



Discovering Your Military Ancestors Online

From the Boer War
to World War II

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Overview

This presentation is in two stages.

1. Brief look at main websites for online resources
2. Brief look at specific wars
 1. Boer War
 2. World War I
 3. World War II



Online Resources

These websites are my favourites and this presentation looks at some of the main features of each.

- ◆ Australian War Memorial
- ◆ National Archives of Australia
- ◆ National Library of Australia
- ◆ State Archives – similar in all States
- ◆ State Libraries – similar in all States



Australian War Memorial

- ◆ Research Centre <http://www.awm.gov.au>
- ◆ 1860s Maori Wars in NZ to the present
- ◆ Official records, printed and special collections, books, newspapers, maps and photographs
- ◆ Online collection databases
- ◆ Fact Sheets, Online Encyclopedia, Glossary



Methodology

Throughout this presentation I use examples from my own family history. Trevaskis is a relatively uncommon name and I often use it to demonstrate databases.

I also usually show the Home Page of a website and point out the various features.



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Research a person

If you are looking for a family member, friend or relative that served, this will guide you to the relevant areas of our website that contain information.

Name:	<input type="text" value="Trevaskis"/>
Service number:	<input type="text"/>
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Search results

The following places on the Australian War Memorial's website will contain information:

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- **[Roll of Honour - 3 records found](#)**

Details of members of the Australian armed forces who died while on active service.

- **[Nominal Rolls](#)**

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Details of approximately 330,000 AIF personnel, recorded as they embarked from Australia for overseas service during the First World War.

- **[First World War Nominal Roll - 1 possible record found](#)**

Details of approximately 324,000 AIF personnel, recorded to assist with their repatriation to Australia from overseas service following the First World War.

- **[Honours and Awards - 2 records found](#)**

Details of military honours and awards to Australians (including recommendations).

- **[Prisoners of War - 2 records found](#)**

Details of AMF prisoners of war and missing personnel from operations in the Far East and South West Pacific Islands, as at 30 June 1944.

External websites

The following external websites may contain useful information:

- [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#)
- [National Archives of Australia - Personal service records](#)

Browser window showing the URL: http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/roll_of_honour/person.asp?p=512320. The browser interface includes a search bar with "war memorial canber" and various navigation and utility icons.

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Roll of Honour - Frederick Trevaskis

Frederick Trevaskis

Service number: 2262

Rank: Private [Pte]

Unit: 47th Battalion (Infantry)

Service: Army

Conflict: 1914-1918

Date of death: 13 October 1917

Cause of death: Killed in action

Cemetery or memorial details: BELGIUM 123 Dochy Farm New British Cemetery

War Grave Register notes: TREVASKIS, Pte. Frederick, 2262. 47th Bn. Australian Inf. Killed in action 13th Oct., 1917. VII. D. 21.

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Location on the Roll of Honour

Frederick Trevaskis's name is located at **panel 144** in the [Commemorative Area](#) at the Australian War Memorial (as indicated by the poppy on the plan).

Personal Service Records

For information on the service records of those who served in the First World War please see [Australian Service Records from World War I on the National](#)

National Archives of Australia

- ◆ <http://www.naa.gov.au>
- ◆ Fact Sheets
- ◆ Collection database RecordSearch including NameSearch, also PhotoSearch
- ◆ Boer War records – some digitised, online
- ◆ WWI dossiers – digitised, free online access
- ◆ WWII dossiers





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Records held in Melbourne:

State Archives

Go to the State Archives website that you are interested in.

- ◆ Early colonial force records
- ◆ Boer War records
 - QSA Brief Guide
- ◆ Soldier Settlement – land files
- ◆ War gratuities - correspondence



Examples

In the following examples I have done a simple Boer War search in State Records South Australia.

Queensland State Archives has Boer War indexes online and also a Brief Guide on records held.





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Click on the hyperlinked Id to see further details.

