



# **HOXTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOUR ROLL**

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This booklet is dedicated to my grandsons, Joshua and Aden Wiggins, who are pupils at Hoxton Park Public School. Its purpose is to help revive the memory of the men of Hoxton Park who went away to the First World War, many of whom lost their lives.

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Roll of Honour  
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Hoxton Park Public School has an Honour Roll hanging on the front wall of the School Hall. At every school function, assembly or event held in this hall, pupils and visitors look at this memorial. How many children (or adults) know about the men whose names are written on it with golden lettering?



Hoxton Park Public School Hall with Honour Roll on front wall on right  
(Picture copied from Hoxton Park Public School's Facebook page "NSW Wheelchair Sports Group who worked with our students today." Posted 4 March 2016)

This Honour Roll originally hung on the wall of the old Hoxton Park Public School back in 1918 when the First World War was still in progress. When the present Hoxton Park Public School was opened, the Honour Roll was moved to its current location.



The original Hoxton Park Public School  
(Photograph courtesy of Liverpool City Library)



1918



2016

The Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll has the names of thirty-six ex-pupils who had volunteered for the Australian Army to fight in the war. Eleven names have a gold cross in front of their name. These were the names of ex-pupils who were killed, died of wounds, disease, or sickness while they were soldiers.

The Roll was unveiled on Saturday 17 August 1918. A Parramatta newspaper, The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, described the event on 24 August 1918.

#### Honor Roll

There was a fine gathering at the Hoxton Park Public School on Saturday when the local roll of honor was unveiled by Mr. W. Hutton, J.P. The board was of Queensland maple, with supporting columns at each side. Mr. J. C. Hunt M.L.A., apologised for his absence owing to the death of his son in France, and a vote of condolence was accorded the bereaved member, those present standing. Mr. Munro was chairman. Addresses were given by Mr. Hutton, Rev. T. Scott Neil, Mr. Tucker, Rev. J. H. Latimer and Councillor Scott (President of the Nepean Shire Council), and acceptable items of music were given by the school children and others.

In October 1918, another newspaper, The Sydney Mail, published a photograph of the Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll with this caption:

#### Hoxton Park School's Record

No fewer than 36 ex-pupils of the Hoxton Park School have enlisted for active service, and of these 13 have been killed. Very few schools of this size can show a finer record than this. Hoxton Park is situated near Liverpool in NSW. The girls of the school are active workers in the interests of the soldiers. In two months recently they knitted over 90 pairs of socks. (Sydney Mail, Wednesday 23 October 1918, page 12)

There are many British flags in the background of this photo showing girls from Hoxton Park Public School knitting socks for the soldiers.



(Centenary Celebrations 1882-1982  
Hoxton Park Public School Centenary Committee, 1982, page 12)

One hundred years ago, the world was a very different place than the world we know today. Australia was part of the British Empire and Hoxton Park was very British. There was no multi-culturalism like today, with people from all around the world living in Hoxton Park. 100 years ago, the people who lived in Hoxton Park were mostly from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. There was no Aboriginal Flag flown at school assemblies or in the playground. Instead, the Union Jack was flown alongside the Australian Flag.



The Union Jack  
(Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org)



The Australian Flag  
(Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org)



## HOXTON PARK 100 YEARS AGO

The list of occupations of the soldiers from Hoxton Park opens a window into the kind of place Hoxton Park was one hundred years ago.

OCCUPATIONS OF THE EX-PUPILS OF HOXTON PARK			
Architect Draughtsman	1	Bread Carter	1
Builder	1	Butcher	3
Chair Maker	1	Clerk	2
Electrician	1	Farm Hand	3
Farmer	1	General Hand	1
Horse Driver	2	Labourer	13
Motor Driver & Mechanic	1	Painter	1
Saddle & Harness Maker	1	Salesman	1
Shop Assistant	1	Sleeper Cutter	1
Striker	1	Student	1
Teacher	1	Teamster	1
Telegraph Linesman	1	Wagon Builder	1
Warehouseman	1	Wicker Worker	1
Wool Classer	1	Wood Carter	1

It was a farming community with rural industries. Many of the soldiers whose names appear on the Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll worked in these industries. Many of the students who attended Hoxton Park Evening Public School in 1890 were wood carters who carried the timber that was felled by axemen to Liverpool Station. Others had jobs on the vineyards or on other types of farms that existed in Hoxton Park. In 1907, a herd of cattle damaged the school playground resulting in the fences needing to be repaired.

This is the playground of the original Hoxton Park School in the early 1900's. Notice the neat gardens and the rural areas in the background.



(Photograph courtesy of State Records)

Labourers may have worked in the timber industry or on farms. A teamster drove a vehicle pulled by either horses or bullocks. A wool-classer worked in the sheep industry. A striker might have been working on the railways, hammering large spikes into railway sleepers. A sleeper cutter turned trees into railway sleepers by hand with his axe or adze.



This is a typical rural property in Hoxton Park, which was only photographed in the 1990's.



(Photograph courtesy of Liverpool City Library Heritage Collection)

One hundred years ago, Hoxton Park had no electricity, gas or electrical appliances like microwave ovens, washing machines, clothes driers, computers, televisions, radios or vacuum cleaners. All the cooking was done on a wood stove or over a fireplace. Lights at night were candles or kerosene lamps or firelight. Water came from a tank, a well or a creek. People moved around without cars and motorbikes. Instead, they walked, rode horses or bicycles and used horse-drawn transport. The nearest railway station was at Liverpool. Motor cars were very rare and an aeroplane flying over Hoxton Park did not happen at all. People wrote letters to each other and sometimes sent a telegram or cable because there were no mobile phones or home telephones that they could use.

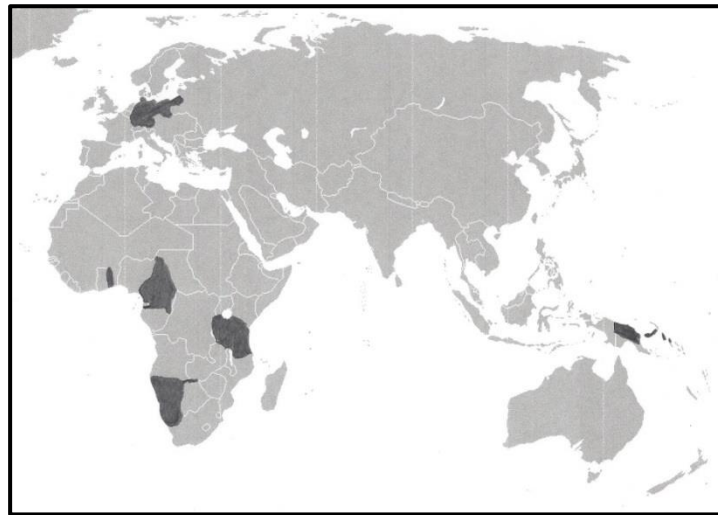


Hoxton Park Manual Class of the 1890s  
(Centenary Celebrations 1882-1982  
Hoxton Park Public School Centenary Committee, 1982 page 14)

# THE FIRST WORLD WAR

In August 1914, Great Britain declared war upon Germany and its Empire as well as the Austro-Hungarian Empire and later in 1914 upon Turkey (The Ottoman Empire). Because Australia was part of the British Empire, Australia went to war as well. Many Empires were at war with each other during the First World War: The Russian, French and British Empires were fighting the German, Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman Empires. In 1917, the United States joined the fight against the Germans.

The German Empire had colonies near to Australia and a powerful fleet that was based in China and Rabaul, near New Guinea. Australia felt threatened by Germany.



The German Empire in 1914

In 1914, the Royal Australian Navy helped to chase the German warships out of the Pacific Ocean. The Australian warship, HMAS Sydney fought a battle against a German Cruiser, the Emden, and sank it off the Cocos Islands in the Indian Ocean not very far away from Australia. Also in 1914, Australian soldiers and sailors captured German New Guinea.



(F. S. Burnell, How Australia Took German New Guinea, page 6)

In 1914, the Australian Government called for volunteers to form an army to fight for the British Empire. Some men who used to be pupils from Hoxton Park Public School were among the volunteers who enlisted. They trained to be soldiers and went to the battles of the First World War.

Who were the men whose names are on the Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll?

<b>HONOUR ROLL HOXTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL</b>			
<b>NAME ON ROLL</b>	<b>IDENTIFIED SOLDIER</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>FATE</b>
J. BOYLAND	John Boyland	Labourer	Returned to Australia
J. BOWDER	John Albion Snowden Bowder	Labourer	Killed in action in Belgium on 3 September 1916
T. BOWDER	Thomas Bowder	Labourer	Killed in action in France on 20 December 1916
S. KIRKPATRICK	Samuel Kirkpatrick	Salesman	Killed in action in Belgium on 4 October 1917
R. KIRKPATRICK	Robert Kirkpatrick	Clerk	Returned to Australia
J. KIRKPATRICK	James Leitch Kirkpatrick	Butcher	Returned to Australia
J. WALLCOTT	Norman John Walcott	Farm hand	Returned to Australia
O. MILDWATER	Oswald Victor Mildwater	Student	Returned to Australia
F. ENGLAND	Francis Leander Englund	Butcher	Returned to Australia
G. RYMAN	George Albert Ryman	Wagon builder	Died of small pox in Egypt on 3 May 1916
E. WILLIAMS	Edward Williams	Wicker Worker	Returned to Australia
E. STEWART	Donald Edward Stewart	Wool classer	Died of appendicitis in Egypt on 6 August 1915
S. CLARKE	Sidney Burdge Clarke	Labourer	Killed in action in France on 5 April 1918
R. CLARKE	Robert Joseph Clarke	Labourer	Died from wounds received in action in France on 25 September 1918
R. ELLIS	Raymond Stanley Ellis	Electrician	Killed in action on Gallipoli on 19 May 1915
F. NICHOLLS	Frederick William Nicholls	Farmer	Killed in action in France on 14 November 1916
A. CRUWYS	Alfred Cruwys	Labourer	Died of wounds received in action in France on 5 April 1917
J. McROBERT	John Stewart Crawford McRobert	Labourer	Returned to Australia
S. HODGETT	Stewart Hope Hodgetts	Architect draughtsman	Returned to Australia
C. HENDERSON	Charles Henderson	Unable to identify	Unknown

**HONOUR ROLL HOXTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL** continued

<b>NAME ON ROLL</b>	<b>IDENTIFIED SOLDIER</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>FATE</b>
A. COOPER	Albert Cooper	Farm Labourer	Returned to Australia
K. EDMUNSON	Alexander Keith Edmondson	Labourer	Returned to Australia
H. EDMUNSON	Harvey Herbert Edmondson	Striker	Killed in Action in France on 29 July 1916
A. COLES	Arthur Coles	Chair Maker	Returned to Australia
R. HUGHES	Richard George Hughes	General hand at Arnotts Biscuit Factory Homebush	Returned to Australia
J. JENNER	Arthur James Genner	Shop Assistant	Killed in action in Belgium on 25 September 1917
J. JENNER	Leslie John Samuel Genner	Labourer	Returned to Australia
M. SOUTHWELL	Marcus Dawson Southwell	Warehouseman	Returned to Australia
H. WHALEY	Harold Whaley	Horse Driver	Returned to Australia
B. GUILLOW	Barnard Guillow	Labourer	Returned to Australia
C. JAKEMAN	Charles James Jakeman	Teamster	Killed in action on Gallipoli on 22 August 1915
S. LOMAX	Stanley Lomax	Driver/Farmer	Returned to Australia
H. HUTTON	Gilbert David Havelock Hutton	Telegraph Linesman	Returned to Australia
T. McMANUS	Thomas Francis McManus	Labourer	Returned to Australia
J. McMYLES	Joseph Campbell McMiles	<b>State School Teacher</b>	Died of wounds received in action in France on 29 November 1916
H. BOYLAND	Harry Boyland	Sleeper cutter	Killed in action in France on 30 May 1916

There is another memorial to the local volunteers of the First World War in Hoxton Park. The West Hoxton Community Church (formerly the West Hoxton Union Church) in Twenty-Second Avenue, West Hoxton has its own Roll of Honour.



