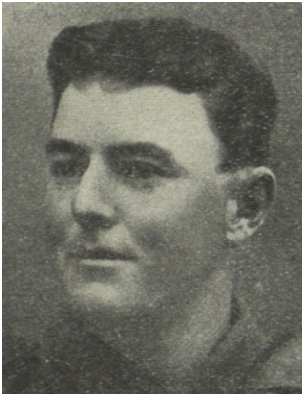
Harry Conlon was a 21-year-old farmer living in the Cross Roads Hotel in Liverpool, New South Wales at time of enlistment on the 26 April 1915. He was assigned to the 1 Light Horse Regiment, 1 to 10 Reinforcements as a Private. He embarked with his unit from Sydney aboard on the 30 September 1915.

Whilst serving in Egypt in January 1916, he was injured when his horse fell on him and was transferred from the field hospital to the 21 General Hospital for treatment. He suffered injuries to his ribs and ankles as a result and was away from active service until 8 the February 1916. He was taken on strength into the 1 Light Horse Reserve Regiment on the 9 February 1916. He was then transferred to the 4 Division Artillery on the 21 April 1916. On the 5 June 1916, he proceeded from Alexandria, Egypt to Marseilles, France to join his battalion on the front lines.

Trooper Conlon was wounded in action on the 25 July 1917, suffering a gunshot wound to his head and face. He was transferred to England for treatment on the 29 July 1917, where he was admitted to the 1 London General Hospital. He returned to Australia from England on leave on the 31 October 1917 aboard the 'Berrima'. He was discharged from service on the 31 January 1918 and was awarded the Star Medal, British War Medal and Victory Medal for his service.

John Wright Connor   - Service number: Unknown

John Wright Connor was born on the 17 April 1873 in Geelong, Victoria to James and Rebecca Connor. He had previously served for over three years in the Victorian Mounted Rifles, six months of which were as Corporal, in the South African constabulary as a Sergeant Major for three years, and in the Provisional Mounted Police as a Sergeant for three years.

Prior to his enlistment on the 5 May 1915 at the age of 42 years, he was working as a journalist, and living with his wife Frances, step-child Geoffrey Arthur Musgrave Cock, and child Melbourne Leo Musgrave John Wright Connor at 36 Bonner Avenue, Manly, New South Wales. At this time, he held the rank of Second Lieutenant. He embarked with his unit, the 20 Battalion, B Company from Sydney on board HMAT *Berrima'* on the 25 June 1915, and served in Egypt, Gallipoli, Turkey and the Western Front. He was promoted to Lieutenant on the 26 August 1915, and was wounded in action on the 5 May 1916 with a gunshot wound to the right kidney. He died the next day and was buried at Estaires Communal Cemetery and near Armentieres, France.

James Copeland   - Service number: 386

"A hero killed" was the headline reporting the sad tidings of the death in action, of Private James Copeland from Wetherill Park, New South Wales. He was the husband of Edie Copeland nee Stein and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Stein. Copeland met his death on the 8 November 1916 aged about 33 years. Prior to enlisting he was serving in the Permanent Artillery in Sydney, New South Wales for a number of years and served in the Boer War in which he had his horse shot from under him on several occasions. He left a widow and a child about three years of age.

William Harrington Cowper   - Service number: 1387

William Harrington Cowper was 23 years of age and an insurance officer when he enlisted on the 15 March 1915. His unit embarked on the HMAT *'Mashobra'* in October 1915 arriving in Marseilles, France in March 1916 and proceeded to the join the British Expeditionary Force. By November of 1915 he had been promoted to the rank of Temporary Sergeant. In August of 1916 he was officially promoted to the rank of Sergeant, then by April 1917 Cowper had risen to the rank of Lieutenant. Two months later he was diagnosed with appendicitis and was relieved from general service for four weeks. In December 1917 he proceeded to France. Cowper remained on active duty until 1919, when he returned to Australia on the 5 April 1919. He received three medals: The Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his service.

Charles Frederick Cox   - Service number: Unknown

Charles Frederick Cox, was 51 when he enlisted 15 September 1914. At this time, he resided at 26 Croydon Road, Croydon. He was born in 1863 at Pennant Hills and was educated and married in Parramatta, where he also maintained his connections with the New South Wales Lancers. He joined the Lancers in 1891 and was selected to head a detachment for Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations in London in 1897. He served with the New South Wales Volunteer Corps in the Boer War and was among the first Australian's to disembark at Cape Town, South Africa, in 1899. Not content with one visit, he returned to the conflict in 1901, this time with the 3 NSW Mounted Rifles.

On the 15 of October 1902, Cox was welcomed home at a specially prepared conversazione, at the Parramatta Town Hall, where all the notable citizens gathered to hear him speak. Twelve years later he was speaking at another conversazione held in the same hall in honour of his departure, and as it would turn out, for an illustrious career at Gallipoli and in the Palestinian Campaigns.

He appears to have been left in Australia after the departure of the first contingent of the 1 Light Horse Brigade as part of the reinforcements. He then was assigned to the 6 Regiment in the 2 Light Horse Brigade and left for Egypt in December 1914. Cox then went to Gallipoli with the 6 Light Horse Regiment and after being wounded in the knee with shrapnel 21 May 1915 returned to the Peninsula where he was raised to the rank of Temporary Colonel while in command of the 2 Light Horse Brigade. On 3 November, he resumed command of the 6 Light Horse. His stellar career continued and on 28 November 1915 he was appointed temporary command of the entire 1 Light Horse Brigade. He returned to Australia on 19 April 1919.

Wallace Cox   - Service number: Unknown

Wallace Cox, brother of Lieutenant Colonel Cox was a 31-year-old fruit grower when he enlisted on the 27 August 1914. Initially he assigned the rank of Lieutenant in B Squadron of the 7 Light Horse Brigade but he was a courageous soldier and by the time he died of his wounds at Gallipoli, he had attained the rank of Captain serving with the 1 Light Horse Brigade.

Cox, who was educated at the King's School, Parramatta, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Charles Cox, of Parramatta and Carlingford, and brother of the distinguished soldier, Colonel Charles Frederick Cox, C.B. He was a popular member of the Carlingford District Progress Association. His father Mr. Frederick Charles Cox was Mayor of Parramatta in 1884 and was for many years an alderman of the council. Captain Wallace Cox died from wounds received at Gallipoli, Turkey on the 17 August 1915.

Alfred Currell   - Service number: 1539
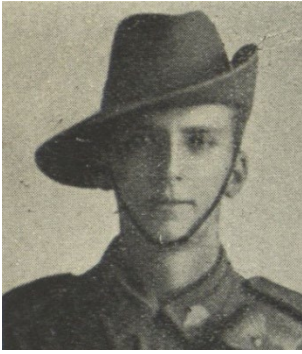
Alfred Herbert Currell was 18 years old when he enlisted at Warwick Farm on 14 September 1915. Born in 1897 in Ashfield, New South Wales he was the son of Mr. Horatio J. and Mrs. Augusta Currell of Baulkham Hills. He stood 5 foot 9 and 1/4 inches tall had a dark complexion, brown hair and grey eyes. Prior to enlistment, he worked as an apprentice coach builder for J.R. Dellow of Parramatta. On 23 October 1915, he embarked with his brother Ernest from Sydney for Europe aboard HMAT SS *'Hawkes Bay'*. Taken on strength, he was transferred from 1 Light Horse Reserve Regiment in Heliopolis, Egypt to 2 Divisional Ammunition Column (D.A.C.) in Zeitoun, Egypt to the Base Depot in France before re-joining the 2 D.A.C. in France. By 8 April 1919 he had returned to Australia aboard the *'Tras-os-Montes'*.

Author Note: Alfred's surname is incorrectly transcribed in the Australian War Memorial World War One Embarkation Papers as Alfred Herbert Carrell.

Ernest Currell   - Service number: 1538

Ernest Horatio Currell was 21 years of age when he enlisted with his younger brother Alfred Herbert at Warwick Farm, New South Wales on 27 August 1915. Prior to enlistment he worked as a motor mechanic at Saunders Brothers and resided at Baulkham Hills, near Parramatta. He was born in 1894 in Ashfield, New South Wales, the son of Mr. Horatio J. and Mrs. Augusta Currell. On 23 October 1915 he embarked with his brother from Sydney for overseas duties aboard HMAT SS *'Hawkes Bay'* as part of the 1 Light Horse Reserve Regiment, 12 Reinforcements. According to the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate*, on the eve of his departure for the front the Cumberland Motor Cycle Club presented Ernest Currell with a silver wristlet watch and his former employers, a fountain pen. Taken on strength on 11 March 1916, he was transferred to the 2 Division Ammunition Column as a gunner in Zeitoun. From 27 March 1916, he he was stationed in France until he took leave to visit England on 19 July 1918. On 8 April 1919, he returned to Australia per the ship H.T. *'Trasos Montes'* from England. For his service, he was issued the 1914/15 Star Medal, British War Medal and Victory Medal. In 1920, he married Mildred Booth in Parramatta, New South Wales. The couple later had three children and were living in Castle Hill when tragedy struck as their son Roy Ernest Currell at 13 years old was accidentally killed while cycling to school with Owen Fitzroy Black, then 11. Currell later settled in Toowoon Bay and then Yass, New South Wales. On 8 January 1974, he passed away. He was survived by his wife and daughters Mavis and Joyce and their families.

John Joseph Currey   - Service number: 1536
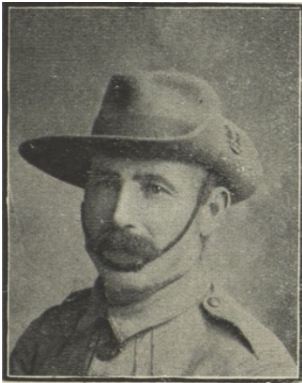
John Joseph Currey born Bathurst, New South Wales was married to Mrs. Sarah Currey of Glebe Street, Parramatta. He was employed as an engine-driver and lived in Holsworthy, New South Wales when he enlisted 18 August 1915 at age 45 years. He embarked 23 Oct 1915 aboard SS 'Hawkes Bay' as part of the 1 Light Horse Regiment, 12 Reinforcements and while serving in Palestine in 1917, Currey worked on railway construction. His sons Norman Frederick and Charles William also served.

Herbert Roy Dalziel   - Service number: Unknown
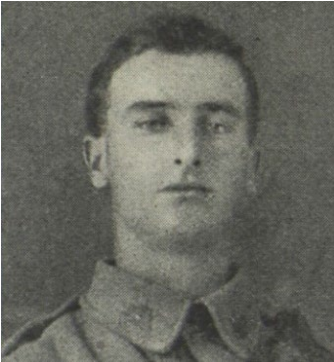
Herbert Ray Dalziel was a 20-year-old dairyman from Smithfield, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 26 October 1914 with the rank of Private. He became part of the 7 Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron and this unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT 'Ayrshire' on the 20 December 1914. After several bouts of illness, Private Dalziel was discharged from the Australian Imperial Forces on the 13 September 1916.

Herbert Davies   - Service number: 830

Herbert Davies was the son of Mrs. Katherine Davies and was born at 5 The Avenue, Lidcombe, New South Wales. He was a horse driver prior to enlistment at the age of 23 years, joining the Australian Imperial Force, 1 Anzac Cyclist Battalion 9 Reinforcements on the 2 November 1916. He embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT 'Ayrshire' on 24 January 1917.

Davies was taken on strength from 1 Australian Cyclist Training Battalion and transferred to the 1 Battalion on the 26 June 1917. He was wounded in action in France on the 6 November 1917 and re-joined his battalion on the 27 January 1918. He was absent without leave for fourteen days was awarded a penalty in consequence of his actions. Private Davies returned to Australia per 'Leicestershire' on the 21 June 1919.

Westley (Wesley) William Easterbrook   - Service number: Unknown

Westley William Easterbrook, usually known as Bill, of Alfred Street, Granville, New South Wales was 23 years old when he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on the 22 August 1914. The son of Elijah and Bridget Easterbrook, he was born in 1891 in the district of Walgett, New South wales. Prior to enlisting, he was a locomotive engineer at Clyde Engineering Works and was renowned as a "very good Rugbyite". On the 20 October 1914, he embarked from Sydney on board the HMAT *'Star of Victoria'* as Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant of the 1 Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron. He was later transferred to the 2 Division Ammunition Column and promoted to Sergeant Major. On the 24 September 1918, Sergeant Major Easterbrook returned to Australia.

By the outbreak of the Second World War, Easterbrook was married to Kathleen Marie Easterbrook and was living in Queenscliff, New South Wales. He again volunteered for duty on the 25 March 1940. On this occasion, his date of birth appears to be incorrectly recorded as the 23 February 1905. He served in Darwin, Northern Territory from April to August 1941 before embarking overseas to the Middle East from September 1941 to 31 March 1942 with the 2/1 Medical Regiment. He was discharged from service on the 18 January 1946. On the 2 July 1981, at the age of 90 years, Easterbrook passed away in hospital. He was survived by his children and grandchildren.

Thomas Patrick Elliott   - Service number: Unknown
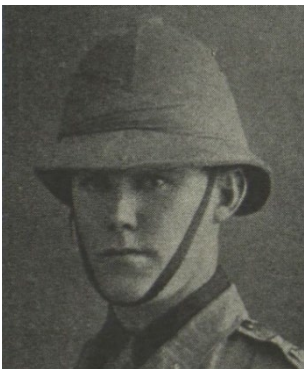
Thomas Patrick Elliot was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon, Canberra where he graduated as Lieutenant and joined the 7 Light Horse Regiment at the age of 20 years. He embarked from Sydney aboard the troopship HMAT *'Ayrshire'* on the 20 December 1914 and arrived in Gallipoli, Turkey where he served as both Regimental Observation Officer and Machine Gun Officer.