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Series	GRG24/115	Ledger of Payments to members of Imperial Contingent to the South African War (Boer War)	1899	1900	Colonial Secretary's Office, from 1856 Chief Secretary's Office
Series	GRG19/318	Miscellaneous - Records of the Committee of the South African Graves Fund	1901	1915	Public Library, Museum and Art Gallery
Series	GRG24/132	Nominal rolls of South Australian Contingents Nos 1 - 9, South African War (Boer War)	1900	1902	Colonial Secretary's Office, from 1856 Chief Secretary's Office
UNIT	GRG2/1/00000/61	Contains various despatches mentioning Boer War casualties etc, and HMCS 'Protector'	1900	1900	
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Boer War Indexes

Background

These Indexes record the names of all ranks who served in the South African War 1 November 1899 to 31 December 1901.

The two indexes are called:

1. Index to Military Service Records, 1899-1901 and,
2. Index to Pay Books, 1899-1902.

1. Index to Military Service Records, 1899-1901

This Index was compiled from **QSA Item ID18351, Military service records.**

This series is a Queensland Defence Force record of service in South Africa. The records have been arranged by Contingents numbered 1 to 6. Details listed for each entry include: Rank and Name, Regimental number, Company, Marital status, period of service, Casualties, Discharge, Medals, Address, and other remarks (however in the majority of entries not all columns have been used).

For Researchers looking for members of a particular contingent the table below lists each contingent, their arrivals and departures and the relevant pages in the Register.

Contingent	Arrival/Departure	Date	References
	Left Brisbane	1 Nov 1899	
	Arrived Capetown	12 Dec 1899	
	Left Capetown	13 Dec 1900	

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To order copies of an item, complete an [index order form](#) Then [post or fax](#) your payment with payment to Queensland State Archives.

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Boer War Records

Queensland State Archives holds records relating to the six contingents of the Queensland Defence Force which fought in the Boer War from 1899 to 1902. Queensland units also fought in the Commonwealth Defence Force battalions after federation. Only a small number of records relating to the Queensland units of the Commonwealth battalions are held at Queensland State Archives.

The six Queensland contingents' departure and return dates are as follows:

NAME OF CONTINGENT	PORT AND DATE OF DEPARTURE	PORT AND DATE OF RETURN
1st (Queensland Mounted Infantry) Contingent	Brisbane 1 Nov 1899	Brisbane 17 Jan 1901

National and State Libraries

- ◆ Manuscript collections – letters, diaries, maps, photographs
- ◆ Online catalogues manuscripts not always included
- ◆ Register of Australian Archives & Manuscripts (RAAM)
- ◆ Picture Australia – examples later in talk
- ◆ Australian Newspapers – examples later in talk



Register of Australian Archives & Manuscripts

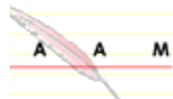
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Papers.
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Anderson, James William (Private)
Diary
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Australian War Memorial, Research Centre (AAWM)

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Andrews, Cecil.
Boer War diary.
1900
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Binns, Georgina Mary (b. 1960)
Manuscript
1985-1988
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Commonwealth War Graves Commission

- ◆ Website <http://www.cwgc.org>
- ◆ The War Graves Photographic Project
 - <http://www.twgpp.org/>



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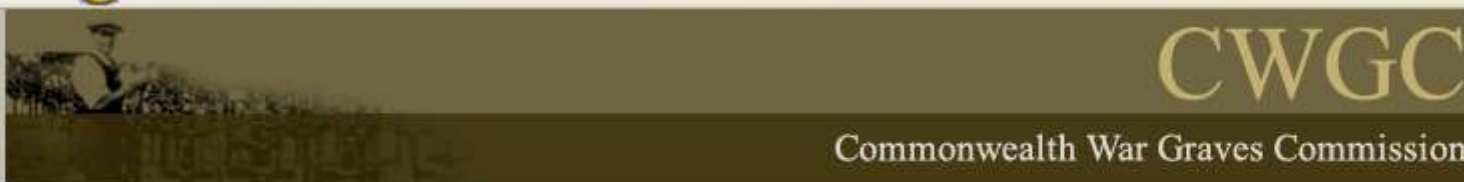
Local people in the Bradford area of east Manchester are joining together to tidy Philips Park Cemetery in time for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to install replacement plaques, which were stolen from the park's war memorial last year.