(Photograph courtesy of Liverpool City Library)



West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honour

This Roll names ex-Sunday School Scholars and shire residents who fought or died for Australia. It has many of the same names that are found on the Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll. The following table details only those men who are **not** shown on the Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll.

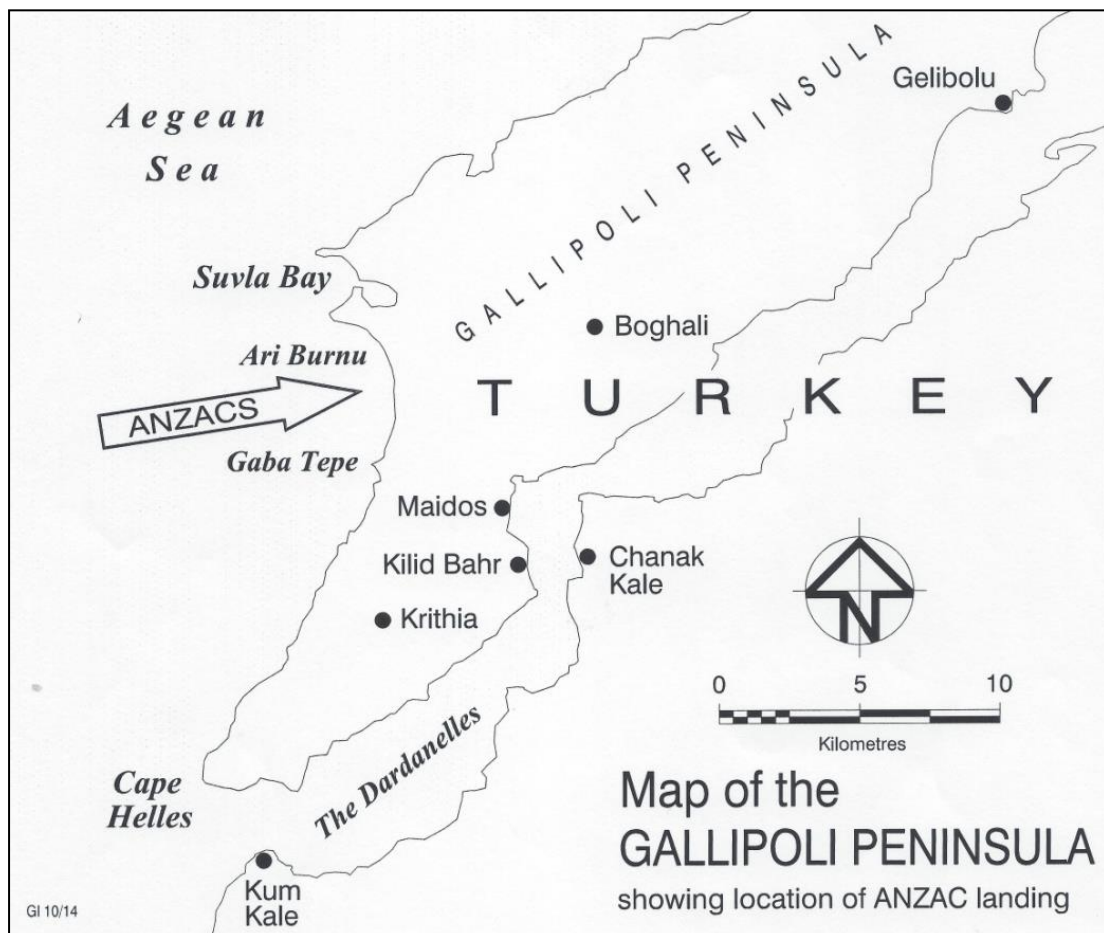
**ROLL OF HONOUR  
FOR KING AND COUNTRY  
WEST HOXTON UNION CHURCH**

<b>NAME ON ROLL</b>	<b>IDENTIFIED SOLDIER</b>	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	<b>FATE</b>
W. BROWN	William Brown	Butcher	Killed in action in France on 3 September 1916
J. GORST	John Thomas Gorst	Labourer	Returned to Australia
G. CAMPBELL	George Campbell	Labourer	Returned to Australia
W. E. RIXON	Ernest William Rixon	Wood Carter	Wounded on 18 September 1916 in France, left leg amputated. Returned to Australia
P. ANDRIASEN	Preston Andriassen	Labourer	Returned to Australia
H. THOMPSON	George Harold Renwick Thomson	Saddle and Harness Maker	Returned to Australia
S. H. A. KINLOCK	Sydney Herbert Alexander Kinloch	Clerk	Returned to Australia
E. J. SMITH	Ernest John Smith	Builder	Returned to Australia
A. NEWCOMBE	Albert Edward Newcombe	Bread Carter	Returned to Australia
C. N. PARKER	Claude Norman Parker	Painter	Returned to Australia
S. V. PARKER	Sydney Victor Parker	Motor Driver and Mechanic	Returned to Australia



In World War 1, the men from Hoxton Park fought in Egypt, on Gallipoli, in Palestine and on the Western Front in France and Belgium.

<b>GALLIPOLI VETERANS FROM HOXTON PARK</b>	
<b>NAME</b>	<b>SERVICE NUMBER</b>
John Boyland	312
Raymond Stanley Ellis	1649
Stewart Hope Hodgetts	754
Charles James Jakeman	1034
Thomas Gordon Mann	766
George Albert Ryman	1650
Donald Edward Stewart	77
Edward Williams	1842

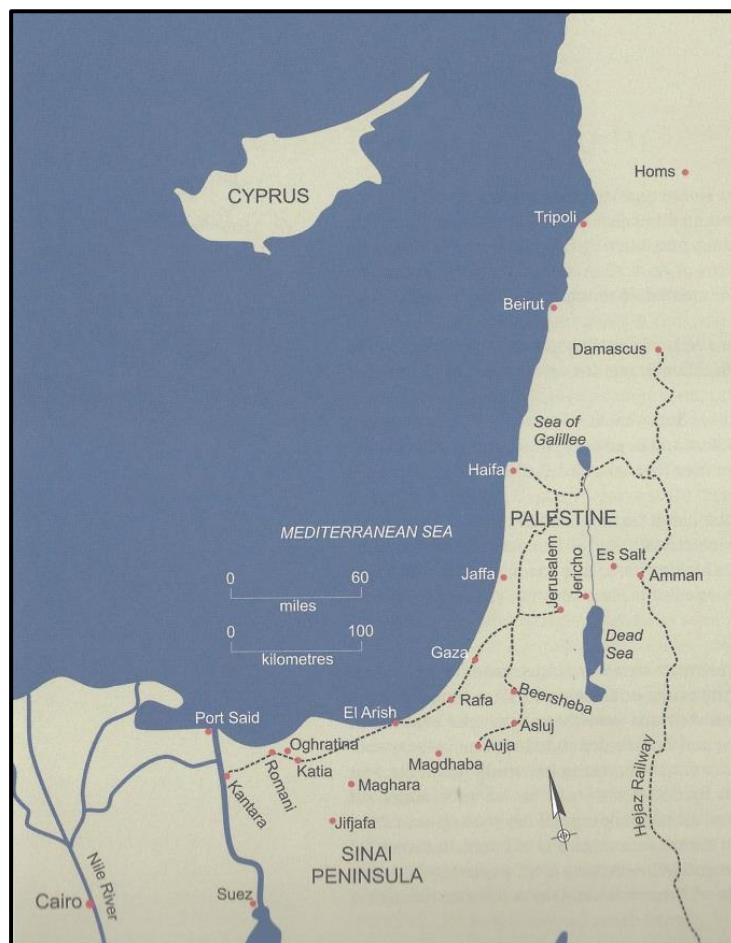


Map of Gallipoli  
 (Map courtesy of G. Imer, Blacktown & District Historical Society, 2015)