After an illness in January 1916, he was personally selected by Brigadier General Harold Edward (Pompey) Elliott, to lead a company in the newly-formed 60 Infantry Battalion. Elliott was promoted to Major and used his leadership skills and strong character to build the battalion into a well-trained unit. The 60 was part of the force at Fromelles, France. On the 19 July 1916, Elliott was killed along with most of his battalion. Major Thomas Patrick Elliott is commemorated at VC Corner Australian Cemetery and Memorial, Fromelles, Lille, France.

William Fredrick Freeman   - Service number: 2683
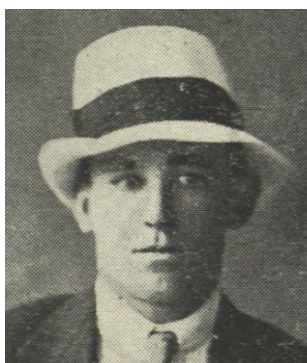
William Fredrick Freeman was a 22-year-old horse driver from Parramatta who lived with his parents, Harry N. Freeman and Kate Ada Freeman, and his siblings in Albert Street, Parramatta. He was the brother of Private Herbert Freeman, Private Percy Freeman, Private Ernest Edward Freeman, and sister to Mrs. Weedon. His brothers Herbert and Percy were both killed in the war, whilst Ernest was discharged on the grounds of being medically unfit after two years of service. He had another brother who enlisted, but was declined on the grounds of being medically unfit. He initially enlisted as an 18-year-old on 3 January 1916. On 21 March 1916, his father wrote to the Australian Imperial Force to ask for William to be discharged. In his letter, Harry Freeman explains that

"I have already three sons serving, and although I gave my consent for him to join I find that I cannot carry on without him".

During this time, William was charged with being absent from his post without leave from 23 March 1916 to 28 March 1916. He had been staying with his sister, Mrs Weedon, in Parramatta. Before he left camp without permission, he had told his father that he had been discharged, but his father never received any formal notice from the Australian Imperial Force. He was officially discharged on 7 April 1916 on his fathers' request. He re-enlisted on the 9 May 1917 when he was 22 years old. He embarked with his unit aboard the HMAT *'Port Sydney'* from Sydney on 5 May 1917. He was taken on strength and posted at the city of Abbassia, Egypt. He was sent to hospital on 14 March 1918, and return to his camp on 24 April 1918. He was transferred to the Light Horse Regiment on 1 July 1918 and was discharged on 28 September 1919.

Dick Fryer   - Service number: 114

Dick Fryer was born in Blenheim, New Zealand, the son of James Fryer. Working as a labourer prior to volunteering, he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force at Liverpool, New South Wales on the 9 October 1914 aged 25 years. Fryer embarked with the 6 Light Horse Regiment, A Squadron from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT *'Suevic'* on the 21 December 1914. During his service, he was wounded in action at the Dardanelles, Turkey and returned to Australia with a medical discharge on the 29 July 1915. Fryer is linked to Parramatta through his mate Jack Maher, with whom he related his story to the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate*

Stuart Courtney Gaden   - Service number: 1480

Stuart Courtney Gaden was a 22-year-old station hand from Wollstonecraft, New South Wales and was a former student of The King's School, Parramatta. His parents were Thomas Burton Gaden and Ida Brereton Gaden. He also had a brother, Mr P. G. Gaden. He enlisted on 7 July 1915 and embarked with his unit aboard the HMAT *'Euripides'* from Sydney on 2 November 1915. He was taken on strength on 28 December 1915, however, he was sent to the 3 Auxiliary Hospital in Cairo suffering from deafness on 1 January 1916.

Gaden re-joined his regiment on 4 January 1916, and marched out to Serapeum, Egypt on 25 February 1916. He was admitted to hospital on 21 June 1916 suffering from a septic leg and was transferred to Tell-el-Kebir, Egypt on 29 June 1916. He was taken on strength after leaving hospital on 9 July 1916 and was transferred to the 7 Light Horse Regiment in Bir et Maler, Egypt, on 24 July 1916. On 5 August 1916, he suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen at the Battle of Romani at Bir et Maler, Egypt and died as a result of his wounds on 6 August 1916 in Egypt at the age of 23 years. He was buried in the Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Suez Canal, Egypt.

Charles Gapes   - Service number: 3456
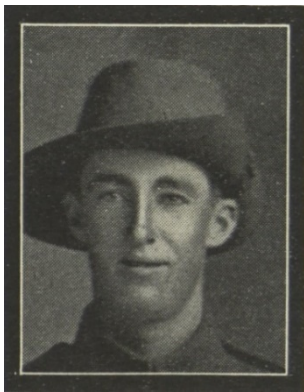
Charles Gapes who worked as a carter, lived in 'Hillview', Nobbs Street, Granville, New South Wales and embarked from Sydney on the 25 November 1916 per HMAT *'Beltana'*. He disembarked at the HM Naval Base, Devonport, Plymouth, England in late January 1917 and proceeded to Etaples, France in April joining allied forces on the Western Front.

Gapes was killed in action in Belgium on September 20, 1917 and was buried in the Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, 1 mile west of Ypres, France. His loving mother inserted these thoughts in his roll of honour:

"Only a bundle of letters
All that is left for me
But my darling who died for his country
Still lives in my memory
Only a few lines from the trenches
With the hand of the writer grown cold
But each word on that paper
*Is graven in letters of pure gold."*

In May 1923, Charles Gapes received the Victory Medal.

Francis Gell   - Service number: 6009

Francis Gell was a horse driver who lived with his wife at Hassall Street, Parramatta, New South Wales before he enlisted. He joined the 1 Battalion, 19 Reinforcement and his unit embarked from Sydney on board HMAT *'Wiltshire'* on 22 August 1916. Private Gell was killed in action by an exploding shell on the 8 May 1917 while fighting in the Hindenburg Line trenches. His name is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.

Roy Glynn   - Service number: 50
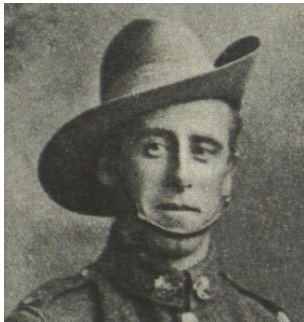
Roy Glynn was born in Marulan, a town in the Southern Tablelands region of New South Wales, and was the son of Mrs. Ruby Glynn and Mr. James Glynn. Before he enlisted at the age of 25 years, Glynn was an unmarried horse driver from Hornsby, New South Wales. He enlisted in Randwick, New South Wales on the 20 August 1914 then embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT *'Suffolk'* on the 18 October as a Private with the 2 Battalion, A Company.

On the 25 April 1915, Glynn was wounded in action at Gallipoli, Turkey suffering wounds to his back, neck and right shoulder. He was hospitalised in Egypt until early May and then transferred to England for further treatment. By late May, Glynn had been promoted to Lance Corporal. He left England for Australia on the 8 October and disembarked in Australia on the 20 November 1915.

Glynn was discharged on the 21 March 1916. He re-enlisted on the 15 May 1916 serving his time in Australia. For his service, he was awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, and would be posthumously awarded the Anzac Medallion.

George Colin Green   - Service number: 5707

George Colin Green worked as a horse driver and lived in Lidcombe, New South Wales when he enlisted in January 1916 with the rank of Private. He had already served in the Light Horse for the Citizen Military Forces and he then became part of the 4 Battalion, 18 Reinforcements and this unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT *'Kyarra'* on the 3 June 1916. Green was killed in action in Bullecourt, France on the 5 May 1917 and is remembered at the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France

Charles Grimson   - Service number: 582
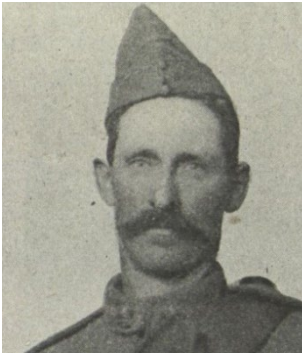
Charles Grimson was born in 1886 in 'Gumnock', Gordon, New South Wales. Prior to his enlistment on the 8 September 1914 at the age of 28 years, he was a farmer, living with his wife Ethel Porter Grimson at Lodge Street, Hornsby. He had previously served in the New South Wales Molong Rifles for 1 year and 6 months, holding the rank of Lance Corporal and was still serving in the Molong Mounted Rifles for around 12 months when he enlisted.

He embarked with his unit, the 1 Light Horse Regiment, A Squadron from Sydney on board HMAT *'Star of Victoria'* on the 20 October 1914.

During his period of service, Grimson served in Egypt, Turkey and Palestine. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal on 15 July 1915 for being partially responsible for the reunion of defence forces divided by a mine, and single-handedly capturing fifteen enemy soldiers. Grimson returned to Australia on the 22 November 1915 and was medically discharged after being wounded in action. He passed away on the 20 October 1938 at the age of 62 years and was buried at Orange Cemetery, Orange, New South Wales.

Francis Patrick Hagin   - Service number: 2473

Private Francis Patrick Hagin enlisted 5 January 1916 at the Australian Light Horse Brigade in Liverpool, New South Wales. At the time, he was an 18-year-old bachelor working as a drover. He lived with his family at Ethel Street, Harris Park, New South Wales. His mother was Amy Hagin and father was Patrick Hagin. The family were Roman Catholic. He embarked with his Unit on 26 April 1916 aboard HMAT *'A39 Port Macquarie'* from Sydney. Taken on strength in Tell-el-Kebir, Egypt on 3 August 1916 he joined the 1 Light Horse Regiment. He served his duties mainly in Egypt. On 13 March 1919, he embarked at Kantara, Egypt aboard the H.T. *'Ulimaroa'* to return to Australia and was discharged from duties on 8 June 1919.

On 2 February 1924, he married Miss Annie Vera Mahony, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Mahony, of Wigram Street, Harris Park.

Arthur Chrispin Hazel   - Service number: 4102

Private (later Sergeant) Arthur Chrispin Hazel, 3 Battalion of Granville, New South Wales was an iron merchant prior to enlisting and he embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT *'Medic'* on the 30 December 1915. He was 24 years and 5 months of age and was the only surviving son of Sarah Hazel (nee Bates) and the late John Chrispen of 'Coo-ee', Elizabeth Street, Granville, New South Wales. Nine years earlier in 1906, his older brother Ernest Hazel died in a fatal horse riding accident near Gundagai, New South Wales.

He was wounded in action near Strazeele, France on the 22 June 1918 and died on the 27 June 1918 at the 2 Australian Casualty Clearing Station, France, aged 27 years. He was buried in the Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery, Longuenesse, France.

The following poem was inserted in the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* by his friends G. Whitworth and W. Nobel, Blaxcell Street, Granville, New South Wales.

A soldier, yes, a hero too.
He player a man's part through and through.
His actions speak though his voice is still.
Forget him, no, we never will.

Albert Harold Hill   - Service number: 1428

Albert Harold Hill was born on the 1 August 1888 in Victoria. Prior to his enlistment on the 30 June 1915 at the age of 26 years, he worked as a shearer and lived with his wife May at 'Heatherdene', Hornsby, New South Wales. He embarked with his unit, the 2 Light Horse Regiment, 11 Reinforcement from Sydney on board HMAT *'Mashobra'* on the 4 October 1915. During his service, he was promoted to Lieutenant, and was awarded the Military Cross and Bar for his actions. He almost single-handedly routed away an enemy attack under heavy enemy fire, he also helped a trapped officer and saved a downed pilot from capture under fire.

Andrew John Hillier   - Service number: 1659
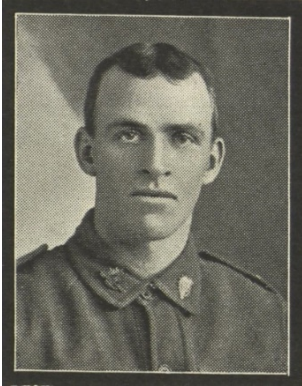
Andrew John Hillier was a 22-year-old boiler-maker's assistant when he enlisted on the 28 March 1916. He lived in Jessie Street, Westmead, New South Wales with his mother Margaret Hillier. Prior to enlisting he had served with the Parramatta Lancers, Light Horse for three and a half years. Hillier arrived in Belgium in November 1916 and was killed in action on the 10 June 1917. He received a posthumous Victory Medal the 19 March 1923.

Fredric Brock Hinton   - Service number: 63

Parramatta born Captain Fred Hinton landed in Gallipoli in May 1915 as Sergeant of the 7 Light Horse Machine Gun section and served there for over 5 months. He had enlisted on 8 September 1914 in Sydney and embarked a few months later on 19 December aboard the HMAT *'A31 Ajana'*. He served in Egypt, Gallipoli and the Western Front. He was mentioned in the 1917 New Year's honours cables when he was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry in the great Pozieres push. The brave young soldier was the officer commanding the 12 Brigade Machine Gun Company. His proud father and mother, Mr. Arthur Langley and Mrs. Hinton, were for years' residents in Parramatta. He was returned to Australia on 5 September 1919 per HT *'Plassy'* and officially discharged in Sydney on 29 December 1919.

Note: First given name incorrectly entered on Australian War Memorial First World War Embarkation Roll as Frederick.

Frank William Hoddinott   - Service number: 86
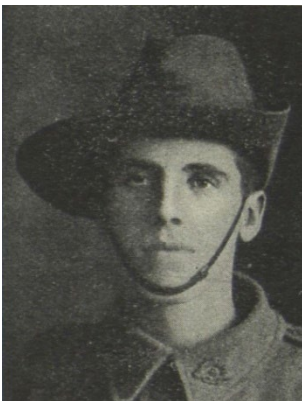
A farmer from Briens Road, Parramatta, Frank Hoddinott enlisted on 13 November 1914 and embarked on 19 December 1914 as part of the Army Veterinary Corps, 1 Veterinary Section. On his return to Australia in 1919 he was given a warm welcome by the people of Parramatta. His father could hardly disguise his pride and emotion in his letter to the Editor of the *Cumberland Argus*.

"To the Editor.