Caring for the Menin Gate

Ronald Leask reports on efforts to ensure the Commission's most-visited memorial on the Western Front is maintained to a high standard.

CWGC JOINS TWITTER

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has joined the micro-blogging site Twitter.



Casualty Details

Name:	TREVASKIS, FREDERICK
Initials:	F
Nationality:	Australian
Rank:	Private
Regiment/Service:	Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
Unit Text:	47th Bn.
Date of Death:	13/10/1917
Service No:	2262
Casualty Type:	Commonwealth War Dead
Grave/Memorial Reference:	VII. D. 21.
Cemetery:	DOCHY FARM NEW BRITISH CEMETERY

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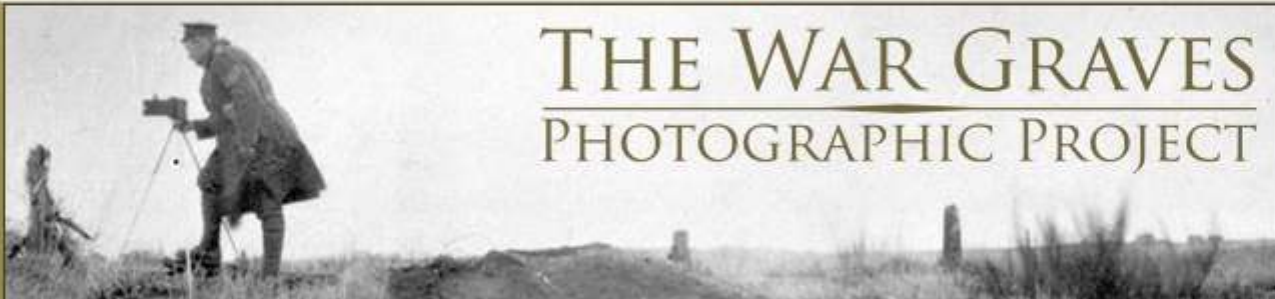
**In Memory of
Private FREDERICK TREVASKIS**

**2262, 47th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F.
who died
on 13 October 1917**

**Remembered with honour
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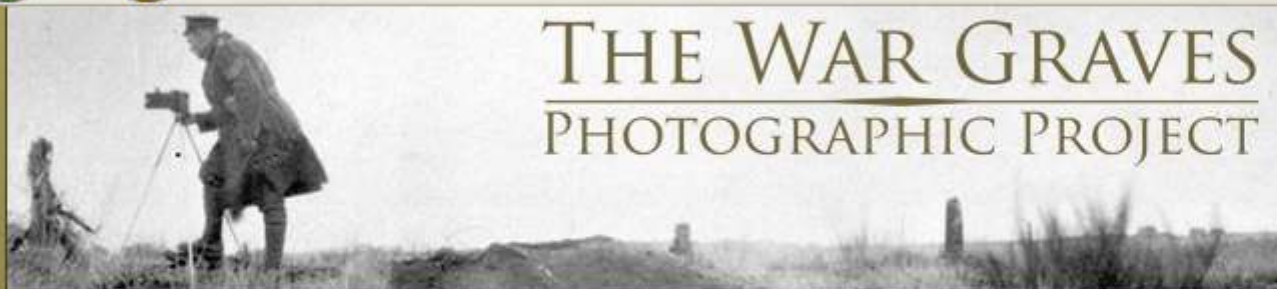
LATEST NEWS

Wednesday 21st October. MAIL STRIKE . Please note that due to the mail strike about to commence there will be the inevitable delay in delivering any hard copy images requested. To ensure photographs are not lost in a sorting office we will not dispatch until the post is moving again.