**HOXTON PARK MEN WHO SERVED WITH THE  
AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE**

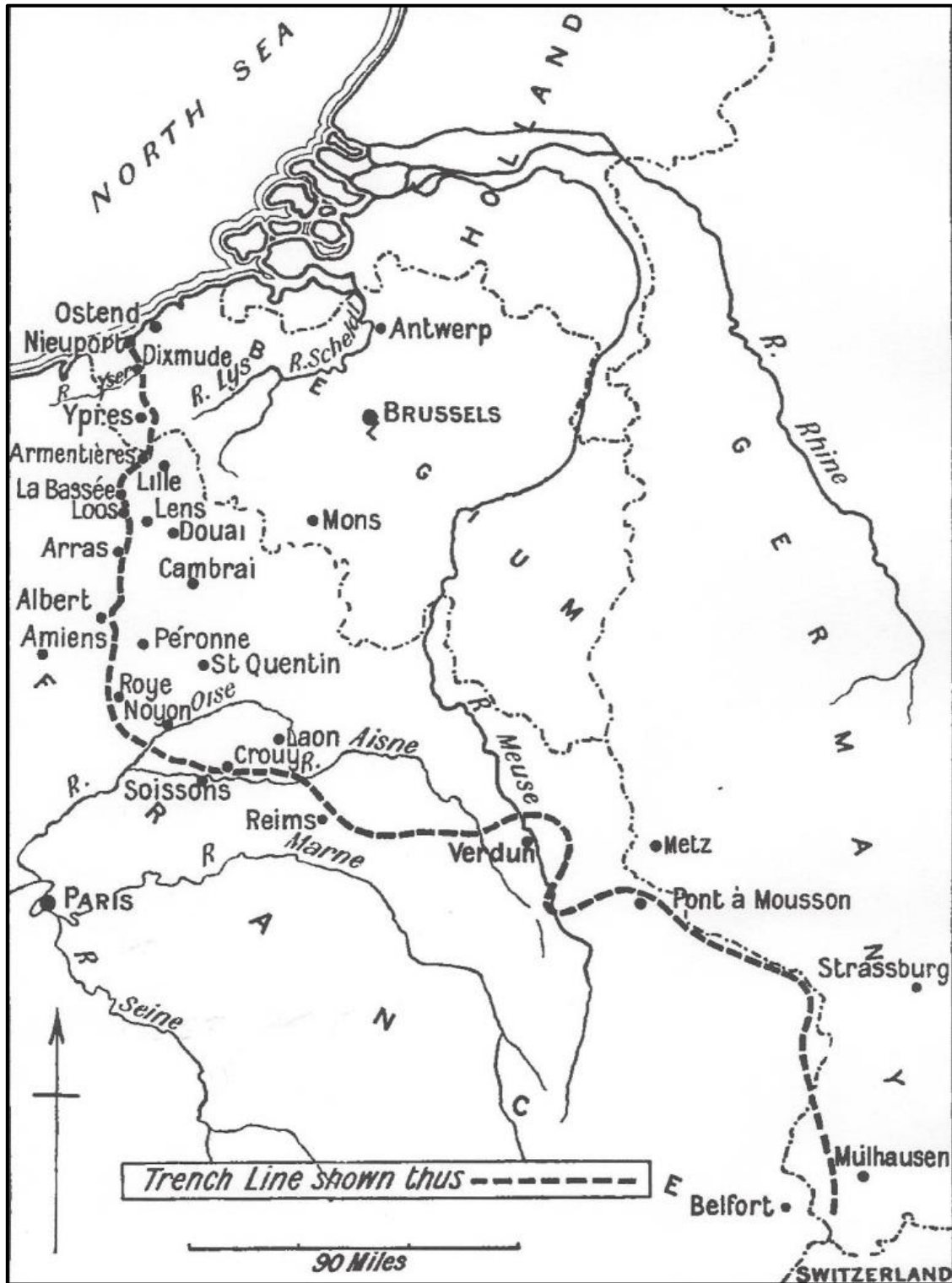
NAME	SERVICE NUMBER
Leslie John Samuel Genner	18132
Gilbert David Havelock Hutton	21611
Donald Edward Stewart	77
Norman John Walcott,	1077

The Light Horse Regiments fought in the Middle East during World War 1.



(Map from Ian Jones, *A Thousand Miles of Battles*, ADCC Publications, 2007, page xiv)

Most volunteers from Hoxton Park served on the Western Front in France and Belgium



The Western Front in April 1916 after the first Australian Soldiers arrived

## CAMPAIGN MEDALS

Every soldier from Hoxton Park who served in the First World War was eligible to receive one, two or three medals depending on where and when he served. They wore their medals or ribbons on their left chest.



Australian WW1 Medals

(Left to right: The 1914-15 Star, The British War Medal and The Victory Medal  
(Image from the Australian War Memorial REL29592.002)

**The 1914-15 Star** was awarded for service in a unit in a theatre of war between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915.

**The British War Medal** was awarded for service between 5 August 1914 and 11 November 1918.

**The Victory Medal** was awarded to those who served on the establishment of a unit in a theatre of war. (Information obtained from the RSL Handbook 2005, pp. 97-99).

## THE DEAD MAN'S PENNY

During the early 1920's, a bronze Memorial Plaque, nicknamed 'The Dead Man's Penny', was sent to the next of kin by His Majesty's Government as a memorial to those who had died in the First World War. The plaque was quite large as it had a diameter of twelve centimetres. The plaque's face was inscribed with the words HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR. It also had the name of the soldier written on it. The reverse side was left blank.



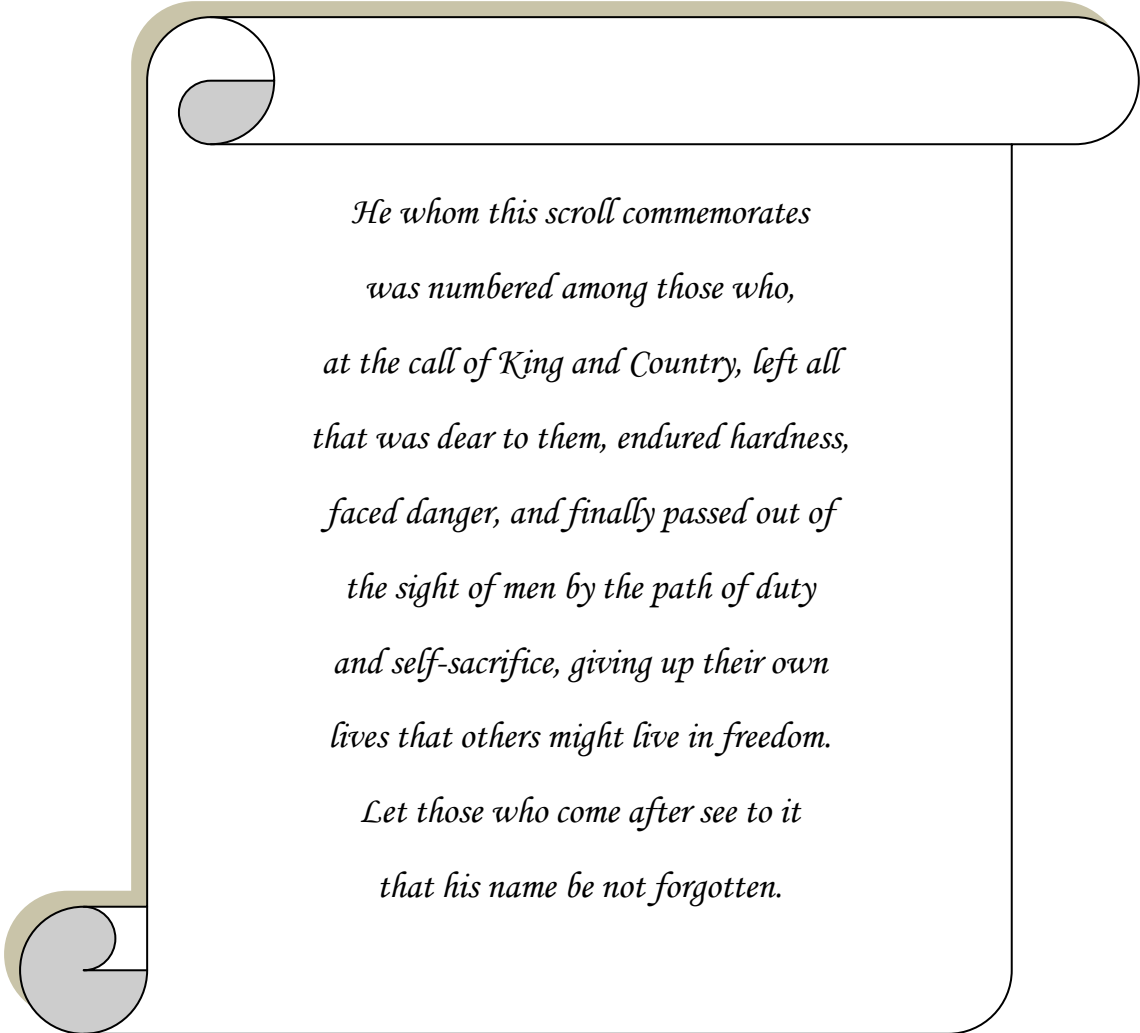
The letter from King George V (Queen Elizabeth's grandfather), which accompanied the Plaque, read:

***Buckingham Palace***

*I join my grateful people  
in sending you this memorial  
of a brave life given for others  
in the Great War.*

*George R.I.*

Families from Hoxton Park who suffered the loss of a loved one during the First World War received a Memorial Plaque and letter and a Memorial Scroll containing these words:



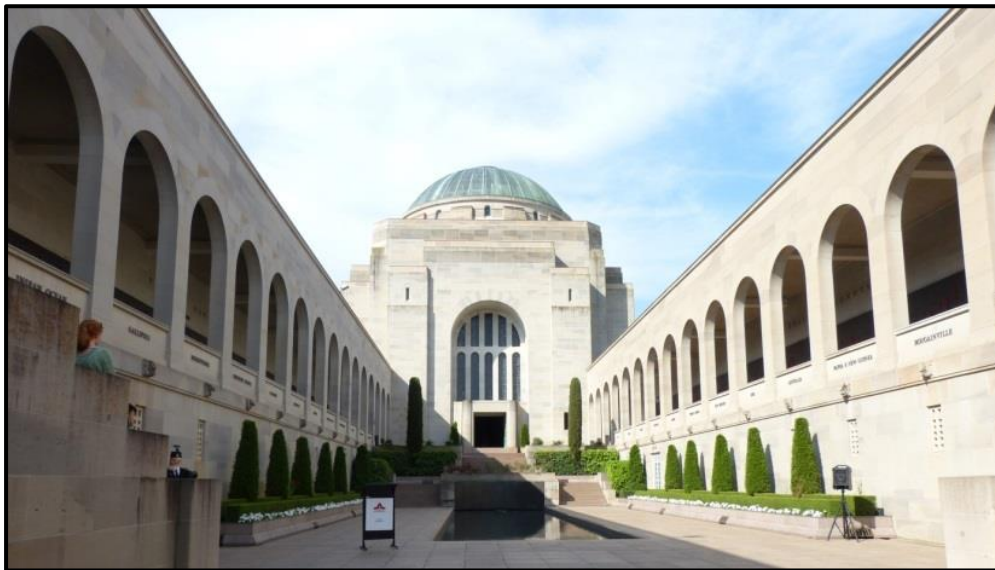
*He whom this scroll commemorates  
was numbered among those who,  
at the call of King and Country, left all  
that was dear to them, endured hardness,  
faced danger, and finally passed out of  
the sight of men by the path of duty  
and self-sacrifice, giving up their own  
lives that others might live in freedom.  
Let those who come after see to it  
that his name be not forgotten.*



## **THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL AND THE ROLL OF HONOUR**

When the Australian War Memorial in Canberra ACT was officially opened in 1941, the intention was that it should be devoted solely to the First World War with the names of all sailors, soldiers and nurses who died during the First World War listed on the Roll of Honour. Over the years, however, the purpose has changed. Now the names of all Australia's war dead from all conflicts are recorded on the Roll of Honour.

The name of every man from Hoxton Park who lost his life in the First World War is inscribed on this Memorial Wall.