*   Sir, — With your permission I would very much, like to express through your columns the appreciation by myself and family of the welcome home accorded to my son, Corporal F. W. Hoddinott by the Parramatta*

*Welcome Home Committee after his four years' service with the A.I.F. Not the least feature of the welcome was the thoughtful provision of the motor car, driven by Mr. Melville Morphett, to convey us all to our home at Northmead. We feel that we cannot too highly thank Mr. Mason and his companion for their friendly, tactful efforts to add to the gratification of what must always be the most joyful day of our lives; and we trust that they may long be spared to take pleasure in contributing to the happiness of others. — Yours faithfully FRANK F. HODDINOTT 30/1/1919"*

George Thomas Hunt   - Service number: 3142

George Thomas Hunt was one of the nine children of John Charles Hunt (1856-1930), State Member for Camden Electorate and Annie Maria nee Golledge. The Hunt family were a well-known leading orchardist family in Dural who contributed nobly to the welfare of the State and the Methodist Church. In 1914, the family moved to Parramatta and resided at "Currawong", Harold Street, Parramatta. George enlisted on 13 December 1916 as a private of the 24 Reinforcements of the 7 Light Horse Regiment. On 10 May 1917, he left with his Unit from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT '*A42 Boorara*'. At the time he was a 27-year-old bachelor who worked as an orchardist at Mangrove Mountain, Gosford, New South Wales. On 25 July 1918, his younger brother Corporal John Morris Hunt (service number 7011) of the 21 Reinforcements of the 19 Australian Battalion was killed in action at Villers Bretonneux, aged 24. George would continue to serve until 26 July 1919 when he was returned to Australia per HT '*Burma*' from Suez, Egypt. On 1 November 1957, he passed away and his final resting place is Wamberal Cemetery, aged 67.
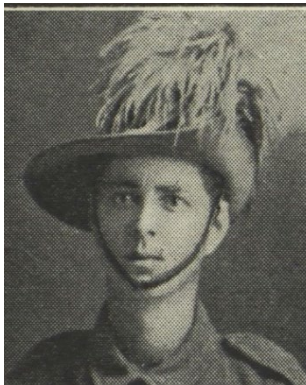
George Ibbett   - Service number: 1604

They were known as the "fighting Ibbetts of Auburn". Mr. and Mrs. T. Ibbett, of Bourke Street, Waterloo, formerly of Auburn, New South Wales had four sons, three of whom enlisted for duty during World War One. Henry Ibbett, the remaining son, attempted to enlist six times, and was on each occasion rejected by the authorities.

George Ibbett enlisted in November 1915 as a Trooper with the Queensland Light Horse and was involved in conflicts in Palestine and Port Said, Egypt.

Henry James Jackson   - Service number: 2276
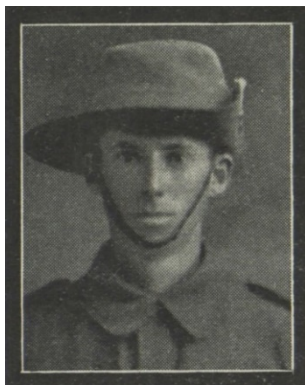
Henry James Jackson was the son of Mr. William and Mrs. Harriet Jackson of 'Glen Ayr', Prestons, New South Wales. A horse-driver prior to enlisting, he embarked from Sydney on the 30 September 1915 and was attached to the 19 Battalion with the rank of Private. Jackson was killed in action near Armentieres, France on the 28 May 1916, aged 23 years and was buried in the Brewery Orchard Cemetery, Bois-Grenier, France.

Albert Hampton James   - Service number: 691
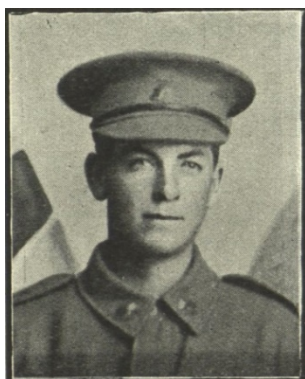
Albert was a 21-year-old carpenter living with his father at Ross Street, Parramatta. He was born in Castle Hill and enlisted 11 July 1915. Parramatta. After arriving in France in June 1916, he was wounded in action at Fleurbaix and admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to his shoulder on 20 July 1916. He re-joined his unit in December of the same year. Albert was wounded again on 3 September but was congratulated for gallant services in that engagement; he was promoted to Lance Corporal in December 1918 and returned to Australia in April 1919.

Merza Tucker "Bob" Jeffery   - Service number: 3563

Trooper Merza Tucker Jeffery (known as Bob) enlisted on 5 March 1917 at the age of eighteen. He was single and his occupation was recorded as clerk. He named his father Harold as his next of kin. They lived in Harris Street, Granville. He embarked for service overseas on 2 November 1917 to serve with the 7 Light Horse Regiment 2 Light Horse Brigade. Trooper Merza Jeffery's war service records indicate that in early August of 1918 he was dangerously ill and was being hospitalised in Egypt. The Army Authorities kept his parents informed of his recovery. In September 1917, his father wrote to the Base Records to express his sincere gratefulness for the receipt of frequent cables informing them of his son's progress. The *Cumberland Argus* reported on his recovery in its edition of 7 September 1918 at page 11. Trooper Merza Tucker Jeffery known as Bob returned to Australia and was discharged from service in August 1919. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. A letter from his daughter Robin which she wrote in 1970 to inquire about his eligibility for the Anzac Medal, indicates that Merza Tucker Jeffery died sometime in 1955.

Robert McMillan Johnstone   - Service number: 2506
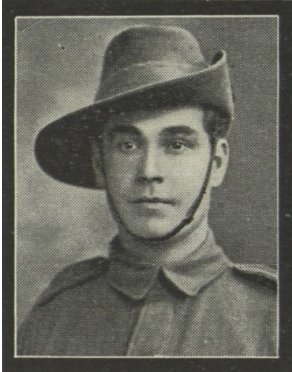
Robert McMillan Johnstone was a 27-year-old chef from 'Fernleigh', Alfred Street, Granville, New South Wales. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland and his next of kin was Nellie Davidson, also of Alfred Street, Granville. He enlisted on 14 June 1915 and embarked with his unit aboard the HMAT *'Orsova'* from Sydney on 14 July 1915. He was wounded in action whilst on command of 1 Australian Light Horse Battalion on 4 January 1916.

On 24 June 1916, he was charged with taking a bottle of wine from the Officers Mess and being drunk on duty on 11 June 1916. He re-joined his battalion in France on 29 July 1916 and was posted in command of the 1 Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery on 29 August 1916. He was admitted to hospital wounded in action with shell shock whilst still in command of his unit on 4 November 1916.

Between 13 April 1917 and 5 June 1917 he was hospitalised on numerous occasions, then he was reported as absent from his post for five days from 17 until 21 June 1917. He was killed in action in Belgium on 2 October 1917 and was buried in Hooge Crater Cemetery, Passchendaele, Belgium. His name is inscribed in the commemorative area of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Upon his death his belongings were bequeathed to his friend Mrs Emily (Bert) Martin of Fernleigh, Alfred Street, Granville.

James Timothy Kinchington   - Service number: 986
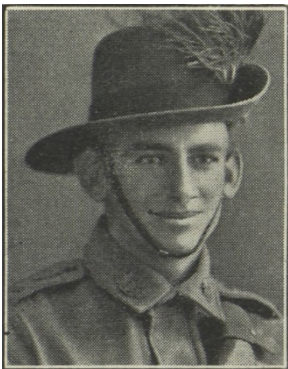
James Timothy Conmee also known as James Kinchington was born in Roma, Queensland and was the second son of Mrs. Nellie Kinchington of Waverley Street, Bondi Junction, New South Wales. He was a horse breaker prior to enlistment and at the age of 25 years he joined the Australian Imperial Force, 3 Australian Infantry Battalion on the 21 January 1915. He embarked from Sydney on the 17 May 1915 with the rank of Trooper.

He was attached to the 5 Light horse Regiment and served in the 13 Field Artillery Brigade during the period 1915 to 1917 and then transferred to the 3 Australian Infantry Battalion on the 13 February 1917 in France. He was appointed to Lance Corporal on the 4 August 1918 and gained the Military Medal on the 22 October 1918 for distinguished conduct and bravery. He returned to Australia on the 9 May 1919. James Timothy Kinchington was one of five brothers who served during the war. He was the brother of Lieutenant Patrick Kinchington, Vincent Kinchington, John Thomas Kinchington and Robert Emmett Kinchington, who died of influenza on the 5 February 1919 in Ireland.

Elijah King   - Service number: 1025

Elijah King, from Wentworthville, New South Wales, was 23 years old when he enlisted as a Private on the 7 February 1916. He became a Trooper in the 14 Light Horse Regiment and he embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS *'Morea'* on the 27 May 1916. After seeing action, he returned to Australia on the 24 July 1919.

Arthur Stuart Knox   - Service number: 509
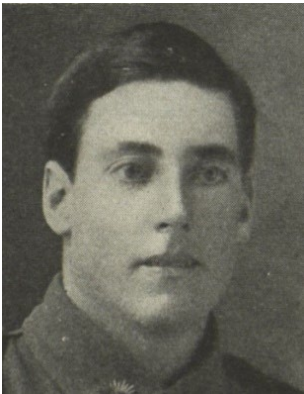
Arthur Stuart Knox was a 23-year-old stockman whose next of kin lived in Queen Street, Westmead, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 12 February 1915. His experience as a stockman was probably the reason he was transferred to the 6 Light Horse Brigade, 12 Regiment. He fought at Gallipoli Cove, Turkey in August 1915 but was admitted to hospital on the 11 September 1915. He received instruction at bombing school and was promoted to Corporal on the 10 June 1916. Two years later he was accidentally kicked in the face by a horse and because of these injuries returned home, receiving a medical discharge on the 3 October 1918.

Frank L'Estrange   - Service number: 71 and 1794

Frank L'Estrange was a 25-year-old clerk from Gregory Street, Granville, New South Wales and the brother of Mrs. Elizabeth Diggens. He enlisted on 8 October 1914 and was assigned to the 7 Light Horse Regiment, Machine Gun Section with the rank of Gunner. He embarked with his unit from Sydney aboard the HMAT *'Ajana'* on 19 December 1914. On 22 June 1915, he suffered a wound to his forehead in Gallipoli, Turkey and was sent to Cairo, Egypt to receive treatment for shrapnel damage to his eye. On 16 October 1915 he was treated for a septic leg in Maadi, Egypt. On 17 March 1916 he was admitted to hospital in Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt. On 12 April 1916, the decision was made to repatriate L'Estrange back to Australia aboard the HS *'Karoola'* and he was discharged as being medically unfit on 16 August 1916.

He re-enlisted on 29 November 1916 and was assigned to the Camel Corps, embarking with his unit from Sydney aboard the HMAT *'Medic'* on 12 December 1916. He was admitted to hospital on 31 January 1917 with the mumps and was then transferred to the 4 Light Horse Regiment on 24 February 1917. On 18 November 1917, he was charged with being drunk in Cairo and was consequently deprived of

5 days' pay. He was sent to hospital in Moascar with gastritis on 16 July 1917. On 20 October 1917 he was taken on strength into the 4 Australian Machine Gun Squad. On 21 October 1917, he was made Driver under the Australian Imperial Forces.

On 1 November 1917, he was wounded in action and so reverted to Trooper as he was no longer able to perform his duties as driver. On 4 November 1917, he was admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to the left forearm. On 21 December 1917, he was sent to a rest camp in Port Said and taken on strength. On 17 January 1918, he was sent to Moascar, where he re-joined his unit after leaving the rest camp. On 23 May 1918, he was to be made Driver under the Australian Imperial Force. On 25 June 1918, he was sent to hospital and reverted to Trooper again on ceasing to perform his duties as Driver. He embarked for Australia aboard the Wiltshire on 30 August 1918 for discharge due to neurasthenia. He was discharged on 7 March 1919.

William M. E. L'estrange   - Service number: 343
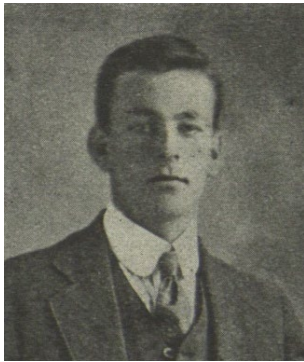
William M. E. L'estrange was a dairy farmer of Sandal Farm, Fairfield, New South Wales. At the age of 20 years, he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force on the 11 February 1915 having previously served with the 20 Infantry. On the 22 June 1915, he embarked as a driver for the 12 Light Horse Regiment B Squadron from Sydney aboard the HMAT '*Vestalia*' with the rank of Private.

On the 29 August, he was taken on strength and transferred to the 7 Light Horse Regiment. On the 26 October, he was admitted to an ANZAC Hospital and on the 29 January 1916 returned to Australia for 3 months' leave. On the 19 September 1916, he left from Sydney aboard the HMAT '*Anglo-Egyptian*' as part of the 11 Reinforcements of the 12 Light Horse Regiment. He was invalided home in February 1916. He was the brother of Private Thomas Robert L'estrange who also served in the war.

Ormond Julian Lake   - Service number: 3295

Ormond Lake was born in 1899 in Bega, New South Wales to Quartermaster Sergeant Arthur Lake of the Parramatta Squadron Australian Light Horse Lancers and Ida M. Lake. At 18 years old, he was one of the selected representatives of the Parramatta High school whose name appears on the school's honour roll in connection with the 'Great War'.

Although Lake enlisted on 21 February 1917, his mother's permission note insisted that he not leave Australia for 6 months, so, on 3 September 1917, he embarked at Sydney on board HMAT '*Kyarra*' with the Camel Corps, General Reinforcements (Second

Military District). He had been in the local militia, 7 Australian Light Horse for 7 months and was still serving at the time of enlistment. He was 18 years of age, single and employed as a clerk. He named his mother, Ida Lake of Allen Street Granville, New South Wales as his next of kin.