W/E 23rd - 25th October 2009.

Bayeux War Cemetery - majority loaded, from Colin Fowler.

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Jarvis, Tasman



Cemetery: Lone Pine Memorial
Country: Turkey
Area: Gallipoli
Rank: Private
Official Number: 79
Unit: 12th Bn. Australian Infantry, A.I.F.

Force: Army

Nationality: Australian

Details:

Killed in action 25/04/15 Age 34 35 Son of Alfred and Eliza Jarvis; husband of Violet Vita Jarvis, of Bellerive, Tasmania.

Photograph and details by volunteer/s: TWGPP Volunteers

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Next Stage of Presentation

In this part I am looking at specific wars eg Boer War, and World Wars I and II.

Again I use examples from my own family history including my mother's two uncles who went to the Boer War in both Colonial and Commonwealth contingents.



Boer War

- ◆ Colonial and Commonwealth regiments
- ◆ State Archives and National Archives
- ◆ Nominal rolls, pay books, correspondence
- ◆ Picture Australia
- ◆ Australian Newspapers



Examples

Solomon and William Price were brothers and they were my mother's uncles. The following slides illustrate the type of information that can be found.

The Oz-Boer Database Project is a website to which I have contributed information on the Price brothers.



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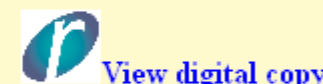
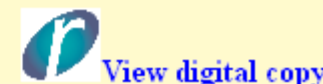
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en	Melbourne	686147
le UNDERS, MATHEW THOMAS PRICE [Regimental No.245] joined 25-1-1902 - Boer War Dossier		
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Son SA 57 PRICE Solomon *S.A.*
acc QUEENSLAND DEFENCE FORCE (LAND).

RESULT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION

On Return of a Member of the *2nd* Contingent from Service in South Africa.

ACCOUNTANT
28 MAY 1901
QLAND DEF. FORCE.

HEAD QUARTERS BRIGADE OFFICE
5755
BRISBANE
6 MAY 01

Regimental No. *37*
Contingent *Second*
Rank *Private*
Surname *Price*
Christian Name *Solomon*
Present Age *22 ⁴/₁₂*
Length of Service, South Africa *1 yr 57 Days*
From where Invalided
Why Invalided
Name of Transport *Tongariro*
Arrived in Brisbane *3rd May 1901*

SECRETARY
05305
18 MAY 1901

Hair *Dark Brown*
Eyes *Dark Blue*
Complexion *Fresh*
Marks or Scars { *Nil* }
Weight *84 11 lbs*
Height *5 ft 7 ³/₄ in*
Chest { Expiration *32*
Inspiration *34 1/2* }

Description on Enlistment.

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7th. BATTALION,
AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH HORSE
COMMONWEALTH CONTINGENT FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 235 Name: Soloman Price 30th apt
Joined at Wilston B. Mistaue on March 1902

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What is your name?	1. <u>Solomon Price</u>
2. What is your place of birth?	2. <u>Orange N. S. W.</u>
3. Are you a British subject?	3. <u>Yes.</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>23</u> years <u>4</u> months.
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Miner.</u>
6. Are you married?	6. <u>No.</u>
7. Who is your next of kin, and what is the address of same and degree of relationship?	7. <u>Father Thos. Price</u> <u>Victoria St. St. Johns</u>
8. Particulars of any previous service in present South African war, and state in what Contingent enrolled and if discharged	8. <u>16 mos. 2nd Queensland Cont.</u>
9. Are you willing to serve for a period of twelve months, or for the duration of war, in the Contingent for service in South Africa with His Majesty's Forces?	9. <u>Yes.</u>
10. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated if deemed advisable?	10. <u>Yes.</u>
11. Present permanent address	11. <u>Victoria Street Charters Towers</u>
12. Religion	12. <u>C of E.</u>