The Roll of Honour is displayed in the Galleries at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra ACT



Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial

<b>HOXTON PARK MEN WHOSE NAMES ARE ON ROLL OF HONOUR</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>FATE</b>	<b>BURIAL</b>
Raymond Stanley Ellis	1649	4th Battalion	Killed on Gallipoli, 19 May 1915 aged 18	Buried Parade Ground Cemetery, Gallipoli
Donald Edward Stewart	77	1st Light Horse	Died of Appendicitis in Egypt on 6 August 1915 aged 26 years	Buried in Chatby War Memorial Cemetery, Egypt
Charles James Jakeman	1034	18th Battalion	Killed on Gallipoli on 22 August 1915 aged 36 years	No known grave
George Albert Ryman	1650	45th Battalion	Died of Smallpox in Egypt on 3 May 1916 aged 24 years	Buried in Ismailia War Cemetery, Egypt
Harry Boyland	3274	11th Battalion	Killed in France on 30 May 1916 aged 26 years	Buried in Rue Petillon Military Cemetery, Laventie, France
Harvey Herbert Edmondson	3698	19th Battalion	Killed at Pozieres, France on 29 July 1916 aged 19 years	No known grave
John Albion Snowden Bowder	5041	2nd Battalion	Killed in Belgium on 3 September 1916 aged 23 years	Buried in the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Belgium
William Brown	2879	51st Battalion	Killed in France on 3 September 1916 aged 22 years	No known grave
Frederick William Nicholls	4195	25th Battalion	Killed in France on 4 November 1916 aged 35 years	Buried in Warlencourt British Cemetery near Bapaume, France
Joseph Campbell McMiles	4711	18th Battalion	Died of wounds in France on 29 November 1916 aged 30 years	Buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France
Thomas Bowden	4674	53rd Battalion	Killed in France on 20 December 1916 aged 26 years	No known grave
Alfred Cruwys	2383	56rd Battalion	Died of wounds in France on 5 April 1917 aged 20 years	Buried in Aveluy Communal Cemetery Extension near Albert France
Arthur James Genner	2412	54th Battalion	Killed in Belgium on 25 September 1917 aged 21 years	Buried at Bedford House Cemetery Enclosure Zillebeke, Belgium
Samuel Kirkpatrick	7019	3rd Battalion	Killed in Belgium on 4 October 1917 aged 29 years	No known grave
Sidney Burdge Clarke	2891	45th Battalion	Killed in France on 5 April 1918 aged 27	Buried in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery, France
Robert Joseph Clarke	3901	1st Battalion	Died of wounds in France on 25 September 1918 aged 31 years	Buried in St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France

## RECRUITMENT

Before they could join the Army, the volunteers from Hoxton Park had to pass a medical examination. The Medical Examiners checked a man's height, chest measurement, age, teeth, eyesight and hearing. A recruit had to be free of every one of the medical conditions listed on the Army's Attestation Documents. These were:

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice or hearing; hernia; haemorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D or BC; contracted or deformed chest, abnormal curvature of the spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

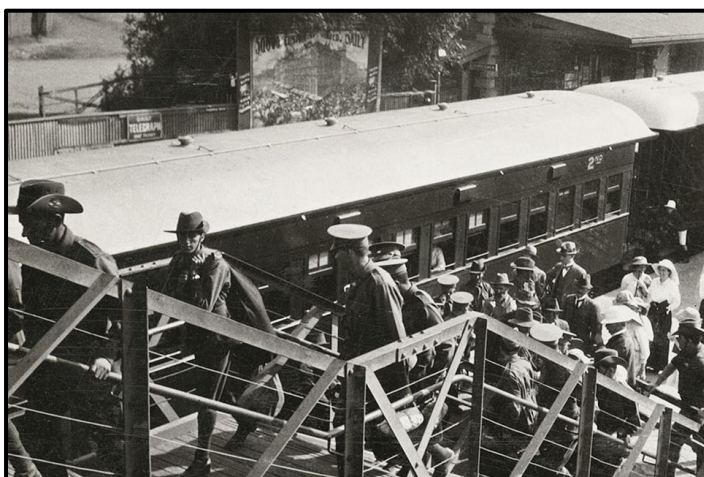
NOTE: The British Army tattooed the letters 'D' and 'BC' onto their soldiers who were 'Deserters' or 'Bad Characters'.

Each recruit was required to swear an oath when he enlisted. This oath read:

*I ..... (Name) ..... swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord and King in the Australian Imperial Force from..... (Date) ..... until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed there from; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law. SO HELP ME GOD*

The recruits then travelled to an Australian military base where they began their training to become a soldier. They were issued their uniforms and equipment and when their basic training was over, they were assigned to a military unit and sent overseas.

The men from Hoxton Park joined the Army at many different locations. Most signed their Enlistment Forms at Liverpool, Holdsworthy, Casula and Warwick Farm. These army camps were close to home. Others joined in Sydney at the Moore Park Showgrounds. Others lived far away from Hoxton Park so they signed up at recruiting centres at Blackboy Hill (near Perth), Brisbane, Katoomba, Cootamundra, Armidale and Lismore.

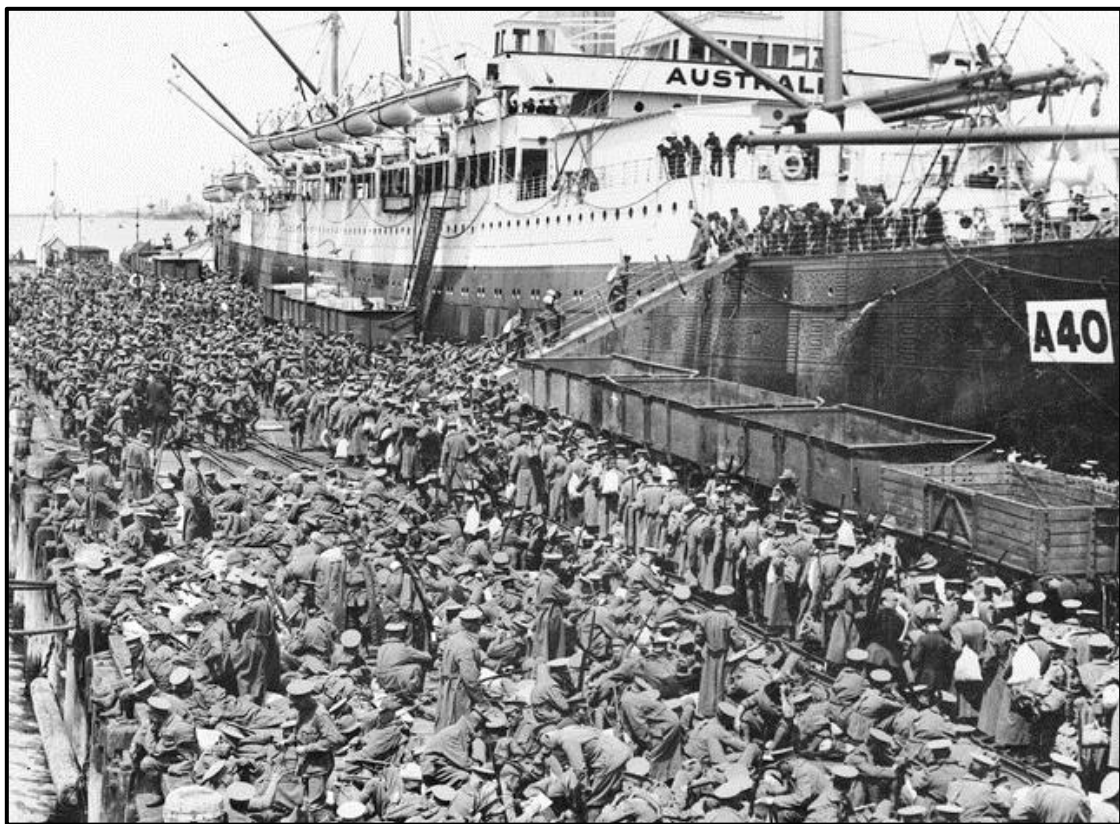


Soldiers leaving a train at an army camp near Liverpool  
(Australian War Memorial H03422)

## The Ships That Took the Hoxton Park Men Away

The Australian Government leased a fleet of passenger and merchant ships to transport the Australian Imperial Force to its overseas destinations. On the return journey, the ships carried severely wounded and disabled Diggers (and others) home. During 1919 and 1920, the transport ships carried the Diggers back to Australia. Captured German merchant ships were also used for transporting military personnel and equipment.

Vessels were given the title 'His Majesty's Australian Transport' (HMAT) plus the letter 'A' (which stood for Australia) and a unique number. For example, the ship 'Benalla' was HMAT 'Benalla' A24 and the 'Borda' was HMAT 'Borda' A30. Sometimes the men were transported on a normal steamship and at other times on a Royal Mail Steamer.



Troops boarding HMAT A40 Ceramic  
(Australian War Memorial H195000)

# VOLUNTEERS FROM HOXTON PARK IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR



An Australian Lighthorse Patrol  
(Australian War Memorial A00221)



Wounded soldiers on the Menin Road, near Ypres (Ieper) in Belgium - September 1917  
(Australian War Memorial E00711)

## Preston ANDRIASSEN

Service Number: 3680A  
Address: Austral, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Bergen, Norway  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Friend, Francis Leander England, Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
(Francis England or Englund enlisted in 1916)

Age at Enlistment: 30 years 1 month  
Date of Enlistment: 17 August 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Holdsworthy, NSW  
Departed Australia: 30 December 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A7 Medic  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Pioneer Battalion

### Fate:

Private Preston Andriassen returned to Australia on HMAT Ceramic on 3 October 1919 with a new wife, Grace Violet Maggie Wyatt whom he had married at Wandsworth, England on 14 June 1919.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Preston Andriassen became an Australian Citizen on 9 November 1915, which was after the date he had enlisted in the Australian Army.

Because of his Norwegian accent, Preston was often accused of being a German spy, and this often led to trouble. In 1916, he was arrested as a spy in Saily, France and was held until his section Sergeant identified him and he was released.

Preston had a number of illnesses while he was serving on the Western Front. These included Gastro-Enteritis, Influenza, Myalgia, Gingivitis, Scabies and Trench Fever.



## John Albion Snowden BOWDER



Service Number: 5041  
Address: Cross Roads via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Balmain  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father John Henry Bowder Cross Roads via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 22 years 6 months  
Date of Enlistment: 18 January 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool  
Departed Australia: 1 April 1916 from Sydney on SS Makarini  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 2nd Battalion

### Fate:

Private John Bowder was killed during the morning of 3 September 1916. Men from the 2nd Battalion were repairing their trenches near Zillebeke. They were trying to fix the drainage when the Germans bombarded them with trench mortars. Four other men were killed and eight wounded in this bombardment. John is buried in the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground, Zillebeke, Ieper, Belgium.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Clove Family Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

John's older brother, Thomas Bowder, enlisted on the same day and he too was killed. Sadly, their father, John Henry Bowder, lost both his sons in the First World War. The Cumberland Argus and Fruitrowers Advocate published the following article on 20 January 1917.

#### A LIVERPOOL HERO

Mr Bowder, senior, of Cross Roads, Liverpool has received the sad news that his son, Private John Bowder, has been killed in action in France. It is only a few months ago that his other son Thomas was also killed in action. Great sympathy is expressed for Mr Bowder senior and family in their irretrievable loss.