On 27 October 1917, he marched in ex *'Kyarra'* to Abbassia, Egypt, and on 22 December, he transferred to 4 Battalion. From 16 February 1918, he saw active service at Rafah, on the border between Egypt and Palestine, and on 7 July, he was transferred to the 14 Light Horse at Surafend, Palestine. He joined the School of Instruction at Surafend on 27 July 1918 and completed his training on 18 August. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 21 June 1919 and was repatriated to Australia per *'Dongala'* on 28 August. He was then discharged on 28 September 1919.

Arnold Llewelyn Lane   - Service number: 39

Arnold Llewelyn Lance was born in about 1892 in Strathfield, New South Wales, the son of Charles Lance. He had previously served for three years from 1910-1913 in a scouting group, and prior to his enlistment on the 12 June 1917, he was a medical practitioner, living in Strathfield, New South Wales.

Lane embarked with a unit of Medical Officers from Sydney on board HMAT *'Port Sydney'* on the 5 November 1917, and was later transferred to the 4 Light Horse Field Ambulance during his service, as well as being promoted to Captain. He returned to Australia on the 28 January 1918.

William Edward Learoyd   - Service number: 1145

William Edward Learoyd, from Liverpool, New South Wales, was a son of William E. Learoyd and a brother of Rodney Learoyd. He was working as a clerk before enlisting and embarked from Sydney, New South Wales with the rank of Private on the 21 December 1914 aboard HMAT *'Port Macquarie'*. He served with the 2 Light Horse Brigade Train and returned to Australia on the 22 January 1917.
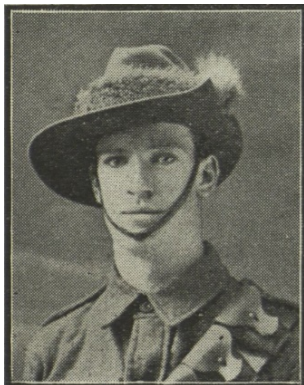
Alfred John Lines   - Service number: 2355

Born in Mooney Ponds, Victoria, Alfred John Lines was an 18-year-old engineer's buyer from Alfred Street, Granville, New South Wales. He was the son of Mr. Alfred Lines and Mrs. Emily Lines, also of Alfred Street, Granville. He enlisted on 28 October 1915 and was assigned to 7 Light Horse Regiment, 16 Reinforcements with the rank of Private. He embarked with his unit aboard the HMAT *'Palermo'* from Sydney on 18 April 1916. He was posted with the signallers in Tell-el-Kebir on 10 June 1916. On 2 January 1917 he was transferred to the 2 Light Horse Regiment in Moascar, Egypt before being transferred to the 7 Light Horse Regiment on 6 January 1917.

He was admitted to hospital on 22 May 1917 suffering from ulcers, then on 25 May 1917 he was diagnosed with malaria and was transferred to hospital in Pyrexia, Abbassia, Egypt. He was in and out of hospital several times before returning to his unit on 18 August 1917. On 28 August 1917 he was again re-admitted to hospital with malaria and remained until he was discharged on 1 September 1917. On 18 November 1917 he was transferred to the 7 Light Horse Regiment. He embarked for Australia aboard the HT 'Malta' from Egypt on 3 July 1919.

Neville Henry Lipscomb   - Service number: 33

Neville Henry Lipscomb was born on the 2 October 1896 at Hornsby, New South Wales, the son of William and Jessie Lipscomb and brother of Frederick and Eric Lipscomb. He was a student at Hawkesbury Agricultural College (HAC), Richmond, when he enlisted with a contingent of fellow HAC students on the 24 August 1914 in the 1 Light Horse Field Ambulance, aged 19 years. He embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT *'Southern'* on the 23 September 1914.

Lipscomb undertook further training in Egypt, and served as a medical orderly on hospital ships *'Galeko'*, *'Minnewaska'*, *'Saturnia''* and Clan McGillivray', evacuating wounded from Gallipoli, Turkey. He landed at Gallipoli in August 1915 and served as a stretcher bearer for two weeks. After a brief spell in hospital, he was sent back to Egypt where he immediately requested a transfer to the Artillery Corps in the expectation that such a move would be more likely to enable him to see action. He was posted to the 37 Battery in Egypt. On the 22 April 1916 Gunner Neville Lipscomb joined the British Expeditionary Force at Alexandria, Egypt and sailed for Marseilles, France aboard the 'Arcadia'. He served at Ypres, Belgium in September 1916, and then moved to Bullecourt in April 1917, operating 18 pounder field guns. On 23 April 1917, he was killed in action in France aged 20 years and was buried at the Ecoust Military Cemetery, Ecoust St Mein, France.

Robert Dalrymple Little   - Service number: 779

Robert Dalrymple Little was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry John Little of Beecroft, New South Wales. He worked as a station overseer prior to enlistment and lived with his parents at Beecroft. At the age of 22 years, he joined the 2 Light Horse Brigade, 7 Light Horse Regiment, 3 Reinforcement on the 4 November 1914 at Holsworthy, New South Wales. He embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT *'Hymettus'* on the 8 February 1915.

He was wounded in action at the Dardanelles, Turkey and was admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to his left shoulder on the 30 May 1915. He was appointed Trooper on the 7 August 1915. He was discharged from hospital in Malta as fit for active service and embarked for Egypt on the 4 January 1916 to re-join the battalion. He became ill and was admitted to hospital with mild diphtheria on the 22 October 1916. He continued on active service until the 29 January 1919.

Little returned to Australia per HT *'Madras'* on the 3 August 1919 and was discharged from service on the 10 January 1920.

William James Lowe   - Service number: 1413

William James Hamilton Lowe was born in the district of Rylstone, New South Wales and was the son of Hamilton Walter and Eliza Jane Lowe, and the brother of Mrs. D. Murchison of Cabramatta, New South Wales. By the time he was 21 years of age he was a farmer living in the Crudine area of New South Wales. He enlisted at Lithgow on the 14 August 1915 and on the 20 November, embarked from Sydney as part of the 12 Australian Light Horse Regiment, 7 Reinforcement aboard HMAT *'Uganda'*.

Taken on strength, he joined the 2 Light Horse Training Regiment in Tell-el-Kebir, Egypt from 6 April 1916, and was placed with the 2 Light Horse Brigade Machine Gun Squadron at Bir-et-Maler, Egypt on the 24 July. A week later, he became a member of the 2 Light Horse Brigade, returning to the 2 Light Horse Brigade Machine Gun Squadron on the 17 August.

From the 19 to 22 September 1916, Lowe was admitted to the New Zealand Mounted Field Ambulance with tuberculosis at Bir-et-Maler. During 1917, Lowe was hospitalised many times due to illness before joining the Machine Gun Training Squad in Moascar, Egypt on the 7 October. On the 15 December, he re-joined the 2 Australian Machine Gun Squadron.

On the 2 February 1918, Lowe was detached from the 2 Australian Machine Gun Squadron and attached to the 7 Light Horse Regiment for duty. On the 7 March, he re-joined the 2 Australian Machine Gun Squadron and on the 27 August 1918, Lowe was assigned the rank of Shoeing Smith. Sadly, the next day on the 28 August 1918, Lowe was killed in action with Corporal Harrie Linden Murphy by a shell explosion. Both soldiers were buried in one grave at the North Bank of Wadi Aujah, in the Jordan Valley, Palestine on the 29 August 1918. He was later re-interred in the Jerusalem Military Cemetery, Palestine, now called the Jerusalem War Cemetery. In recognition of his service, Lowe was posthumously awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

Keith Leslie Mackenzie   - Service number: Unknown

Keith Leslie Mackenzie was born on 5 April 1890, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Mackenzie. Prior to his enlistment on the 9 October 1914 at the age of 24 years, he was an electrical engineer and lived with his parents at Elise Street, Homebush, New South Wales. At the time of enlistment, he successfully applied for a commission to become a Lieutenant, having served in the Australian Light Horse Regiment for six and a half years. He embarked with his unit, the 6 Light Horse Regiment, C Squadron from Sydney on board '*Suevic*' on the 21 December 1914, and served in the Middle East, France, and England. He returned to Australia on the 5 February 1917.

Alfred Percy Marks   - Service number: 2823
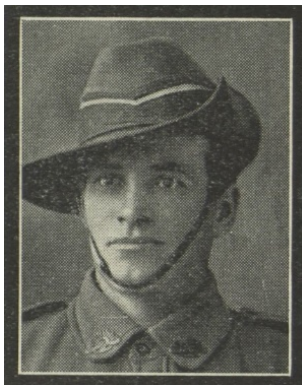
Alfred Percy Marks, aged 29 years, worked as a labourer at the time of his enlistment on the 17 January 1916. He had a dark complexion, hazel eyes and black hair and named his mother Mrs. Maria Marks of Cecil Park, New South Wales as next of kin. He embarked for service overseas on the 8 July 1916 to serve as a Trooper with 1 Light Horse Regiment and later 1 Australian Light Horse Machine Gun Squadron.

Tragically Trooper Marks died of malaria on the 23 November 1917 and was buried in Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Suez Canal, Egypt. He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal and these medals together with a Memorial Plaque and Memorial Scroll were given to his mother. His name is inscribed on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra

James Bremar/Bremner Martyr   - Service number: 2055

James Bremar Martyr also known as James Bremner Martyr was born in 1893 in Bathurst, New South Wales, the son of Annie Martyr. Prior to his enlistment on the 11 October 1915 at the age of 22 years, he was working as a station hand and probably lived with his parents at Cooksvale, New South Wales.

Martyr left with the 6 Light Horse Regiment, 14 Reinforcement from Sydney on board HMAT '*Wandilla*' on the 3 February 1916, and was promoted to Corporal during his period of service. He returned to Australia on the 5 February 1919 and was medically discharged. Upon his return home, he became highly involved in community groups, such as the Returned Sailors and Soldiers League, where he served as President, the Brotherhood Sports Club, where he was also President, as well as participating in numerous theatre productions.

Herbert Victor Masters   - Service number: 3
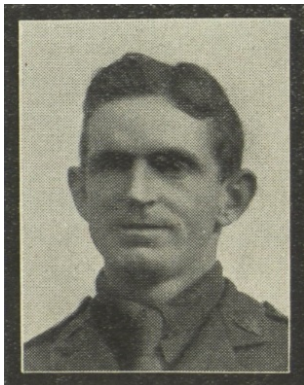
Herbert Victor Masters was in the 1 Signal Troop (1 Light Horse Brigade), later 1 Anzac Wireless Section Australian Engineers of Stanmore, New South Wales. A brass finisher prior to enlisting, he embarked from Melbourne aboard the HMAT '*Karroo*' on 20 October 1914. He died of accidental injuries on 15 April 1918 when he was knocked off his motor cycle by a lorry between Beaucourt and Allonville, France, aged 34 years. He was buried in the Allonville Communal Cemetery, France.

Colin McLeod   - Service number: 1740

Colin McLeod was born on the 17 December 1893 in Sydney, New South Wales, the son of Mr. John Brown and Mrs. I. McLeod of Woodville Road, Granville, New South Wales. He was a horse breaker by trade prior to enlisting with the First Australian Light Horse Regiment in Sydney on the 1 October 1915. He left for the overseas duties from Sydney aboard the SS '*Hawkes Bay*' on the 23 October 1915. On the 9 August 1916, he received his first gunshot wound to his arm in Romani, Egypt. On the 6 November 1917, he was promoted to Lance Corporal while in the field. On 3 April 1918, he was recommended for an award for conspicuous bravery in the field for which he later received the French Croix de Guerre. On the 16 June 1918, he was promoted to Corporal and on the 24 April 1919, he returned to Australia and was discharged on the 27 June that year as medically unfit.

During World War 2, he re-enlisted on 4 November 1939 in Brisbane, Queensland. At the time, he was married, carried on the occupation of horse breaker and resided in Southport, Queensland. Taken on strength, he was quickly promoted to the rank of Corporal on the 7 November 1939, then Sergeant on the 21 August 1940 and later to Commissioner.

George Newnham Mills   - Service number: Unknown

George Newnham Mills was a 30-year-old dentist when he enlisted on 12 March 1915, just 5 days before his birthday. At this time, he was living at 'St. Leonards', George Street, Parramatta. His wife is listed as living at 'Fortuna', West Esplanade, Manly. In February 1915, he had passed his 17 School of Instruction to be appointed as a 2 lieutenant. But although he was shipped out with the 4 Light Horse he had also been successful in his application to join the 67 A Squadron of the Royal Flying Corps.

On 6 July 1916 he was transferred to the Double Squadron on secondment and stayed with this group until 7 October 1916 when he joined the 67 Australian Flying Squadron. Mills became a qualified observer on Boxing Day 1916, but was wounded in action a month later on 24 January 1917. The gunshot wound to his right arm and elbow was serious and led to his being invalided back to Australia on 8 May 1917. HIs brother Major Arthur James Mills served in Palestine with the 1 Light Horse regiment and the British Imperial Camel Corps.

Arthur James Mills   - Service number: Unknown

Arthur James Mills (1883-1964) was a 31-year-old dentist when he enlisted on the 18 December 1914. While living with his wife Betsy Florence nee Raphael, at the villa 'Ashburnham' in Hassall Street, Parramatta, he had for some time been active in the Parramatta Volunteer Lancers and as a result joined the ANZAC forces as a Major. He left Australia with the 1 Light Horse Regiment, 1-10 Reinforcements on the 22 May 1915. He served with the 1 Double Squadron at Romani, Egypt and thus was not part of the first Gallipoli landing force, but over the next three years he would go on to receive a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Distinguished Service Order (DSO) for his work in the Sinai and Palestine.

He returned to Sydney in 1919 after an absence of 4 years. His brother George N. Mills served in Palestine with the Flying Corps and was wounded while on assignment there.