I, Soloman Price do solemnly declare that
the above answers made by me to the above questions are true and that I am willing to fulfil the

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George Hives Hay
State Library of Queensland



Private Henry George Fordham, ca. 1899
State Library of Queensland



Private Edward Leslie Granville, Boer War soldier, **2nd contingent, Queensland Mounted Infantry**, ca. ...
State Library of Queensland



C.1900. GROUP OF OFFICERS AND MEN FROM THE **2ND (QUEENSLAND MOUNTED INFANTRY) CONTINGENT** TO THE BOER ...
Australian War Memorial



HMAT Star of England (A15), at Pinkenbar, **Queensland**, with the **2nd Australian Light Horse Regiment** a...
Australian War Memorial



PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA. 1901-03. PORTRAIT OF THE **2ND QUEENSLAND MOUNTED INFANTRY CONTINGENT** ARMED AN...
Australian War Memorial



Private A. Nixon, **2nd Queensland Contingent** world War I, 1915
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Lieutenant Colonel Henry Venn King, Commander of the **Queensland Mounted Infantry Contingent** to the D...
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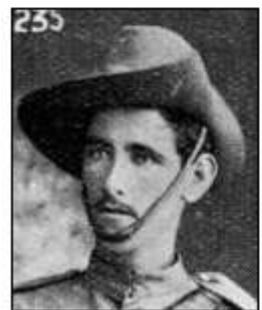


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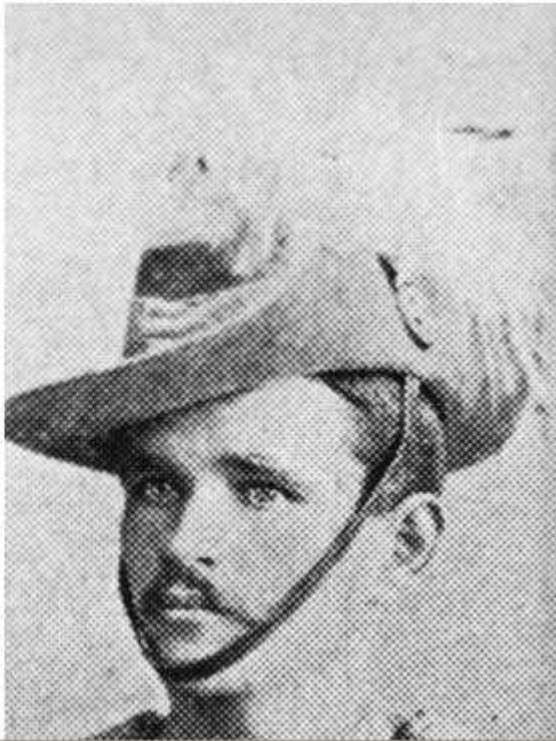
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PRICE	Henry Richard	2nd NSW Mounted Rifles	924	Trooper
PRICE	James George	5th Qld. Imperial Bushmen	311	Sergeant Major
PRICE	James George	1st Qld. Mounted Infantry	1	Regtl. Sergeant Major
PRICE	Norman	2nd NSW Mounted Rifles	996	Trooper
PRICE	Soloman	2nd Qld. Mounted Infantry	57	Private
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PRICE	Thomas	2nd Vic. Mounted Rifles		Colonel
PRICE	William	7th Aust. Commonwealth Horse (Qld)	250	Private
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Surname	PRICE
Given Name(s) or Initial(s)	Solomon
Regimental Number	235
Rank	Private
Unit Name	7th Aust. Commonwealth Horse (Qld)
State	Qld
Extracts and Comments (from Sources as shown)	<p><u>Murray</u>: 'C' Sqn. N. District.</p> <p><u>B5207</u>: PRICE Soloman, a miner next of kin from Charters Towers, 16 months 2QMI.</p> <p><u>Source:# 735</u> brother of William 3QMI, ?S. African Police.</p> <p><u>B4418</u>: PRICE Soloman No.57 joined 3.5.1901, Boer War Dossier.</p> <p>URL1: a miner aged 23 born in Orange NSW, 16 months 2QMI.</p> <p><u>J1773</u>: Boer War Veteran case file 1939.</p>
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Examples