# Thomas BOWDER



Service Number: 4674  
Address: Cross Roads via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Millers Point  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father John Henry Bowder Cross Roads via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 25 years 3 months  
Date of Enlistment: 16 January 1916  
Place of Enlistment: RAS Showgrounds, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 13 April 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A40 Ceramic  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 53rd Battalion

## Fate:

Thomas was killed when his battalion was moving out of the front line trenches near Delville Wood in France. He has no known grave, which might indicate that he was buried when he was killed in a shell-hole and then the grave was lost during later shelling and fighting. He is remembered on the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Clove Family Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

## Other Information:

After Thomas was killed, his family received some of his personal effects that had been removed from his body. These were some photos, a letter and a card.



Trenches in Delville Wood in France during WW1

# Harry BOYLAND



Service Number: 3274  
Address: Cecil Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Prospect NSW  
Occupation: Sleeper Hewer  
Married: Married  
Next of Kin: Wife: Amelia May Joanne Boyland.  
After her husband's death, Mrs Boyland moved to her father-in-law's address: c/o Mr C Boyland, Cecil Park, Liverpool NSW

Age at Enlistment: 26 years 1 month  
Date of Enlistment: 11 August 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Blackboy Hill, Western Australia  
Departed Australia: 2 November 1915 from Fremantle on HMAT A38 Ulysses  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 11th Battalion

## Fate:

Private Harry Boyland was killed on 30 May 1916 near Fleurbaix in France. His Battalion was in the firing line when the Germans began a fierce bombardment with high explosives, shrapnel, aerial torpedoes and bombs. Thirty-five other men and two officers were killed and six were missing. Fifty-four men were wounded. Harry Boyland is buried in the Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery in France.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Liverpool Council Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

## Other Information:

The only personal effect that Harry's wife received from the Army was his identity disk, which would indicate that he might have been blown to bits. His widow and his two sons received a War Pension from 31 July 1916.

The following is an extract from the book "Liverpool Boys", published by Liverpool City Library, (page 17).

The Boyland Family will forever hold an important place in Liverpool's history. Mrs Amelia Boyland became the first war widow to have a home built for her by the Voluntary Workers' Association. The home in Atkinson Street was constructed by volunteers with furnishing supplied by employees of local businesses."

## Harry BOYLAND continued

There used to be a Kirkland Boyland Park on the corner of Fifteenth (Hoxton Park Road) and Twenty-Seventh Avenue, Hoxton Park. This small reserve had a park bench and two memorials erected by the Nepean Shire Council after the First World War. Back then, Hoxton Park was part of the Nepean Shire, not Liverpool City. One memorial was in honour of S. Kirkpatrick and the other was in honour of H. Boyland.

This is a picture of the two memorials.



(Photograph courtesy of Liverpool City Library Heritage Centre)



A soldier stands in a crater made by a German Trench Mortar (Minenwerfer) behind the 11th Battalion's lines at Fleurbaix, France in WW1. This type of explosion killed Private Harry Boyland.  
(nationalanzaccentre.com.au)

## John BOYLAND

Service Number: 312  
Address: Cecil Park via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Liverpool, NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Courtney Boyland  
Cecil Park via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 20 years 5 months  
Date of Enlistment: 17 August 1914  
Place of Enlistment: Sydney  
Departed Australia: 18 October 1914 from Sydney on  
HMAT A14 Euripides  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 3rd Battalion



### Fate:

John returned to Australia on HMAT Arawa on 19 November 1918 with his wife, Martha Elizabeth Sweet. They had married at South Tidworth on 14 April 1917.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Liverpool Council Honour Roll, Liverpool City Library

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Private John Boyland was shot in the upper right arm and forearm on Gallipoli on 9 May 1915. He was in hospital on Lemnos, near Gallipoli until he returned to his unit in October 1915. Later he went to the Western Front, where on 10 October 1917, his right leg was injured by shrapnel. In March and April 1918, he was admitted sick to hospital.

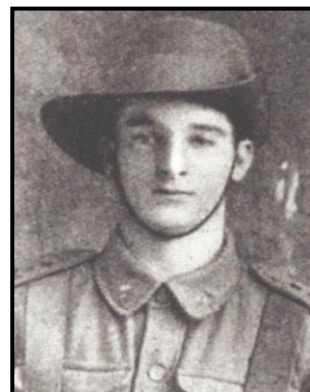
Again enlisting in 1940, John served in World War 2 with the 2/17th Battalion. The Army only accepted him because he gave 1905 as his year of birth. This was false as his real year of birth was 1895. The Army discharged him in 1943 because he was medically unfit.

(Note: The photograph of John Boyland (above) is from the website [discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au](http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au))

## William BROWN



Service Number	2879
Address:	Austral via Liverpool NSW
Religion:	Church of England
Place of Birth:	Liverpool
Occupation:	Butcher
Married:	Single
Next of Kin:	Father: Mr W Brown Post Office, Austral via Liverpool
Age at Enlistment:	21 years 2 months
Date of Enlistment:	25 May 1915
Place of Enlistment:	Liverpool NSW
Departed Australia:	5 October 1915 from Fremantle on HMAT A20 Hororata
Rank:	Private, but was promoted to Corporal (26 April 1916), Sergeant (24 April 1916) and Second Lieutenant (26 August 1916)
Unit from Nominal Roll:	51st Battalion



### Fate:

Second Lieutenant William Brown was killed during an attack on Mouquet Farm, near Pozieres on the morning of 3 September 1916. The attack was unsuccessful and the attackers were forced back onto their original line after suffering enormous casualties. All the men who fell in this attack were killed on the ground around the Farm. Their bodies could not be buried. William has no known grave but he is remembered on the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France. Corporal Walker wrote to William's mother informing her of his death.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church  
John Edmondson Clock, Liverpool  
Clope Family Honour Roll at Liverpool City Council  
Liverpool Memorial Scroll at Liverpool City Library

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal  
Military Medal

### Other Information:

On 20 August 1916, Second Lieutenant Brown was recommended for a Distinguished Conduct Medal. This Medal is second only to a Victoria Cross. Instead, on 4 October 1916, he was posthumously awarded the Military Medal for bravery in the battle. Sergeant William Brown of the Lewis Gun Section wrote the recommendation for William's award:

“For bravery and coolness near Mouquet Farm during a night attack August 14 to 15 1916. This N.C.O. organised and linked up parties to dig in and hold and held them there by dint of cheerful example. He also assisted in getting wounded into safety and bandaged up one Officer while under heavy machine gun fire”. (NAA File Barcode 1803117)



## **William BROWN** continued

In 1920, the Nepean Shire Council erected a Memorial Plaque in Austral in memory of William Brown. The plaque was placed near a watering trough for horses, which were the main means of transport at that time.

The plaque read:

**“In Memory of W. Brown. Killed in action 3 September 1916”**

(Note: The photograph of William Brown (on the previous page) is from ‘Our Liverpool Boys’, page 10)

## George CAMPBELL

Service Number: 2414  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Alexandria NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Thomas Campbell, Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 23 years 2 months  
Date of Enlistment: 6 December 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Casula  
Departed Australia: 31 March 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A16 Star of Victoria  
Rank: Sapper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Mining Corps

**Fate:**

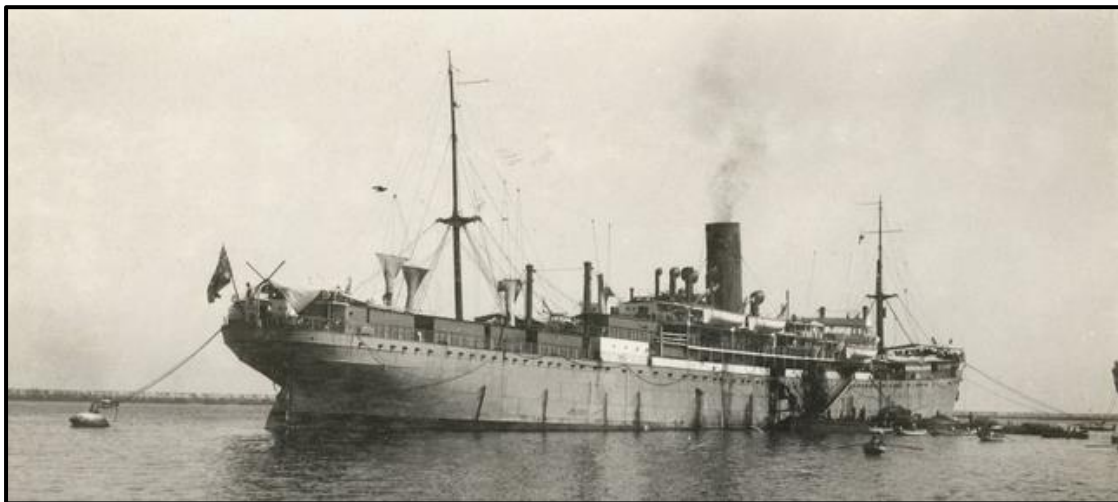
Sapper George Campbell returned to Australia on 17 July 1916 and was discharged medically unfit.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church

Medals: British War Medal

**Other Information:**

George Campbell was destined for the Western Front but he travelled only as far as Egypt where he became ill. He eventually was returned to Australia and was discharged with general debility.



Sapper George Campbell travelled overseas aboard  
HMAT A16 Star of Victoria shown here in Colombo Harbour in December 1915  
(Australian War Memorial H03160)

# Robert Joseph CLARKE



Service Number: 3901  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Quirindi NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: J P Clarke, Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 28 years 9 months  
Date of Enlistment: 25 August 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Holdsworthy NSW  
Departed Australia: 11 December 1915 from Sydney on RMS Mooltan  
Rank: Private then promoted to Lance-Corporal (16 March 1917)  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Battalion

## Fate:

Lance Corporal Robert Clarke was wounded on 18 September 1918. His Battalion was attacking the German Brown, Blue and Red Lines near Bellicourt when he was shot by the German defenders. The 1st Battalion suffered one Officer, eleven other men killed, and six Officers and sixty men wounded. Initially Robert's wound was identified as a gunshot wound to the shoulder, but after being X-rayed at the 12th General Hospital at Rouen, it was found that his spine had also been injured. He died on 25 September 1918. This was the last battle in which the 1st Battalion took part in the War.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

## Other Information:

Private Robert Clarke, known as "Bob", was wounded on 20 May 1917. He had gunshot wounds to his head and left leg so he was evacuated to the Reading War Hospital in England. He was again wounded on 24 July 1917 near Bullecourt. This time he had shrapnel wounds to his right leg below the knee. In June 1918, he was hospitalised with influenza.

After his death, the Army returned Robert's personal effects to his father at Hoxton Park. These included a wallet, photo wallet, photo cards, letters, notebook, metal mirror, matchbox cover, pipe, money belt, tobacco pouch, metal watch and five coins.