Arthur Mills was appointed Commander of the 4 ANZAC British Imperial Camel Corps on 29 December 1917 and served with great distinction in the drive of the Allied forces pushing the Turkish and German forces in the Middle East from Romani, Egypt in the south, back to Amman, Jordan in the north.

Mills was awarded the DSO and was mentioned in despatches. From 1 July 1918 to 24 July 1919 he was in command of the 15 Light Horse Regiment. He returned to Australia in 1919 and then in 1921 he was appointed to command the 7 Light Horse Regiment and in 1926 the 1 Light Horse. In January 1927 he took command of the 4 Cavalry Brigade with the rank of Colonel, and in January 1932 succeeded General G. Macarthur Onslow as commander of the 1 Cavalry Division, with the rank of Brigadier-General. The Australian War Memorial has two diaries kept by him in 1918.

George Henry Mitchell   - Service number: 1183
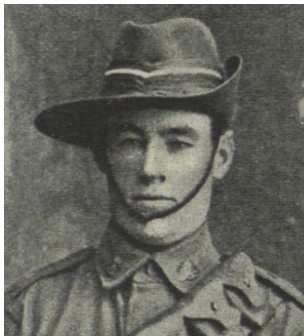
George Henry Mitchell, who was born in Granville, New South Wales, was a 24-year-old farmer when he enlisted on the 18 April 1915 with the rank of Private. On the 1 March 1916, he was taken on strength with the 1 Light Horse Regiment in Heliopolis, near Cairo in Egypt. Just over a week later he was transferred to the 2 Australian Divisional Ammunition Column in the Zeitoun Training Camp near Cairo, Egypt.

In May of that year Mitchell was transferred to Marseilles, France, and was taken on strength by the 5 Field Artillery Brigade in France. On the 11 November 1916, he was transferred to the field in France and on the 17 March 1917 was wounded in action. He suffered from gunshot wound to his ankle and shoulder. Mitchell was transferred to the 3 General London General Hospital in England for medical treatment and on the 24 October 1917, George returned to Australia to be discharged from the army as a result of his injuries. He received the Star Medal, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his services.

Basil Oliver James Molloy   - Service number: 315, 3346, V72588

Born in New Zealand, Basil Oliver James Molloy was a 22-year-old printer when he enlisted on the 1 February 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force. He was also the nephew of Alderman F. W. Steel from Rydalmere, New South Wales. He stated his next of kin as Mrs. Steel of Calder Road, Dundas, New South Wales. He embarked as Corporal of the 2 Light Horse Brigade, 7 Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron from Sydney aboard HMAT '*Ayrshire'* on the 20 December 1914.

Due to illness, Molloy returned to Australia on the 30 November 1915 and was discharged as medically unfit on the

15 March 1916. He re-enlisted on the 2 April 1917 with the rank of Sergeant and his enlistment records provide conflicting information. He stated that he was born in Sydney and was married to Edith Molloy of Calder Road, Rydalmere, New South Wales. He embarked from Sydney on the 11 June 1917 aboard the HMAT *'Port Lincoln'* but after a few days at sea, he had to disembark on 19 June 1917 to be admitted into hospital in Melbourne, Victoria. He was again discharged as medically unfit so did not proceed overseas. He re-enlisted for a third time in Melbourne, Victoria on the 14 December 1917 and was assigned to home service. By the 8 October 1918, Molloy was discharged at his own request.

Reginald Clive Mottershead   - Service number: 3380

Reginald Clive Mottershead was born in 1893 in Parramatta, the third son of Mr. Frances William and Eliza Ann Mottershead, nee Dean. The family resided at *'Addswood'*, Ross Street, Parramatta, where he completed his education at Parramatta High School. At the age of 22 years, he gave up his scholarly endeavours to join the Australian Imperial Force as part of the 11 Reinforcements for the 3 Infantry Battalion on 25 August 1915. His brother Kenneth Raymond Mottershead also enlisted, in Brisbane, Queensland with the 8 Reinforcements for the 1 Light Horse Brigade, 2 Light Horse Regiment on 15 April 1915. Mottershead embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT *'Euripides'* on 2 November 1915. In December, he was admitted to hospital in Cairo and diagnosed with mild orchitis. On 1 March 1916, he was taken on strength in Tell-el-Kebir, Egypt and became part of the 3 Infantry Battalion that sailed for France to fight on the Western Front. By 16 August, he was wounded in action during the battle for Pozieres in the Somme Valley, France and admitted to hospital with head and nose injuries. After many months spent in the trenches in the Somme over winter, he was lucky to survive a near death experience in which he was dug out of the earth after being *"buried for two hours after a big burst up"* at Flers, France. On 9 November 1916, he was transferred to England where he was admitted to hospital and diagnosed with neurasthenia. On 21 July 1917, Mottershead left England and returned to Australia aboard the hospital ship *'Euripides'* which disembarked on 19 September at Melbourne, Victoria. He was officially discharged medically unfit from the Australian Imperial Force at Sydney on 16 October due to shell shock. During his discharge, he lost his Returned Soldiers Badge and had to request a new one. He was also issued a Star, British War medal and Victory medal for his services and granted a pension.

After returning home, he moved to Woollahra and on 2 May 1918, married Maud Docker at St. Stephens Church, Philips Street, Sydney. Maud was the youngest daughter of Edward Hay Docker of 'Haythrope', Parramatta and niece of Judge

Docker. Sadly, on 18 February 1958, Reginald Clive Mottershead passed away, aged 65. His widow requested the Australian Imperial Force Base Records Officer to forward her late husband's military records in order to purchase a home under the War Services Homes Act 1918-1954.

Reginald Hainsworth Musgrove   - Service number: 825

Reginald Hainsworth Musgrove worked as an engineer at the time of his enlistment on the 4 January 1915 aged 18 years. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reginald Musgrove and he named his father as his next of kin. Musgrove embarked for service overseas on the 25 June 1915 with the 12 then later, 6 Australian Light Horse Regiment with the rank of Trooper. Tragically, he was killed in action at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey on the 9 November 1915. He was buried at Shell Green Cemetery on the Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey.

Robert Seaver Noakes   - Service number: 4551

Robert Seaver Noakes was an 18-year-old horse driver and lived with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noakes and his brother Jack, in Dalley Street, Lidcombe, New South Wales. He named his father as his next of kin and he and his brother Jack enlisted on the 28 August 1915 as Privates, embarking for service overseas on the 15 January 1916 to serve with the 2 Infantry Battalion.

Noakes served in France and was wounded in action and subsequently treated for shell shock in July 1917 at Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, England. His brother Jack was killed in action in France on 20 April 1917. Robert Noakes returned to Australia in January 1918 and was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. He died on 10 October 1968.

Cecil Norman O'Brien   - Service number: 1327

Cecil Norman O'Brien, a boilermaker's assistant by trade was from the Forbes area of New South Wales and he enlisted for service in Sydney on the 3 September 1915 aged 19 years. He named his mother Mrs. Mary Ann Cummins of Forbes as his next of kin.

O'Brien embarked for service overseas with the rank of Private on the 21 October 1915 to serve with 12 Light Horse Regiment. He was wounded in the left arm in April 1917 and returned to Australia on the 16 January 1919. He was discharged from service in May 1919 and was awarded the Star, British War Medal

and the Victory Medal. News of the return in 1919 of a C.N. O'Brien was published in the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* of the 22 March 1919 and the 'Forbes Advocate' of 11 March 1919, that Private Cecil O'Brien, a Forbes soldier had landed in Sydney the previous week. Hel returned home to the Forbes area a few weeks later.

### Michael Francis O'Sullivan - Service number: 17
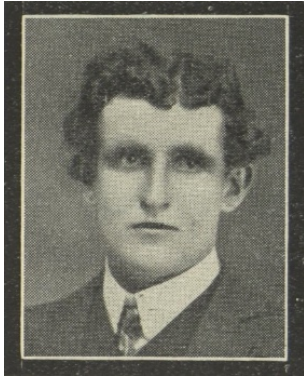
Michael Francis O'Sullivan was the brother of Mr. Thomas O'Sullivan of Hubert Street, Fairfield, New South Wales. At the age of 30 years he enlisted with the Australian Imperial Force on the 14 December 1914 as a Private. On the 13 June 1915, he embarked from Sydney aboard the HMAT '*Suevic*' with the 12 Light Horse Regiment. He was attached to the 7 Light Horse Regiment in Gallipoli, Turkey from the 25 October 1915 before disembarking at Alexandria, Egypt on Christmas 1915. He was invalided home per HS '*Runic*' on the 14 May 1916 and sadly died on the 18 October 1918 at Ariah Park, New South Wales of illness contracted whilst on active service.

Jack Oliffe - Service number: 2440

Jack Oliffe was born on the 17 August 1893 in Calverton Station via Wyandra in Queensland. He enlisted his services to the Australian Imperial Forces in Brisbane, Queensland on 19 July 1917. A station hand prior to enlisting, he was one of the 118 men of Aboriginal origin who saw service in the Australian Light Horse during the war. He was one of the indigenous soldier who came from the Cherbourg Aboriginal Settlement in Murgon. According to *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate,* he is associated with the suburb of Guildford, New South Wales. After, he embarked per HMAT '*Ulysses*' from Sydney on the 19 December aged 24 years. He joined his comrades of the 11 Light Horse Interchange in Moascar, Egypt. After serving for several years, Oliffe embarked aboard HMAT '*Morvada*' departing from Egypt for Australia on 20 July 1919. He received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his war service. He reported lost his service medals and asked for replacements through the Department of Native Affairs. He passed away on 24 November 1958 and is buried at Lutwyche Cemetery.

Alfred Osborne   - Service number: 4041
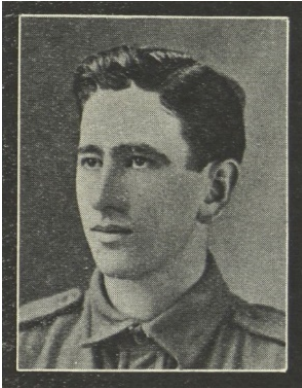
Alfred Osborne was born in Liverpool, New South Wales. At the time of his enlistment in September 1915 he was a labourer and horse driver and lived in Spring Garden Street, Granville, New South Wales. His age was recorded as 21 years and 11 months and his mother, Mrs. F. Osborne was recorded as his next of kin.

He embarked for service overseas on the 11 December 1915 to serve with the 1 Australian Infantry 12 Reinforcements with the rank of Private. Tragically Osborne died in the field in Belgium on the 27 September 1916 at the age of nineteen years, two years younger than the age he provided at his enlistment.

In October 1921, his mother received a letter from the AIF Base Records Office regarding disposition of his War Medals under the Deceased Soldiers Estate Act 1918, inquiring whether there were any nearer blood relations. His mother wrote that she had adopted Alfred Osborne when he was just 2 days old as his mother had died in childbirth and her own child had been stillborn. She was not aware of the existence of any blood relations.

Private Osborne was buried in Bedford House Cemetery, Zillebeke near Ypres, Belgium. He was posthumously awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal. His mother also received a Memorial Plaque and obtained photographs of his grave in Belgium. His name is recorded on the Roll of Honour in the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Sidney Ernest Parkes   - Service number: 188
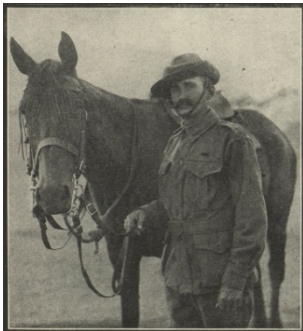
Sidney Ernest Parkes was born on the 6 November 1878 in Staffordshire, England to Ebenezer and Matilda Hozier Parkes. He had previously served three years in the Boer War, and held the rank of Sergeant upon his enlistment. Prior to his enlistment on the 6 September 1914 at the age of 35 years, he worked as a chemist, and was later a wool buyer. He left with his unit, the 6 Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron from Sydney on board HMAT *'Suevic'* on the 21 December 1914. He served in Egypt and Turkey and was killed in action on the 24 May 1915 at the age of 36 years. He was buried at Shrapnel Valley Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey.

Spencer (Percy) Parkes   - Service number: 2220
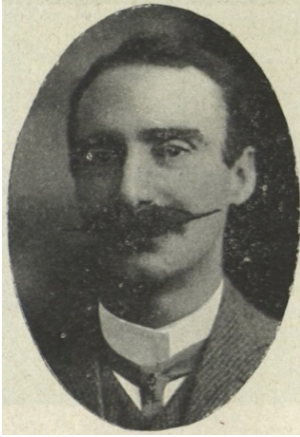
Born in Hanley, Staffordshire, England, and the son of Ebenezer and Matilda Hozier Parkes, Spencer Percy Parkes, also known as Percy Parkes was 39 years old and working as builder when he enlisted on the 10 September 1914. He lived with his wife Alice Maud Parkes at Wentworthville, New South Wales. Parkes embarked in Sydney as a Private aboard HMAT '*Wiltshire*' on the 22 August 1916 with the 45 Infantry Battalion, 4 Reinforcements bound for England.

From 24 January 1917, having obtained a first class qualification and fair knowledge of the operation of the Lewis Gun at the 6 Rifle Course in Tidworth, England, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Sadly, he shared his brother's fate and was killed in action when his unit was holding the frontline at Passchendaele Ridge, Belgium he was caught by shell fragments which hit him in the head and body on the 13 October 1917. According to witnesses, he died instantaneously. He is remembered at the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, Belgium.

Urban "William Barry" Parr   - Service number: 10531

Urban Parr, known as William Barry Parr was born on 5 April 1889 in Burwell, Cambridgeshire, England. He originally enlisted as Trooper Urban Parr in March 1915 at the age of twenty-five years. His occupation was recorded as farmer and he named his mother in Cambridgeshire, England as his next of kin. He was due to embark for service overseas on 13 June 1915 to serve with 12 Light Horse Regiment however, his war service records state that he did not embark for service overseas as required and was "posted as a deserter" with a warrant issued for his arrest.