Here I am using my paternal grandmother's three uncles who were in WWI. Two of the brothers never married. I also use one of my partner's relatives as they died at Gallipoli.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3976 Name FINN, DENNIS PATRICK

Unit 920 ~~1st~~ 52nd Battalion

21/93 290154 Joined on September 19th 1915 9/26

9th, 11th, 26th, 5th

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Dennis Patrick Finn

2. In the Parish of _____ in or near what Parish or Town were you born? Brisbane

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Yes

4. What is your age? 18½ years

5. What is your trade or calling? Labourer


6. Are you or have you been an Apprentice? (If so, whom?) No


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Service number

6020

WWI file

B2455, FINN R



Place of birth

Dublin, Ireland

B2455 FINN R

Place of enlistment

Cairns, QLD, Australia

Next of kin

Finn, Kathleen (sister)

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53	JARVIS, Stanley Robert		6th Battalion, 1st Reinforcement
9	JARVIS, Stephen Charles	Cudgewa, Victoria	
8	JARVIS, Sydney George	Koorawatha PO, Koorawatha, New South Wales	Field Artillery Brigade 1, Battery 3
39	JARVIS, Sydney Henson	'Anzac', Woonona Parade, Oatley, New South Wales	53rd Battalion, 6th Reinforcement
	JARVIS, Tasman	Campania, Tasmania	12th Battalion, A Company
404	JARVIS, Thomas	177 William Street, Perth, Western Australia	Divisional Ammunition Column 3, Reinforcement 1
54	JARVIS, Thomas		31st Battalion, 5th Reinforcement
96	JARVIS, Thomas Henry	337 Newcastle Street, Perth, Western Australia	32nd Battalion, D Company
22	JARVIS, Thomas Walter	Woodlands, Ryde	19th Battalion, D Company
5	JARVIS, Victor Henry	Monteagle via Young, New South Wales	42nd Battalion, D Company
38	JARVIS, Victor Hylton	Yuruga Bush Street, Portland, New South Wales	17th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement
21	JARVIS, Walker *	15 Victoria Street, Woollahra, New South Wales	Army Service Corps 20, Reinforcement 2
21	JARVIS, Walter	15 Victoria Avenue, Woollahra, New South Wales	Army Service Corps 20, Headquarters
044	JARVIS, Walter	Regent Street, Kogarah, New South Wales	11th Field Artillery Brigade, 10th Reinforcement

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Details

Tasman JARVIS

Regimental number	79
Place of birth	Rekuna
Place of birth	Richmond, Tasmania
School	State School, Tasmania
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	Campania, Tasmania
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	33
Height	5' 8.5"
Weight	150 lbs
Next of kin	Brother, George Jarvis, Campania, Tasmania
Previous military service	Served in the Derwent Regiment for 5 years.
Enlistment date	17 August 1914
Place of enlistment	Brighton, Tasmania
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	12th Battalion, A Company
VM Embarkation Roll number	23/29/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Hobart, Tasmania, on board Transport A2 <i>Geelong</i> on 20 October 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private

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te Killed in Action 25 April 1915

ce of death or wounding Gallipoli, Turkey

e at death from cemetery records 34

ce of burial No known grave

mmemoration details The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 35), Gallipoli, Turkey

The Lone Pine Memorial, situated in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Anzac, is the main Australian Memorial on Gallipoli, and one of four memorials to men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Designed by Sir John Burnet, the principal architect of the Gallipoli cemeteries, it is a thick tapering pylon 14.3 metres high on a square base 12.98 metres wide. It is constructed from limestone mined at Ilgardere in Turkey.