## Sidney Burdge CLARKE



Service Number: 2891  
Address: Atkinson Street, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Quirindi, NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Married  
Next of Kin: Wife: Edith Maude Clarke  
Age at Enlistment: 25 years 4 months  
Date of Enlistment: 2 May 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Sports Ground, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 8 November 1916 from Sydney on  
SS Port Nicholson  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 45th Battalion



### Fate:

Private Sidney Clarke was killed on the evening of 5 April 1918. At that time, his company was going forward to reinforce the Line near Dernancourt on the Albert-Amiens Road. The Germans opened fire with artillery and Sidney Clarke was hit and killed when pieces of an exploding shell wounded him in the head and arms. He was buried where he fell and a cross marked his grave. After the War, his body was moved to the Dernancourt Communal Cemetery. On the headstone that marked his burial place, his middle name 'BURDGE' was incorrectly spelled 'BURGH'.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Clove Family Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Sidney Clarke was known as "Clarky" to his friends. When he enlisted in the Army, he left behind his wife, Edith Maude and his daughter Gwendoline May. After he was killed, his wife and daughter both received War Pensions. The Army returned some of his personal possessions to his wife. These were a YMCA wallet, some photos and cards.

(Note: The photograph of Sidney Clarke (above) is taken from the Australian War Memorial's Collection: P08624.391)

## Arthur COLES

Service Number: 5075  
Address: Hoxton Park via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Hoxton Park  
Occupation: Chair Maker  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: James William Coles, Hoxton Park via Liverpool  
Age at Enlistment: 18 years 5 months  
Date of Enlistment: 4 September 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Holdsworthy NSW  
Departed Australia: 1 April 1916 from Sydney on SS Makarini  
Rank: Sapper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Division Signal Company

**Fate:**

Sapper Arthur Coles returned to Australia on 4 August 1919 on the ship Ormonde.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Arthur Coles served with the 1st Battalion when he arrived on the Western Front but in October 1916, he completed a course at a Signalling School.

During his service on the Western Front, Arthur was in hospital on several occasions with Influenza and Trench Fever. He was even admitted to the ship's sickbay with Influenza on his voyage back to Australia.

On Saturday 9 August 1919, the Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate reported that there was much joy at Liverpool Station when A. Coles, Frank England, S. H. Kinlock, all from Hoxton Park, were welcomed home

## Albert Cooper

Service Number: 5333  
Address: Terminus Street, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Melbourne, Victoria  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Foster Mother: Mrs Elizabeth Shelby  
Terminus Street, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 20 years 9 months  
Date of Enlistment: 13 March 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool  
Departed Australia: 22 August 1916 from Sydney on HMAT  
A18 Wiltshire  
Private Cooper was put ashore on Salisbury Island, Durban, South  
Africa suffering with Meningitis. He later sailed to England on  
HMAT A67 Orsova.  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 2nd Machine Gun Battalion



Fate:  
Albert Cooper returned to Australia on 30 December 1919 on the ship Runic.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Albert left Australia in 1916 as a Signaller but finished the war with the 2nd Machine Gun Battalion. During his service on the Western Front, he had Influenza in May 1917, suffered from exposure in October 1917, trench fever in February and March 1918. On 1 September 1918, he was wounded in the right arm when he was hit by shrapnel. He ended the war at No 2 Convalescent Hospital in Weymouth, England.

Albert married Mary Jane Allan on 10 May 1918 in the Registry Office and Corpus Christi Church in Lambeth, London, UK and brought her to Australia with him in 1919.

In World War 2, Albert Cooper served in the Headquarters Unit as a Signaller in the Middle East. When World War 2 was over, he was part of the Occupation Force in Japan.

(Note: The photograph of Albert Cooper (above) is taken from Albert Cooper's National Archives of Australia File: Barcode 3406968)



## Alfred CRUWYS



Service Number: 2385  
Address: 4 Wire Street, Rozelle NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Balmain  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Mr Arthur Cruwys  
(His father used to be a farmer in Prestons NSW.  
When his father died, his sister-in-law became his next of kin.)  
Age at Enlistment: 19 years (His mother gave her consent for him to enlist)  
Date of Enlistment: 19 March 1916  
Place of Enlistment: RAS Showground, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 30 September 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A60 Aeneas  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 56th Battalion

### Fate:

Private Alfred Cruwys was wounded during an attack the 56th Battalion was making against the Germans in Louverval Village in France on 2 April 1917. The attack was successful as the 56th and 57th Battalions captured Louverval. In this attack, Alfred's battalion lost about fifty men killed and one hundred and ten wounded. Alfred was badly wounded. He was shot in both legs, the bone in one leg shattering. Private Cruwys died at the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station on 5 April 1917. He was buried in the Avelny Communal Cemetery Extension the next day.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Alfred's older brother, George Ernest Cruwys, who had lived in Rozelle, was in the 13th Battalion fighting on the Western Front at the same time as Alfred.

## Alexander Keith EDMONDSON

Service Number: 5813  
Address: Milbrulong, via the Rock NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Wagga Wagga NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Joseph Edmondson, 25 Hugh Street, Ashfield NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 1 month  
Date of Enlistment: 20 February 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Cootamundra NSW  
Departed Australia: 7 October 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A40 Ceramic  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 20th Battalion

### Fate:

Private Alexander Edmondson was wounded on 2 May 1917. The gunshot wound to his right arm was very severe. As a result, he had very limited movement in his right shoulder and arm. When he was shot, he was taking part in an attack against the German Hindenburg Line, near Noreuil and Bullecourt in France. After he was injured, he was admitted to the 5th Australian Field Ambulance then moved to the No. 1 General Hospital, then to the No. 3 Auxiliary Hospital and finally arriving at the No. 1 Southern General Hospital in Birmingham, England. He was sent back to Australia.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Alexander's right arm was severely damaged when he was wounded on 2 May 1917. On his return to Australia on 7 October 1917, he was admitted to a hospital in George's Heights NSW. He was discharged from the Army on 7 February 1918 as medically unfit and disabled. As a consequence, he was given a War Pension from 8 February 1917.

His brother, Harvey Edmondson, served in the 19th Battalion. Harvey was killed on 29 July 1916.

# Harvey Herbert EDMONDSON



Service Number: 3689  
Address: 25 Hugh Street, Ashfield NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Downside near Wagga NSW  
Occupation: Striker  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Joseph Edmondson, 25 Hugh Street, Ashfield NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 18 years 7 months  
Date of Enlistment: 4 September 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Holdsworthy NSW  
Departed Australia: 12 December 1915  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 19th Battalion

## Fate:

At first, Private Harvey Edmondson's family received a report that he had been wounded in action. Then in September 1916, it was reported that he was now believed to be missing. Only after a Military Court of Enquiry on 11 December 1917 was the family finally notified that he had been killed. Harvey has no known grave. He is commemorated on the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

## Other Information:

Private Harvey Edmondson "disappeared" during the Battle of Pozieres on 29 July 1916 and no trace was ever found. One witness testified that he had seen Harvey wounded and taken to a dressing station in a deep dugout and that he had heard that he was taken out of the dugout to be evacuated. At the time, the Australians were receiving one of the worst bombardments of the whole war from the Germans.

J. McKenzie, the Commanding Officer of the 19th Battalion testified that:

"The brave soldier was killed and buried by a big high explosive German shell in the trenches beyond Pozieres, France on July 29. His body was not recovered and so he is reported among "the missing", like hundreds of others who, while in the trenches, suffered a like experience. Our trenches being blown right in by the terrific shell explosions burying men where they were, the survivors dug like furies to get the living out or as many as possible, the bulk buried were killed by concussion or suffocation while others by direct hits and blown to fragments. The brave Edmondson was among the victims who suffered thus."

Harvey and his brother, Alexander Keith Edmondson, served in the same Brigade Group (made up of the 18th, 19th and 20th Battalions who fought together). Alexander was badly wounded on 7 October 1917, losing the use of his right arm.

# Raymond Stanley ELLIS



Service Number: 1649  
Address: 53 Oxford Street, Waverly NSW  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Place of Birth: Sydney  
Occupation: Electrician  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Ellen Jane Ellis, 53 Oxford Street, Waverly NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 18 years 5 months  
Date of Enlistment: 4 December 1914  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool, NSW  
Departed Australia: 11 February 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A49 Seang Choon  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 4th Battalion

**Fate:**

Private Raymond Ellis was killed on 19 May 1915 at Gallipoli and he is buried at the 4th Battalion Parade Ground Cemetery on Gallipoli, Turkey.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Private Ellis was killed in the 4th Battalion's trenches at Wire Gully on Gallipoli on 19 May 1915 when the Turks made a massive attack which cost them thousands of dead. The 4th Battalion's casualties were fourteen killed and thirty wounded. Raymond Stanley Ellis was one of them.

Raymond's next of kin was his father, John Ellis who was living in Summer Hill in 1921. There was a John Ellis, farmer, shown on 1903 Electoral Roll, Liverpool Division which puts Raymond Ellis at school at Hoxton Park at the end of 1800's. His War Medals were sent to his father John Ellis whose address was Junction Road, Summer Hill at the time.

## Francis Leander ENGLUND

Service Number: 30918  
Address: Hoxton Park via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Pyrmont, NSW  
Occupation: Butcher  
Married: Married  
Next of Kin: Wife: Eileen May Englund, Hoxton Park, via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 6 months  
Date of Enlistment: 9 August 1916  
Place of Enlistment: RAS Showgrounds, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 11 November 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A29 Suevic  
Rank: Gunner in 1916 and then Driver  
Unit from Nominal Roll: He started with Light Mortar Battery but ended the war as a driver with 4th Division Ammunition Train

Fate:  
Driver Francis Englund returned to Australia on 3 August 1919.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

On Saturday 9 August 1919, the Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate reported that there was much joy at Liverpool Station when Drivers Frank England, S. H. Kinlock and Private A. Coles, all from Hoxton Park, were welcomed home.

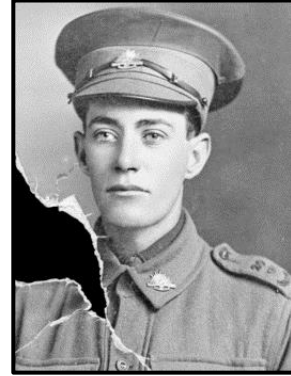


Private Francis Englund operated a light trench mortar like this one.  
(Australian War Memorial E02677)

## Arthur James GENNER



Service Number:	2412
Address:	William Street, Bellingen NSW
Religion:	Church of England
Place of Birth:	Bellingen NSW
Occupation:	Shop assistant
Married:	Single
Next of Kin:	Father: John Genner William Street, Bellingen NSW Mother: Elizabeth Genner
Age at Enlistment:	19 years 11 months
Date of Enlistment:	17 January 1916
Place of Enlistment:	Casula NSW
Departed Australia:	30 November 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A60 Aeneas
Rank:	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll:	54th Battalion



### Fate:

Private Arthur Genner was killed near Ypres (Ieper) in Belgium on 25 September 1917 and was buried at the Bedford House Cemetery Enclosure No 4, Zillebeke, Belgium.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Arthur Genner (known as Jim) was a Lewis Gunner with B Company, 54th Battalion. The Battalion was moving forward on a corduroy track prior to making an attack at Polygon Wood when a German shell exploded close to Arthur killing him and wounding a number of other soldiers.