He enlisted again in January 1916 with the rank of Sapper, this time under the name of William Barry Parr. He named his wife Alice as next of kin and the couple lived with Alice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, in Sorrell Street, Parramatta, New South Wales. His occupation was recorded as mental attendant and an article published in the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* states that he worked at the Parramatta Mental Hospital. Parr signed a statutory declaration prior to his embarkation stating that his true name was Urban Parr.

*Outdoor photograph of Trooper Urban "William Barry" Parr on horseback, circa May 1916.
(Source: Australian War Memorial, DAOD1689)*

He embarked for service overseas on 25 May 1916 to serve with 34 Australian Infantry Battalion 3 Divisional Signal Company. An article published in the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* in January 1917 detailed the sacrifice of the Turner family. Two of Urban Parr's brothers-in-law had died while serving. Parr's father-in-law, Mr. Robert James Turner was also serving overseas and a younger brother-in-law was in training in England. Urban Parr was reported missing in action on 12 October 1917 in Belgium however, several months later he was officially reported as having been killed in action in the field on 12 October 1917 at Passchendaele in the Third Battle of Ypres, France. He is buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, France. The British War Medal, Victory Medal, Memorial Scroll and Memorial Plaque were given to his widow Alice. His name is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Sydney Henry Pattison   - Service number: 2067

Trooper Sydney Henry Pattison, drover, was born in Parramatta and was twenty years of age at the time of his enlistment on 27 October 1915. He named his mother, Mary Mahoney who lived in Hunter Street, Parramatta, New South Wales as next of kin. Pattison embarked for service overseas with 6 Light Horse Regiment, 11 to 14 Reinforcements on 3 February 1916. During 1916 he was transferred to 115 Howitzer Battery and then to 114 Howitzer Battery. He was subsequently promoted to the rank of Bombardier in December 1918. He returned to Australia in July 1919 and was discharged on 7 October 1919. He was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Sydney Pattison's war service records also include correspondence from him written in 1929 as he had not received his war service medals and he had also lost his Returned from Active Service Badge. The Medals were promptly forwarded to him.

Charles Paul   - Service number: 323

Charles Winter Paul, known as Charlie Paul was born in Parramatta, New South Wales and at the time of his enlistment in August 1914, he was single, twenty years of age and his occupation was recorded as a carrier. He named his father Mr. John Paul of Church Street Parramatta as his next of kin. He embarked for service overseas on 20 October 1914 to serve with 1 Light Horse Regiment. The *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* related news received from Paul in Egypt. Amongst other things, he wrote about not knowing what is happening regarding the campaign, how stressed the horses were after being at sea for a long period, and how he regrets the loss of his Bible on the troop ship going over. He mentions lining up in the streets for the arrival of George Reid who was then Australia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. After the march past, they assembled to listen to his speech.

Paul also wrote that all the Australian troops were each given a tin of chocolates for Christmas by the King. He had eaten the chocolates and would send the tin home as it would be useful. Serving in Egypt and at Gallipoli, Turkey, in December 1916 he was transferred to the Australian Flying Corps Second Squadron (which had been initially formed as 68 Australian Squadron, Royal Flying Corps), as an Air Mechanic and he embarked for France in January 1917. In March 1918, he accidentally sustained a fracture to his right arm, getting it caught in a propeller. He returned to Australia on 27 November 1918, had served for four years without a break and was discharged for medical reasons on 9 March 1919. He was awarded the Star, British War Medal and Victory medal. After the War, Charlie Paul found work in the emerging aviation industry as a mechanic.

Norman Matthew Pearce   - Service number: Unknown

Norman Matthew Pearce was born around 1880 in Kellyville, New South Wales, the son of Matthew Squire and Alice Rosanne Pearce. He had previously served in the 3 Mounted Rifles in South Africa, and prior to his enlistment on the 22 September 1914 at the age of 33 years, he worked as a grazier, at 'Stanhope', Kellyville. Pearce held the rank of Second Lieutenant upon his enlistment, and embarked with his unit, the 6 Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron from Sydney on board HMAT *'Suevic'* on the 21 December 1914. During his period of service, he was promoted to Lieutenant on the 21 June 1915, and later Captain on the 19 August 1916. He was killed in action on the 29 July 1916 at the age of 35 years and was buried at Kantara War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

Alfred Macquarie Portlock   - Service number: 539

Alfred Macquarie Portlock was born at Dubbo, New South Wales and named his sister Mrs. Stafford, Hunter Street, Parramatta, New South Wales as next of kin. At the age of 26 years, he joined Australian Imperial Force on 10 February 1915 at Liverpool, New South Wales. Prior to enlistment, he was a labourer, care of Alphonso Douglas, Macquarie Street, Parramatta. He embarked at Sydney per HMAT *'Suevic'* on 13 June 1915.

On 29 August 1915, he was transferred to 6 Light Horse Regiment and posted to D squadron at Anzac cove, Gallipoli, Peninsula. He was admitted to hospital on 5 September 1915 with an infectious disease and was off to duty. On 29 October 1915 he was admitted to ANZAC Advanced Base Convalescent Camp at Mudros, Lemnos, Greece. He re-joined his regiment for duty at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli and then on 25 December 1915 he disembarked at Alexandria, Egypt per HMT *'Beltana'*. He became seriously ill and was admitted to hospital where his condition was diagnosed as nephritis. He returned to Australia per *'Karoola'* on 20 January 1916.

James Harcourt Richards   - Service number: 2827

James Harcourt Richards was born in Condobolin, New South Wales and enlisted on 23 February 1916 when he was a 25-year-old horse breaker living at 'The Pines', Ross Street, Parramatta North. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 26 April 1918 and was wounded in action exactly one month later and returned to Australia on the 27 September 1919.

William John Ritchie   - Service number: 1039 and N94823

William John Ritchie was born in Brisbane, Queensland and was a 22-year-old horse trainer when he enlisted in Sydney on 4 February 1915. His mother Clara was living in Harris Street, Harris Park, New South Wales. He had a number of distinctive marks including scars on his neck and left arm as well a tattoo on his right forearm. Ritchie was taken on strength on 2 October 1915 and was wounded in action on 5 August 1916, being admitted to hospital with a gunshot wound to his face. He returned to Australia aboard HT 'Ascanius' on 2 September 1916 and was discharged from service on 24 November 1916. He then re-enlisted on 27 September 1918 as a Driver.

Alex Robertson   - Service number: 1723

Born in Mittagong, New South Wales in 1891, Alexander Robertson enlisted as a Private (later Trooper) with the Australian Imperial Force 11 Reinforcements of the 1 Light Horse Regiment at the age of 23 years on the 10 September 1915 in Holsworthy, New South Wales. He stood 5 foot 5 and a half inches (166cm) tall and was described as having a fresh complexion, blue eyes and black hair. Prior to enlisting he worked with his father James as a bricklayer's labourer. He was the youngest son of James and Jessie Robertson, who resided on Parramatta Road, Granville, New South Wales. The family had moved from Joadja Creek, New South Wales.

He left for the front on the 23 October 1915 aboard SS 'Hawkes Bay' from Sydney and saw active service joining the Western Front Force on the 14 January 1916. Nicknamed 'Robbo' in his regiment, he was described as the "happiest man in the regiment, always merry and singing". According to an article published in the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* on the 20 July 1918, he was a singing pupil of Mr. Hector Fleming, who believed the young man had a good career before him. He was also a member of the Presbyterian Church choir.

According to his Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing file held by the Australian War Memorial, witnesses stated that around 4pm on the 27 June 1918 during a bomb raid at Messalaba, Jordan Valley, Palestine, a shell landed near the dugout in which Trooper Robertson was sleeping. The explosion killed Robertson instantaneously and wounded three others including Sergeant W. L. McDonald and Private V. O'Donnell. He died at the age of 27 years and was buried in the Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel.

### Herbert Joseph Robilliard   - Service number: 1053
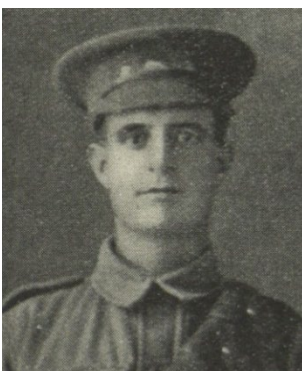
Herbert Joseph Robilliard was a 35-year-old station owner when he enlisted at Charleville, Queensland 13 April 1915. He was born in Parramatta and his next of kin was his sister Melvina Eliza Robilliard living at 'Glenhaven' Harris Park, New South Wales. He was initially attached to the 1 Light Horse Headquarters for clerical duties but 24 November he was admitted to hospital with a lung infection which was so severe he was medically discharged from the service on 21 June 1916.

Walter Charles Robinson - Service number: Unknown

Walter Charles Robinson aged 45 years was a Railway Superintendent living with his wife in Eleanor Street, Geraldton, Western Australia when he enlisted in Perth, Western Australia on 28 October 1914. Wounded in action with a gunshot injury to the neck, he was assessed as unfit for duty for 3 months. He was allowed to return to Australia at own expense on the SS '*Osterley*' and was discharged from duty on 29 February 1916. His son Sergeant Walter Barnett Robinson also enlisted for service.

Keith Rowling - Service number: 818
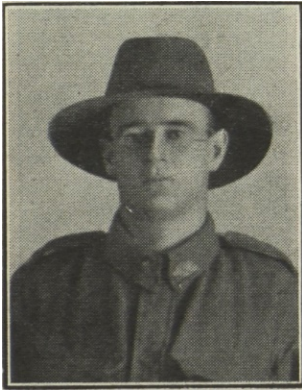
Keith Rowling was born in Parramatta, New South Wales and when he enlisted on the 18 November 1914, he was a 19-year-old orchard hand. He was at that time in the care of Major Jenkins of Niagara Park, Gosford, New South Wales and his brother E. A. Rowling lived in North Road, Gladesville, New South Wales.

While at Gallipoli, Rowling accidentally wounded himself in the hand on the 19 August 1915 and was transferred to 6 Australian Army Service Corps from the 6 Light Horse Brigade. He was appointed to the Transport Section and then Field Engineers on the 26 March 1916. On the 27 May he was taken on strength and transferred to the Signal Squadron. He was then moved to the Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division Train on the 20 August 1917. Rowling returned to Australia per '*Port Darwin*' on the 12 June 1919 and was discharged 3 months later.

Edwyn Allan Rowling - Service number: 1093
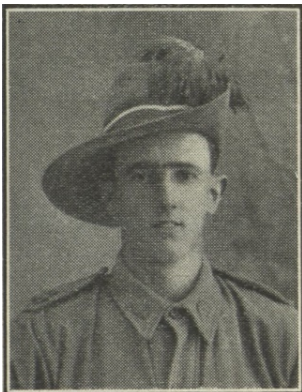
Edwyn Allan Rowling was born in Parramatta, New South Wales and was a 23-year-old carter living in North Road, Gladesville, New South Wales when he enlisted at Marrickville, New South Wales on the 19 September 1914. Initially he was a driver, but was transferred to the Australian New Zealand Mounted Division Transport Corps on the 26 March 1916.

Rowling was promoted to Sergeant on the 7 August 1917 and returned to Australia per '*Port Darwin*' on the 15 November 1918. His brother Keith also served for the duration of the war.

Harold Stewart Ryrie   - Service number: Unknown

Harold Stewart Ryrie was born in 1878 in Cooma, New South Wales. Prior to his enlistment on the 9 October 1914 at the age of 36 years, he was a grazier, and had previously served in the Australian Light Horse Militia Reserve. He was assigned the rank of Second Lieutenant and embarked with the 6 Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron from Sydney on board HMAT *'Suevic'* on the 21 December 1914.

During his period of service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order, for his actions in commanding his squadron under heavy fire, and was wounded in action multiple times, including a gunshot wound to the skull. He returned to Australia on the 6 September 1918, and passed away on 10 December 1919 at the age of 41 years.

Arthur Salis   - Service number: 6561

Arthur Salis, formerly a horse driver from Liverpool, New South Wales was the son of Mr. E. W. Salis, also of Liverpool. He embarked from Sydney aboard the HMAT *'Anchises'* on the 24 January 1917 serving with the 20 Battalion, 19 Reinforcement. He returned to Australia on the 4 January 1919.

Frederick Sellers   - Service number: 353

Frederick Sellers was a 23-year-old bricklayer from Ferndell Street, South Granville, New South Wales and was the son of Mr. Tom Sellers and Mrs. Catherine Sellers of the same address. He was also the brother of Mrs. Clara Cecilia Evans. He enlisted on the 26 August 1914 and was assigned to the 1 Light Horse Regiment with the rank of Trooper. He embarked from Sydney with his unit aboard HMAT *'Star of Victoria'* on the 20 October 1914. He suffered a gunshot wound which perforated his abdomen while in action at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey on the 29 May 1915. He died of his wounds the next day aboard the HMHS. *'Gascon'*. He was buried at the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey. His name is displayed at the Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Arthur Townsend Sherwin   - Service number: 1810

Arthur Townsend Sherwin, aged 26 years, was a bank accountant from the central west town of Cargo, New South Wales. He was one of the six nephews of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sherwin of Baulkham Hills who volunteered for service. At the time of his enlistment for service on the 28 September 1915 he named his mother Mrs. Katherine Sherwin as next of kin and embarked for service overseas on the 11 January 1916 to serve with 9 Light Horse Regiment as a Corporal. Arthur Sherwin was invalided home to Australia in July 1916 having attained the rank of Corporal and was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Charles Ronald Sherwin   - Service number: 500

Charles Ronald Sherwin, a fitter by trade who lived in Croydon, New South Wales was 27 years old at the time of his enlistment for service on the 26 September 1914. He was unmarried and had blue eyes and brown hair. He was one of the six nephews of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sherwin of Baulkham Hills who served in the war. He named his mother Mrs. L. Sherwin as next of kin and embarked for service overseas from Sydney aboard the HMAT 'Suevic' on the 21 December 1914 to serve with 6 Light Horse Regiment as a Private. Charles Sherwin was wounded in June 1915 at Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey and on a second occasion in August 1916. He was invalided home to Australia in September 1916 and was awarded Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Frank Herbert Sherwin   - Service number: 1945

Frank Herbert Sherwin, aged 23 years from the central west town of Cargo, New South Wales worked as a bank clerk at the time of his enlistment for service in August 1915. He was single and had blue eyes and dark brown hair and was one of the six nephews of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sherwin of Baulkham Hills who served in the war. He named his father, Arthur Henry Travers Sherwin as next of kin and embarked for service overseas from Sydney aboard the HMAT 'Aeneas' on the 20 December 1915 to serve as a Trooper with 6 Light Horse Regiment and subsequently 3 Army Field Artillery Brigade where he was assigned as a Driver. Sherwin was wounded in the forearm in September 1918 and treated in hospital in Reading, England. He returned to Australia in April 1919.