The Memorial commemorates the 3268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who have no known grave and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea after evacuation through wounds or disease. The names of New Zealanders commemorated are inscribed on stone panels mounted on the south and north sides of the pylon, while those of the Australians are listed on a long wall of panels in front of the pylon and to either side. Names are arranged by unit and rank.

The Memorial stands over the centre of the Turkish trenches and tunnels which were the scene of heavy fighting during the August offensive. Most cemeteries on Gallipoli contain relatively few marked graves, and the majority of Australians killed on Gallipoli are commemorated here.

nel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 66

scellaneous information from cemetery records Parents: Alfred and Eliza JARVIS; husband of Violet JARVIS, Bellerive, Tasmania

mily/military connections Brother: 161 Pte Richard George JARVIS, 12th Bn, killed in action, 2 May 1915; Cousins: 1612 Pte Henry Thomas JARVIS, 52nd Bn, killed in action, 4 September 1916; 984 Pte Roy William JARVIS MM, Australian Infantry Base Depot, returned to Australia, 26 July 1919; 4524 Pte Alfred Edward JARVIS, 52nd Bn, returned to Australia, 27 August 1917.



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William Morris Hughes
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BELL, George



Unit 11th Battalion Rank Private Service no. 275

Date of Death 25 April 1915 Place of Death Age 28

Cemetery Plugge's Plateau Details B. 6

Next of Kin McGill J
Parents Jane McFadyen Bell

Date of Birth Place of birth Scotland, Wigtown Source

General "About 15 of us were within 3 miles of Anzac when we struck Turks' main body. In retiring **Bell** got wounded and we had to leave him. This was April 25, 5pm. This is all we know of him"

"Pt **Bell** was with witness with an advance party on 25.4.15 when he was shot in the middle of the thigh. His two companions bound up his wound. Witness states that the party had to retire and in all probability **Bell** had to be left. This is the last that is known of him.

Australian War Memorial, Red Cross files, [1DRL/0428, 320901](#) (source 7)

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DVA WWII Nominal Roll

- ◆ Approx one million individuals who were in Australia's defence services and the Merchant Navy
 - 50,600 RAN
 - 845,000 Army
 - 218,300 RAAF
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Service Record

Name	GUNDERSON, JOHN MARTIN
Service	Australian Army
Service Number	QX22993
Date of Birth	18 Mar 1909
Place of Birth	BRISBANE, QLD
Date of Enlistment	27 Aug 1941
Locality on Enlistment	BURANDA, QLD
Place of Enlistment	BRISBANE, QLD
Next of Kin	GUNDERSON, KATHLEEN
Date of Discharge	27 Oct 1943
Rank	Sapper
Posting at Discharge	2/3 FLD SQN
WW2 Honours and Gallantry	None for display
Prisoner of War	No

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SAPPER
JOHN MARTIN GUNDERSON
QX22993



SERVICE	AUSTRALIAN ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH	18 MARCH 1909
PLACE OF BIRTH	BRISBANE, QLD
DATE OF ENLISTMENT	27 AUGUST 1941
LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT	BURANDA, QLD
PLACE OF ENLISTMENT	BRISBANE, QLD
NEXT OF KIN	GUNDERSON, KATHLEEN
DATE OF DISCHARGE	27 OCTOBER 1943
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Battle of Tobruk

Part of the Mediterranean, Middle East and African theatre
North African Campaign, Western Desert Campaign



Australian troops occupy a front line position at Tobruk

Date	10 April – 27 November 1941
Location	Tobruk, Libya
Result	Decisive Allied victory ^[1]

Conclusion

- ◆ More and more resources are going online
- ◆ Need to revisit from time to time
- ◆ If it is only an index/database then still need to check original records
- ◆ Consider adding your information to the interactive sites and sharing with others
- ◆ Remember not everything is online
- ◆ Any questions?