Shrapnel passed through the photograph (shown above) which Private Genner was carrying when he was killed. On the back of the photograph were the words:

“Please return to my Mother if anything should happen to me. No. 2412. Private A J Genner, 5th Reinforcements, 54th Battalion. Mrs J Genner, William Street, Bellingen, North Coast, New South Wales, Australia.” (Australian War Memorial P07460.001)

Arthur’s brother, Leslie John Samuel Genner, was serving with the 12th Light Horse Regiment in the Middle East when Arthur was killed. After his death, his mother received a War Pension.

The Genner Family used to live at a property known as “Woodside” at Hoxton Park.



## Arthur James GENNER continued

Violet Genner originally sent this postcard to her Uncle Jim who was Private Arthur James Genner of the 54th Battalion (Service Number 2412). Pieces of shrapnel passed through the postcard, which was being carried by Private Genner when he was killed. The Australian War Memorial holds this postcard in its collection.



(Australian War Memorial PO7460.002)

## Leslie John Samuel GENNER

Service Number: 1832  
Address: William Street, Bellingen NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Camden NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: John Genner, William Street, Bellingen NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 22 years 10 months  
Date of Enlistment: 17 January 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Menangle Park, near Liverpool  
Departed Australia: 8 July 1916 from Sydney on RMS Mongolia  
Rank: Trooper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 12th Light Horse Regiment

**Fate:**

Leslie returned to Australia from Egypt on 28 August 1919.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Leslie John Samuel Genner enlisted on the same day as his brother Private Arthur James Genner who was killed in Belgium 25 September 1917.

The Genner Family used to live at a property known as "Woodside" at Hoxton Park.



The 12th Light Horse Regiment on parade near Tripoli, Lebanon  
December 1918  
(Australian War Memorial B00744)

## John Thomas GORST

Service Number: 3299  
Address: "Ickleton" Hoxton Park, via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Gunning NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs Louisa Gorst  
"Ickleton" Hoxton Park, via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 18 years 8 months  
Date of Enlistment: 26 July 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool NSW  
Departed Australia: 2 November 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A14 Euripides  
Rank: Started as a Private with 3rd Battalion.  
Finished as a Driver with 53rd Battalion.  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 53rd Battalion

Fate:  
Driver John Gorst returned to Australia on 25 May 1919.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Driver Gorst was a Company Driver with the 53rd Battalion.



Six horses haul a General Service (GS) wagon from a ditch through slippery mud on a corduroy track in the Ypres sector in Belgium.  
(Australian War Memorial E01054)

## Barnard GUILLOW

Service Number: 3072  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Place of Birth: Liverpool  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs J Guillow, Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 27 years 5 months  
Date of Enlistment: 3 August 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Holdsworthy, NSW  
Departed Australia: 20 December 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A29 Suevic  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 3rd Battalion

**Fate:**

Corporal Barnard Guillow returned to Australia on 18 December 1918.

**Memorial Listing:** Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honour

**Medals:** British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Prior to his enlistment, Barnard Guillow was an employee of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (now called Sydney Water) at Hoxton Park.

Private Guillow was firstly promoted to the rank of Lance-Corporal and then to Corporal. On 10 May 1918, while on leave in Wallon Cappel in France, he was arrested by a Military Policeman for being drunk and for having allegedly punched the Military Policeman on the face with his fist. Consequently, he was reduced back to the rank of Private.

During his service on the Western Front, Private Barnard Guillow was wounded on four occasions:

1. On 12 June 1916 — shot in the right arm
2. On 4 May 1917 — shot in the right arm again
3. On 24 June 1918 — type of wound not stated
4. On 20 September 1918 — shot in the right thigh (severe)

## Charles HENDERSON

This Soldier could not be accurately identified from Archival records.

There are twenty-five listings for **C. HENDERSON** on the World War One Database of the National Archives of Australia.

Despite a comprehensive search of these names in military records, no connection with Hoxton Park could be found.

Service Number:	Unknown
Address:	Unknown
Religion:	Unknown
Place of Birth:	Unknown
Occupation:	Unknown
Married:	Unknown
Next of Kin:	Unknown
Age at Enlistment:	Unknown
Date of Enlistment:	Unknown
Place of Enlistment:	Unknown
Departed Australia:	Unknown
Rank:	Unknown
Unit from Nominal Roll:	Unknown

Fate:  
Unknown

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: Unknown

### **Other Information:**

There is a Charles Henderson in a newspaper report relating to a Concert at Hoxton Park Public School in 1902. (The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, 27 December 1902)

## Stewart Hope HODGETTS

Service Number: 754  
Address: Greenacre, The Mall, Bankstown NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Godalming, Surrey, England  
Occupation: Architect Draughtsman  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Mr B Hodgetts, Greenacre, The Mall, Bankstown NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 20 years 11 months  
Date of Enlistment: 8 September 1914  
Place of Enlistment: Rosebery Park Camp, Liverpool  
Departed Australia: 12 May 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A32 Themistocles  
Rank: Corporal  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 17th Battalion

### Fate:

Corporal Stewart Hodgetts was discharged from the Australian Army in England on 24 November 1915. On 27 December 1915, he was granted a Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the 3rd Dorsetshire Regiment of the British Army but on 10 April 1917, he returned to Australia medically unfit.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Corporal Stewart Hodgetts was wounded on Gallipoli on 28 August 1915 while serving with the Australian Army. He suffered a gunshot wound to his neck and his shoulder was fractured. He was transported for treatment to the Military Hospital in Endell Street, London, England.

This Stewart Hope Hodgetts has no obvious connection with Hoxton Park, but he is the only S. HODGETTS on the National Australian Archives Database. The link is that a Mr B. Hodgett was granted registration as a dairyman in Liverpool in March 1907 and Corporal Hodgett's father was Mr B. Hodgetts.



## Richard George HUGHES

Service Number: 4804  
Address: Care of Mrs McDuff, Crimea Street, Parramatta NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Manly  
Occupation: General hand, Arnott's Biscuit Factory, Homebush NSW  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs Annie Laura Hughes, 56 Belgrave Street, Manly NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 18 years 3 months  
Date of Enlistment: 30 September 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Warwick Farm NSW  
Departed Australia: 8 March 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A15 Star of England  
Rank: Private, later achieved rank of Lance-Corporal  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 54th Battalion

**Fate:**

Lance Corporal Richard Hughes returned to Australia sometime in May 1919.

**Memorial Listing:** Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

**Medals:** British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Richard George Hughes was known as "Dick". The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate published an article about him on Saturday 24 May 1919.

"Corporal Dick Hughes who lived for some years at Hoxton Park, has arrived home after an absence of over three years at the front. He was slightly wounded twice, and on one occasion was, with several others buried with shell fire, but was luckily extricated. Hughes' battalion was first over the top at Peronne on September 1, 1918, when the Aussies did such splendid work in capturing the town. The young fighter's name is on the Hoxton Park Honour Roll at the Public School, and residents are arranging to give him a welcome home at an early date."

Richard's 'Welcome Home' occurred on Saturday, 31 August 1919 when he and Sid Kinloch were welcomed and both presented with medals. During the speeches, Dick reminded the audience that Bob Clarke had been farewelled at the same function as himself in 1915 but Bob had been killed in France. (Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, 6 September 1919, page 5)

## Gilbert David Havelock HUTTON

Service Number: 21611  
Address: Care of Postmaster, Katoomba NSW  
Religion: Methodist  
Place of Birth: Tenterfield NSW  
Occupation: Telegraph Linesman (Telegraphist)  
Married: Married  
Next of Kin: Father: William Hutton, Hoxton Park  
Wife: Helena Maria Hutton, Katoomba Street, Katoomba NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 34 years 3 months  
Date of Enlistment: 31 July 1917  
Place of Enlistment: Katoomba  
Departed Australia: 30 April 1918 from Sydney on SS Port Darwin  
Rank: Sapper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Signal Squadron

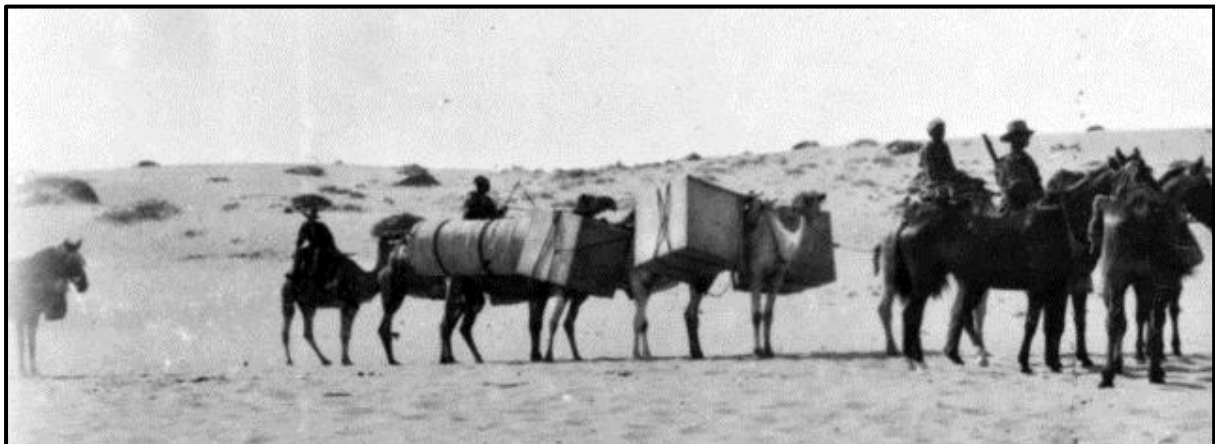
Fate:  
Sapper Gilbert Hutton returned to Australia on 10 August 1919.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Sapper Hutton served with the 1st Signal Squadron in the Middle East. His unit laid communication cables in the Jordan Valley Area, Amman and Es Salt in modern Jordan. They maintained these lines so that effective communications were available between various other military units.



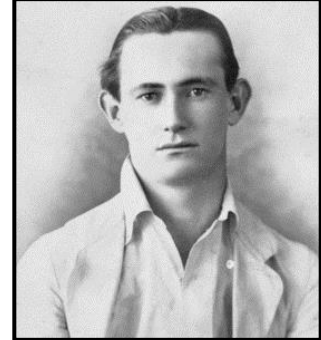
A section of the Australian Army 1st Wireless Signal Squadron using camels for desert transport  
(Australian War Memorial H02911)

## Charles James JAKEMAN



Service Number: 1034  
Address: 64 St James Road, Waverley NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Tuxbury, England  
Occupation: Teamster  
Married: Married  
Next of Kin: Brother: George Harold Jakeman  
85 Grafton Street, Woollahra NSW  
Wife: Mrs G H Jakeman  
64 St James Road, Waverley NSW

Age at Enlistment: 36 years 2 months  
Date of Enlistment: 2 May 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool  
Departed Australia: 25 June 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A40 Ceramic  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 18th Battalion



### Fate:

Private Jakeman was killed on Gallipoli on 22 August 1915. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey.