Norman Douglas Sherwin   - Service number: 319

Norman Douglas Sherwin, aged 23 years was a labourer from the central west town of Cargo, New South Wales and was one of the six nephews of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Sherwin of Baulkham Hills who served in the war. He enlisted for service on the 14 September 1914 and embarked for service on the 21 December 1914 from Sydney aboard the HMAT *'Suevic'* to serve with the 6 Light Horse Regiment.

Sherwin was wounded during the attack of Amman, in the Sinai and Palestine Campaign and was taken prisoner. He died the next day from his injuries on the 29 March 1918. Trooper Norman Douglas Sherwin is commemorated at Basra Memorial Cemetery, Iraq. He was awarded the Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. These medals together with a Memorial Scroll and Memorial Plaque were given to his father. His service is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Francis Smith   - Service number: 981

Francis Smith was Born in 1895, and raised in Lidcombe, New South Wales with his four siblings. He worked as a stone carrier, but decided to leave his job and joined up in March 1915 aged 19 years. He was allocated to the 6 Light Horse Regiment, 5 Reinforcements.

Despite having had 3 years' experience in the junior cadets, his war record presents a young man who was not prepared for the challenges of war. He arrived in Anzac Cove, Gallipoli, Turkey in October, after two major allied offences there in April and August had failed. After just four days, he suffered a self-inflicted bullet wound to his left hand. It's not clear whether the gun was discharged accidentally or deliberately, but Smith was taken aboard a hospital ship and then transferred to England.

In hospital in Bristol, England his wound was deemed to be severe necessitating the amputation of his injured finger. There is a gap in his record until August of the following year, but it appears he did not leave England again and was transferred to the Australian Motor Transport Service (AMTS), which was responsible for the transportation of both troops and supplies. By September of 1916, he was working in Chelsea, London, and three months later married Winifred Fulton.

During his period of service with the AMTS, he received a promotion to Corporal and departed England for Australia with his wife in January 1919. He was awarded the Star, Victory and British War medals for his service to the country during World

War 1. Unfortunately, his marriage to Winifred ended in divorce and he then married Alice, with whom he had a son named David. After the war he lied with his family in Epping, New South Wales when he passed away at the age of 56 years.

J. H. Smith   - Service number: Unknown
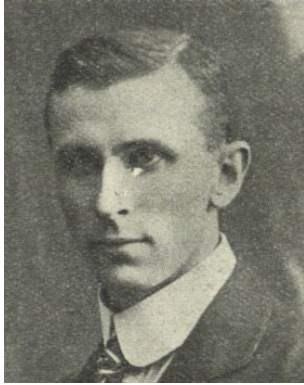
J.H. Smith was born at Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales and was a brother of Mr. Charles T. Smith, the well-known Produce Merchant of Parramatta South/ Granville. He embarked for active service in the trenches of France and wrote back to his brother in Parramatta saying that the enemy soldiers *they fight like very devils"*.

### Stanley Lazelle Smith   - Service number: 1016
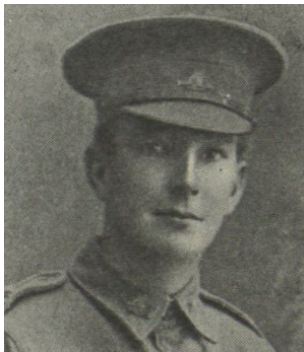
Stanley Lazelle Smith was 21 years old and working as a clerk when he enlisted on the 8 February 1915 in the Australian Imperial Force. He was the son of Arthur Edward and Elizabeth Smith, of Jersey Street, Hornsby, New South Wales and brother of Private Arthur Leonard Smith. He embarked aboard HMAT *'Ajana'* as a Sapper with the 4 Australian Light Horse Brigade, 4 Signal Troop. Taken on strength, he was transferred to the Australian Engineers, 2 Division Signals Company. Smith was stationed at the front in France when he fell ill with pleurisy which developed into septicaemia. Sadly, Stanley died of his illness on the 29 June 1916, aged 23 years. A couple of months later, his brother Arthur Smith, aged 25 years, was killed on the Somme, France on the 17 August 1916. Stanley Smith is buried in Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, France. His name is also remembered on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Canberra.

Roy Albert Spurway   - Service number: 1664
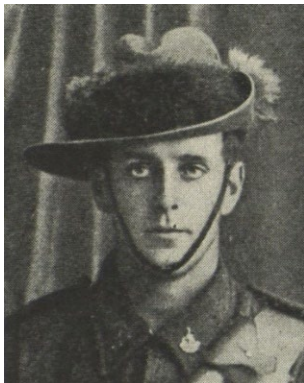
Roy Albert Spurway was 23 years old and a farmer at Tyalgum near Murwillumbah, New South Wales when he enlisted as a Trooper on the 11 September 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force. He embarked as part of the 6 Light Horse Regiment, 12 Reinforcement aboard HMAT *'Persic'* on the 18 November 1915. He was promoted to Temporary Corporal on the 16 November 1918 until the 4 January 1919. On 27 October 1917, he was hospitalised due to illness and again on the 2 September 1918. Diagnosed with Malaria, he embarked for Australia on the 18 February 1919 and was discharged as medically unfit on the 17 August 1919.

Donald Edward Stewart   - Service number: 77
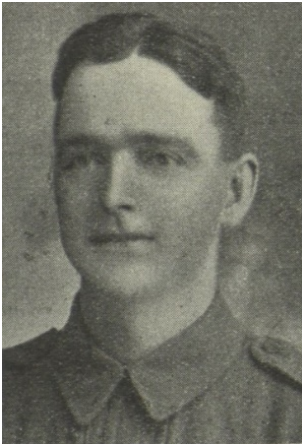
Donald Edward Stewart was a wool classer by trade and enlisted for service on the 14 September 1914 at the age of 25 years. Stewart had a dark complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair and named his mother Mrs. Clara Stewart of Hoxton Park, New South Wales as his next of kin. He embarked for service overseas on the 20 October 1914 to serve with 1 Australian Light Horse Regiment with the rank of Trooper.

He was reported missing for 22 months before it was confirmed that he had died of appendicitis in 21 General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt on the 6 August 1915 aged 26 years. Stewart was buried at Chatby Military and War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt. He was awarded the Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal and these awards together with a Memorial Plaque and a Memorial Scroll were given to his father. Trooper Stewart's name is inscribed on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

### John Stewart   - Service number: Unknown

John Stewart aged 38 years worked as a stock and station agent when he enlisted in October 1914. He embarked in February 1915 from Sydney and served in the 1 Light Horse Brigade. Stewart fought at Gallipoli, Turkey where he was wounded in August 1915. He was then sent for treatment in England and was dismissed from service after returning to his unit for a period of time in July 1916.

### Everatt Graham Summons   - Service number: 1339

Everatt Graham Summons aged 23 years and living on Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales, was working as a stockman when he enlisted on 9 July 1915. Summons had been a Cadet while a student at the King's School, Parramatta. He served as a gunner in the 58 Battery and was promoted to Sergeant in 1916 and was then transferred to the 2 Light Horse Reserve Regiment in August 1916. He then transferred to 3 Army Field Brigade. He was killed in action in September 1918 near Bullecourt, France.

### Thomas Lawrence Stoney - Service number: 3724
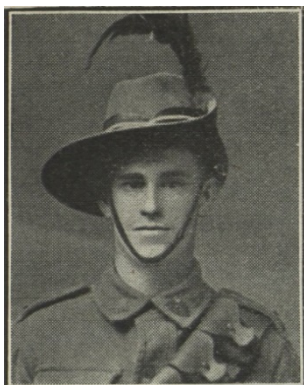
Thomas Lawrence Stoney was born in Manly, New South Wales. He was a 19-year-old plumber when he enlisted on the 11 October 1915 in Liverpool, New South Wales. Stoney returned to Australia from Kantara, Egypt aboard the HT *'Delta'* on the 2 August 1919 and was discharged on the 27 of September 1919.

Robert Wooldridge Telfer - Service number: 2830
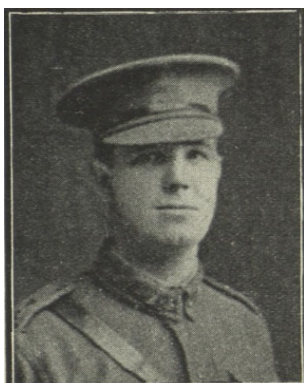
Robert Wooldridge Telfer was a 26-year-old engine-driver living in Boundary Street, Parramatta North, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 7 August 1915 at Warwick Farm, New South Wales. He was admitted to hospital on various occasions during his time in the army. After attaining the rank of Quarter Master Sergeant he returned to Australia aboard the HT *'Madras'* on the 27 of June 1919.

Roy Terry - Service number: 2189
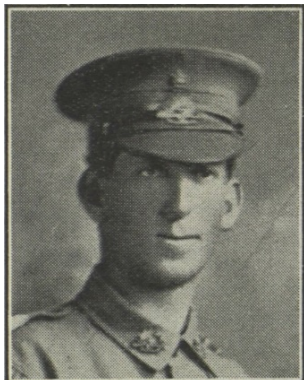
Roy Terry aged 26 years and a horse breaker by trade was born in Hay, New South Wales and was living with his father, Peter Benjamin Terry in Church Street, Parramatta, New South Wales when he enlisted on 25 March 1916 at Stockton, New South Wales. Terry had spent two years in the New South Wales Lancers at Parramatta prior to enlistment.

Terry embarked on the HMT *'Arcadia'* bound for England on 29 July 1916 joining the Pioneer Training Battalion. He was wounded in action in France on 4 October 1917 and his injuries included wounds to both arms and chest. He was invalided to England on 25 October 1917 and returned to Australia aboard the Hospital Ship No 2 *'Kanowna'*. He was discharged from service on the 13 August 1918.

### Sydney Carlisle Todd   - Service number: 2918

Sydney Carlisle Todd was born in 1894 in Tamworth, New South Wales, the second son of David Blair and Eliza Todd of 'Carlisles', John Street, Lidcombe, New South Wales. At the age of 21 years, he enlisted on the 13 June 1915 in Liverpool, New South Wales. Prior to enlistment he worked as a railway clerk and had previously served in the New South Wales Lancers, 7 Australian Light Horse Brigade. He embarked on the 30 September 1915 aboard the HMAT 'Argyllshire' from Sydney with the 9 Reinforcements of the 1 Australian Infantry Battalion with the rank of Corporal.

After spending some time in Egypt, he was taken on strength and sailed for France, arriving on the 4 April 1916 in Marseilles. On 5 November 1916, he was initially reported missing, but it was later confirmed that he had been killed in action in France. He is remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial in the Somme, France and in the Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Campbell Throsby   - Service number: 390
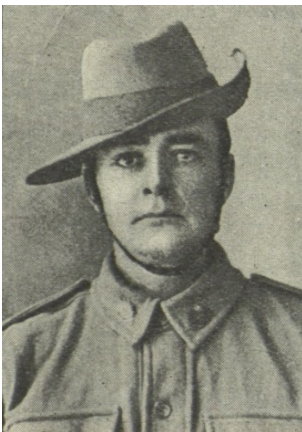
Campbell Throsby was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archer Throsby of Liverpool, New South Wales. He was a station manager at Marathon Station, Queensland prior to enlisting. He embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT 'Ayrshire' on the 20 December 1914 as a Trooper with the 7 Australian Light Horse. Throsby died of dysentery at the 1 Australian General Hospital in Cairo, Egypt on the 29 February 1916, aged 32 years. He was buried in the Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt.

Harold Tuck   - Service number: 1727

Harold Tuck from Seven Hills, New South Wales was the son of John and Agnes Sarah Tuck and worked as a horse breaker before enlisting. Having previously served four years with the 1 Light Horse, Parramatta, Tuck embarked aboard HMAT SS 'Hawkes Bay' on the 23 October 1915. He died from wounds received in battle on the 1 of November 1917 and was buried at Beersheba War Cemetery, Palestine.

Frederick Norman Tuckfield   - Service number: 1119

Frederick Norman Tuckfield lived in Fairfield, New South Wales when enlisted as a Private on the 8 April 1915. He became part of the 7 Light Horse Regiment, 7 Reinforcement and his until embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT '*Chilka*' on the 7 June 1915. Unfortunately, during his service in Egypt he was injured on the forehead and lost the use of one eye.   He returned to Australia on the 28 January 1916 and passed away on in March 1966.

Herbert Stanley Tuckfield   - Service number: 2220

Herbert Stanley Tuckfield was twenty-six when he enlisted on the 6 September 1915 and became part of the 4 Light Horse Regiment, 15 Reinforcement. His unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT '*Katuna*' on the 9 March 1916. Unfortunately, he was killed in France on the 15 April 1917. He has no known grave and his sacrifice is honoured at the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Keith Aubrey Tunks   - Service number: 1796

Keith Aubrey Tunks was born in Parramatta, New South Wales and enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 8 February 1915 at the age of 19 years. In April 1915, Private Tunks left Australia for Gallipoli with the 1 Field Ambulance. His unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT '*Argyllshire*' on 10 April 1915.

He was wounded at Gallipoli and was dangerously ill before being posted to the accounts section of the Australian Military Office at 130 Horseferry Road, London, England. Tunks ended his tour of duty as a Lieutenant in the Australian Army Pay Corps.

Herbert John Vigors   - Service number: 1109
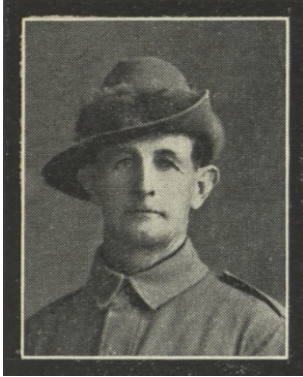
Herbert John Vigors enlisted with Australian Imperial Forces on the 11 October 1915. He was 42 years 8 months old with brown hair and brown eyes and worked as a horse trainer at Rosehill Racecourse, New South Wales. He had quite a reputation as a good jockey. He resided in Short street, Granville New South Wales with his wife Charlotte and son Jack although some documents note his address as being Good Street, Granville. Vigors embarked from Sydney on 'RMS *Mongolia'* on the 8 July 1916, initially enlisting with the 14 Australian Light Horse Regiment before serving with the Camel Corps from May to September 1916 and Reinforcements. Sadly, Herbert John Vigors was killed in action on the 30 September 1918 in Damascus. He was first buried on the 17 October 1918 near where he died with Lieutenant G. Daz officiating as chaplain and was later reburied on 20 October 1918 in Damascus Military Cemetery, Syria.

Reginald James Walters   - Service number: 1680

Reginald James Walters, the son of Robert Walters, was a 24-year-old sign writer living in Western Australia when he enlisted on 17 August 1915. He was assigned to 10 Light Horse Regiment, 1 to 14 Reinforcements and embarked with his unit from Fremantle, Western Australia aboard the RMS *'Mongolia'* on 22 November 1915. He became a qualified Signaller on 26 May 1917 on the 19 Signal Course. He was hospitalised on 27 September 1918. Walters was made a Vice Temporary Corporal on 22 May 1919 and was then promoted to Corporal on 5 July 1919. He was discharged from service on 26 September 1919.

Charles Robert Warden   - Service number: 3
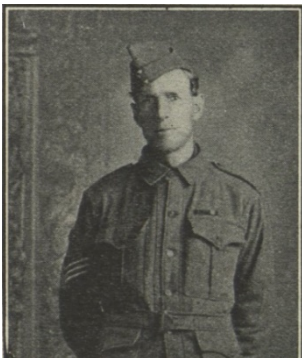
Charles Robert Warden, aged 37 years, lived in Fairfield, New South Wales when he enlisted on the 24 August 1914 with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He had worked as a druggist's assistant prior to joining and became part of the 1 Light Horse Field Ambulance, A Squadron. His unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT *'Southern'* on the 23 September 1914. During his service he was noted for his exemplary conduct many times and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* reported on the 23 May 1918 that Warden had showed

"conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under very trying circumstances. When his dressing station was subjected to heavy shell fire, and shells were bursting above and around the operating tent, with great promptness and at imminent personal risk he superintended and effected the transfer of the tent and its wounded inmates to a protected position. But for his gallant and timely action the lives of many of the wounded would have been lost".

Sergeant Warden served in Palestine, the Gallipoli Campaign in Turkey and the Sinai Peninsula Campaign in Egypt without a break and with great personal risk. He was also reported for bravery in action at the Battle of Romani, Egypt in 1916. He returned to Australia on the 7 January 1919.

Charles Gordan Williamson   - Service number: 2398
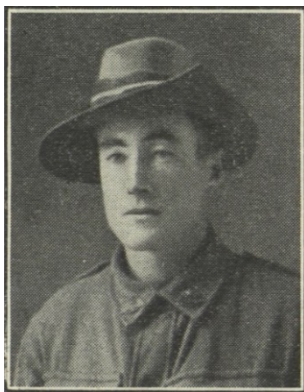
.Charles Gordon Williamson was born in Guildford, New South Wales and was the son of Mr. J. Williamson of 'Kelvin Grove' Granville, New South Wales. He was a brick maker prior to enlistment and was married to Mabel Annie of Beecroft Road, Cheltenham, New South Wales. At the age of 30 years he joined the Australian Imperial Force, 1 Light Horse Regiment 16 Reinforcements on the 6 December 1915 at Casula, New South Wales and embarked from Sydney on the 2 May 1916.

On the 11 November 1916, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal of the 3 Anzac Battalion Imperial Camel Brigade Egyptian Expeditionary Force at Sinai Peninsula, Egypt. He slowly rose through the ranks, being promoted to Sergeant on the 27 May 1917 and Company Sergeant Major on the 28 August 1917. He became 2 Lieutenant and posted to General Light Horse Regiment on the 15 June 1918. Before returning to Australia, he was placed on the waiting list for secondment however after being wounded in action Williamson was invalided back to Australia per HT *'Leicestershire'* on the 22 January 1919.

### Albert Ernest Wearne   - Service number: Unknown
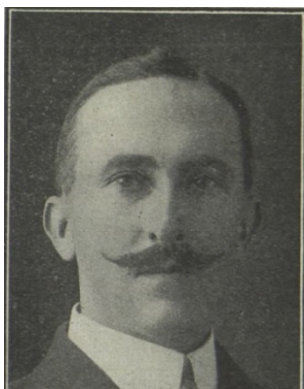
Albert Ernest Wearne was the youngest son of Mrs. Martha Wearne of Norfolk Street, Liverpool, New South Wales, and the brother of Mr. Henry Edgar Wearne of 'Sunny Side', Railway Street, Liverpool. His wife Mrs. Margery Maud Wearne nee Stevenson was staying with her parents at 'Athol', Cecil Park, Liverpool during the war years. Prior to enlisting he was a 44-year-old journalist. According to the local newspaper, he had been despatched twice for work in Palestine and had previously served 3 years in the South African War where he rose from a Private to Lieutenant.

Wearne was Reuter's correspondent for the '*London Times*' in Peking, China and came home to enlist with the Australian Imperial Force on the 2 October 1915. He embarked from Sydney on the 23 October as Adjutant aboard the SS 'Hawke's Bay'. On the 28 January 1918, he was transferred to the 8 Light Horse Regiment, and later the 6 Light Horse Regiment on the 5 February. He was promoted to Captain on the 10 March in Ismailia, Egypt and on the 20 January 1917 was awarded the Military Cross. On the 21 April, he suffered a gunshot wound to his scalp was transferred to Cairo. On the 13 June, he was promoted to Major. He suffered from persistent headaches as a consequence of his injuries and was returned to Australia aboard HT '*Wiltshire*'.

Hubert Walker West   - Service number: 1527
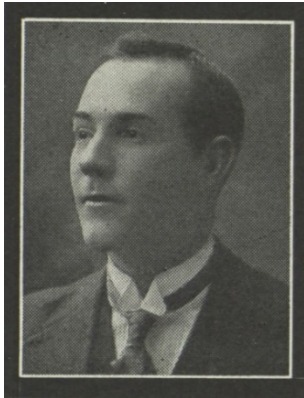
Hubert Walker West, the eldest son of Henry and Florence Eliza West previously worked as a clerk for Blacktown and Liverpool Municipal Councils. He enlisted at the age of 23 years embarking on the HMAT '*Uganda*' on the 20 November 1915. Known for his bravery and moral courage, West was tragically killed in action on 25 September 1918, twelve months after the death of his brother, Ross Raynore West. Hubert West was buried at Haifa War Cemetery, Palestine now Israel.

George Herbert Whitworth   - Service number: 515
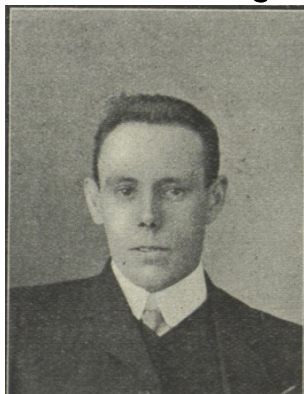
George Herbert Whitworth was a native of Rochdale, Lancashire, England and migrated to Australia in February 1910 on board the SS '*Pericles*' of the Aberdeen Line. He joined the Australian Imperial Force on the 13 November 1914 in Liverpool, New South Wales as a Trooper. Whitworth embarked as part of the 6 Australian Light Horse Regiment on the 8 August 1915. While in Malta, he became seriously ill on the 12 August and due to the severity of his arthritis was admitted to the Number 2 Field Ambulance. After a period in hospital he sailed from Malta bound for England aboard the Hospital ship '*Valdivia*'. On the 22 April 1916, due to problems with his knee he was returned to Australia per HMAT '*Suevic*'.

Cyril Charles Williams   - Service number: 1581

Cyril Charles Williams was born Parramatta, New South Wales and was living in Iron Street, Parramatta when he enlisted at Warwick Farm, New South Wales on 11 September 1915 aged 17 years. Prior to enlisting, he worked as a grocer's assistant. He had a dark complexion, brown eyes and black hair and named his father Walter Charles Williams as his next of kin.

He embarked for service overseas with the rank of Private on the 23 October 1915 to serve with 1 Light Horse Regiment. On 3 January 1916 he was hospitalised in Heliopolis, Cairo, Egypt. He served at Gallipoli, Turkey and in France where in June 1916, he was assigned the role of Driver. Williams was wounded on several occasions and returned to Australia per '*Commonwealth*' on 12 June 1919. Williams was awarded the Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. His brother Cyril Robert Bruce Moxham also enlisted for service.

Harold Edwin Williams   - Service number: 973
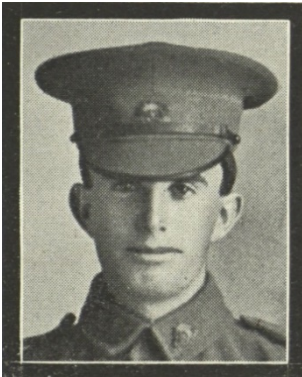
Harold Edwin Williams was a 24-year-old farmer from Dural, New South Wales. He lived with his parents, Mr. William E. Williams and Mrs. Martha Williams on his father's farm in Dural and was the brother of Miss Annie Isabel Williams. He enlisted on the 16 February 1915 and was assigned to the 2 Light Horse Brigade, 7 Light Horse Regiment, 1 to 10 reinforcements. He embarked with his unit from Newcastle, New South Wales aboard the HMAT '*Kabinga*' on the 21 May 1915.

Williams joined his unit and was taken on strength at Gallipoli on the 2 October 1915. He then disembarked at Alexandria on Christmas Day, 1915. He marched out to Serapeum, Egypt on the 25 February 1916. He transferred to the 2 Light Horse Battalion Machine Gun Squadron on the 23 July 1916. He became ill and was sent to a rest camp in Marakeb, Palestine on the 2 July 1917. He remained at camp until he returned to duty on the 9 July 1917, re-joining his unit the following day. He was promoted from Private to Lance Corporal on the 21 August 1917.

Aged 27 years, he was killed in action whilst serving in Palestine on the 5 November 1917. He was originally buried where he fell with four others who died in the same battle. His body was later exhumed and reburied at the Beersheba War Cemetery, Beersheba, Israel. His name is remembered in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. He was posthumously awarded the Star medal, British War Medal and Victory Medal for his service.

Alfred Clive Wooster   - Service number: 1472

On 15 July 1915, Alfred Clive Wooster became the fourth in his family to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force while visiting his brother Dr, later Major Frank C. Wooster in Brisbane, Queensland. He was also the fourth of eight sons of Jonathan and Elizabeth Maria Wooster of Wigram Street, Harris Park, New South Wales. Alfred was 19 years old at the time and a student. On 4 October 1915, he left Sydney for active services overseas on board HMAT *A47 Mashobra* as a private of the 11 Reinforcement of the 2 Australian Light Horse Regiment. Taken on strength, he was transferred to the position of temporary driver.

On 31 October 1917, he was wounded on the battlefield when a bomb exploded. Taken to the 65 Casualty Clearing Station in Palestine, sadly on 2 November 1917, Driver A. C. Wooster died of his wounds, aged 21. He is buried at the Beersheba War Cemetery (Row Q, Grave No. 78) in Palestine.

According to *The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate* (dated 17 November 1917, page 10), Reverend T. H. Holmes, Methodist Minister of Parramatta broke the sad news to the mother after the cablegram arrived. A private letter received by the bereaved family expressed symphony for their "noble sorrow".

His three brothers who served, eventually all returned home. They included Sergeant Eric David Wooster (service number 17) of the 1 Field Ambulance, Army Medical Corps was mentioned in General Haigh's despatches on 9 April 1917 for "*conspicuous services*" and returned home on 16 November 1918. Major later Lieutenant-Colonel (Dr.) Frank Couper Wooster of 8 Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps was also mentioned in the despatches and awarded a Distinguished Service Order. He returned home on 10 April 1919. Private Norman John Wooster (service number 1843) of the 4 Battalion was invalided home on 4 August 1915.

William Benjamin Yeend   - Service number: 19162

William Benjamin Yeend enlisted on 5 October 1915 at the age of 18 years. He lived in Merrylands, New South Wales and his occupation was stated as labourer at Meggitt's Linseed Oil Factory in Parramatta, New South Wales. He named his father Richard Ellis Edgar Yeend, who also served, as his next of kin. William Yeend embarked on the 11 May 1916 and served as a gunner in the 20 Battery 7 Field Artillery Brigade.

Yeend underwent a period of treatment in Winchester Hospital, England as a result of a fall from a horse at riding school. This information was provided by his father to the *Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers' Advocate,* which published Yeend's story in its edition of the 30 September 1916. He then proceeded to France in late December 1916 as a gunner. He contracted influenza in January 1919 and was returned to Australia arriving home in April 1919. He was discharged on the 12 June 1919 and was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. William Benjamin Yeend died on the 29 March 1951.