NOTE: The 18th Battalion had only been on Gallipoli one day when Private Jakeman was killed.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Liverpool Council Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Charles' brother, George Harold Jakeman, fought with the 20th Battalion on Gallipoli. He was later awarded the Military Medal (MM) for bravery while serving in a Field Ambulance Unit in France.

(Note: The photograph of Charles Jakeman (above) is from the Australian War Memorial's Collection P05641.001)

## Sydney Herbert Alexander KINLOCH

Service Number: 32017  
Address: Edgeware Road, Enmore NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Wollombi NSW  
Occupation: Clerk  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: James Kinloch, Public School, Hoxton Park  
via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 24 years 3 months  
Date of Enlistment: 8 October 1916  
Place of Enlistment: RAS Showgrounds, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 10 February 1917 from Sydney on RMS Osterley  
Rank: Driver  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 12th Army Brigade Australian Field Artillery (46th Battery)

Fate:  
Driver Sydney Kinloch returned to Australia on 3 August 1919.

Memorial Listing: St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### **Other Information:**

Driver Kinloch was known as "Sid". In 1917, he served with the 12th Field Artillery Brigade. He was sent to hospital after he was gassed on 25 October 1918.

On Saturday 9 August 1919, the Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate reported that there was much joy at Liverpool Station when Drivers Frank England, S. H. Kinlock and Private A. Coles, all from Hoxton Park, were welcomed home.

On Saturday 31 August 1919, Dick Hughes and Sid Kinloch were formally welcomed home and both presented with medals. During the speeches, Dick Hughes reminded the audience that Bob Clarke had been farewelled at the same function as himself in 1915 but that Bob had been killed in France.

## James Leitch KIRKPATRICK

Service Number: 32029  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Hoxton Park  
Occupation: Butcher  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Catherine Kirkpatrick Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 32 years 1 month  
Date of Enlistment: 8 October 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Showground Camp, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 10 February 1917 from Sydney on RMS Osterley  
Rank: Gunner  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 5th Light Mortar Battery

### Fate:

Gunner James Kirkpatrick lost his right thumb after being hit by a piece of shrapnel on 22 September 1917 in France. His right hand was practically useless so he returned to Australia on 12 May 1918 and was discharged as medically unfit. He was officially discharged on 12 November 1918.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

James' brothers, Robert and Samuel, also served on the Western Front. James and Robert enlisted on the same day and left Australia together on the same ship. Samuel was killed in Belgium in 1917.

‘Gunner James Kirkpatrick received a hearty welcome home from the front by old school mates and residents. A public welcome home will be accorded him at Hoxton Park tonight.’  
(Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Saturday 25 May 1918, page 11).

## Robert KIRKPATRICK

Service Number: 32030  
Address: Hoxton Park Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Liverpool NSW  
Occupation: Clerk  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Catherine Kirkpatrick, Hoxton Park NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 22 years 4 months  
Date of Enlistment: 8 October 1916  
Place of Enlistment: RAS Showground  
Departed Australia: 10 February 1917 from Sydney on RMS Osterley  
Rank: Gunner  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 7th Field Artillery Brigade

**Fate:**

Gunner Robert Kirkpatrick returned to Australia on 20 August 1919.

**Memorial Listing:** Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

**Medals:** British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

The Kirkpatrick brothers, Robert, James and Samuel, all served on the Western Front. Robert and James enlisted on the same day and left Australia together on the same ship. Samuel was killed in Belgium in 1917.

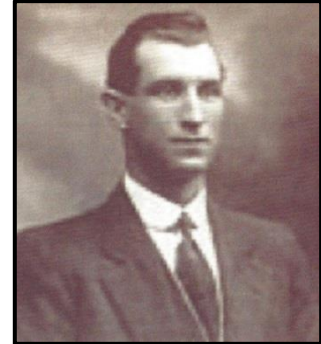


Robert Kirkpatrick was a Gunner with the 7th Brigade of Australian Field Artillery shown passing through a captured section of the Hindenburg system of defences in October 1918 (Australian War Memorial E03506)

# Samuel KIRKPATRICK



Service Number: 7019  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Hoxton Park  
Occupation: Salesman  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Catherine Kirkpatrick  
Hoxton Park  
Age at Enlistment: 28 years 6 months  
Date of Enlistment: 25 October 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Armidale NSW  
Departed Australia: 9 November 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A24 Benalla  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 3rd Battalion



#### Fate:

Private Samuel Kirkpatrick was killed on 4 October 1917 near Zonnebeke in Belgium. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ieper, Belgium.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

#### Other Information:

Private Samuel Kirkpatrick served in the same Battalion as John Boyland who also came from Hoxton Park. They had known each other since childhood.

Samuel was killed on 4 October 1917 during the attack on Broodseinde Ridge. He was acting as a stretcher-bearer bringing in the wounded from a shell-hole just beyond the front line when another shell exploded near him. He was killed by flying shrapnel. He probably was buried in the shell-hole where he fell but the location of the grave was lost during later fighting in the area.

Samuel's two brothers, James and Robert, also served on the Western Front. They had enlisted together on the same day and left Australia on the same ship. They both served in the Artillery.

His mother, Catherine Kirkpatrick, received a War Pension after Samuel's death. She and his sisters and brothers inserted a Death Notice into a newspaper on Saturday 24 November 1917. It read:

“**KIRKPATRICK**, Private Samuel of Hoxton Park, Liverpool, killed in action, October 4 1917, aged 29 years.”



## Samuel KIRKPATRICK continued

There used to be a Kirkland Boyland Park on the corner of Fifteenth (Hoxton Park Road) and Twenty-Seventh Avenues, Hoxton Park. This small reserve had a park bench and two memorials erected after the First World War by the Nepean Shire Council. Back then, Hoxton Park was part of the Nepean Shire, not Liverpool City. One memorial was in honour of S. Kirkpatrick and the other was in honour of H. Boyland.

This is a picture of the two memorials:



(Photograph courtesy of Liverpool City Library Heritage Centre)

(Note: The photograph of Samuel Kirkpatrick (on the previous page) is taken from 'Our Liverpool Boys', page 18)

# Stanley LOMAX

Service Number: 1576  
Address: Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Methodist  
Place of Birth: Alexandria, Sydney NSW  
Occupation: Driver/Farmer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs Emily Lomax, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 25 years 5 months  
Date of Enlistment: 19 July 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool NSW  
Departed Australia: 9 November 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A72 Beltana  
Rank: Driver  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 30th Battalion

**Fate:**

Driver Stanley Lomax returned to Australia with his new wife on 3 November 1919.

**Memorial Listing:** Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

**Medals:** 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Driver Lomax was appointed a Company Driver on 2 March 1917. While he was stationed in England, he married Annie Wheelan at the Parish Church St Marys on 10 June 1919.



The Transport Section of an Australian Battalion with their horse-drawn wagons driving along a muddy street in Chatalet in Belgium on 16 January 1919  
(Australian War Memorial E04108)

## THOMAS FRANCIS McMANUS

Service Number: 2463  
Address: "Kia Ora", Bay Street, Croydon NSW  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Place of Birth: Surry Hills NSW  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Married  
Next of Kin: Wife: Alice McManus, "Kia Ora", Bay Street, Croydon NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 33 years 2 months  
Date of Enlistment: 3 April 1916  
Place of Enlistment: RAS Showgrounds, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 30 September 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A60 Aeneas  
Rank: Private then Driver  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 55th Battalion

Fate:  
Driver Thomas McManus returned to Australia 9 August 1919.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### **Other Information:**

Driver McManus was wounded on the face and lips on 2 April 1917, probably caused by shrapnel.

Driver Thomas Francis McManus has no obvious connection with Hoxton Park in his military records although another local historian, Mr G. Lucas, has identified this T. McManus with the Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll.

The Liverpool Heritage Centre database also identifies T. McManus with Thomas Francis McManus.

# Joseph Campbell McMILES



Service Number: 4711  
Address: 39 Beatrice Street, Auburn NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Liverpool NSW  
Occupation: Teacher  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs Elizabeth McMiles, 39 Beatrice Street, Auburn NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 29 years 9 months  
Date of Enlistment: 14 January 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Casula NSW  
Departed Australia: 13 April 1916  
Rank: Private, then promoted to Lance-Corporal on 13 October 1916  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 18th Battalion

**Fate:**

Private Joseph McMiles died of wounds on 29 November 1916. He is buried in the St Sever Cemetery Extension in Rouen, France.

**Memorial Listing:**

Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Clove Family Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll

**Medals:**

British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

On 25 November 1916, the 18th Battalion in which Lance-Corporal McMiles fought was holding the trench line at Ribemont sur-Ancre to the north-east of Amiens in France. On that day, two Officers and fourteen men were wounded. He was one of them. He had a serious wound to his left arm and a fracture. He was moved along the Lines of Communication through Amiens to Rouen to the 5th General Hospital where he died around 8 pm on 29 November 1916.

A part of the inscription on his grave marker are the words

**“Native of Liverpool, NSW”**

After his death, Joseph's mother received a War Pension.

## John Stewart Crawford McROBERT

Service Number: 1534  
Address: Bulga via Wingham NSW  
Religion: Methodist  
Place of Birth: Thames, New Zealand  
Occupation: Labourer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mrs C McRobert, Bulga via Wingham NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 9 months  
Date of Enlistment: 26 April 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Brisbane, Queensland  
Departed Australia: 29 June 1915 from Brisbane on HMAT A69 Aeneas  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 26th Battalion

### Fate:

Private John McRobert returned home to Australia on 1 March 1919 and was discharged in Brisbane on 24 April 1919.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Mrs Catherine Kirk McRobert was living at Prestons near Liverpool in 1913. This places Private McRobert's family in the Hoxton Park area.

Private McRobert was wounded four times during his war service on the Western Front:

1. On 29 July 1916 — shot in the right forearm
2. On 26 March 1917 — shot in right shoulder
3. On 4 October 1917 — shot by machine gun fire in the left ankle (severe)
4. On 17 July 1918 — shot in the left foot (severe)

## Thomas Gordon MANN

Service Number: 766  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Hillgrove, Armidale NSW  
Occupation: Bank Officer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: W. Mann, Newsom Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 10 months  
Date of Enlistment: 25 August 1914  
Place of Enlistment: Randwick  
Departed Australia: 18 October 1914 from Sydney on HMAT A23 Suffolk  
Rank: Lance-Corporal was promoted through the ranks to Captain  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 2nd Battalion

### Fate:

Captain Thomas Mann returned to Australia on 16 September 1918.

Memorial Listing: Thomas is not listed on any local memorials even though he was living in Hoxton Park in 1914.

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Captain Thomas Mann landed on Gallipoli as a Private with the 2nd Battalion on 25 April 1915. He proved himself an able administrator and was promoted to Corporal and Assistant Quarter-Master on 1 May 1915. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant later in Alexandria, Egypt and then when he served on the Western Front, he was promoted to Lieutenant on 26 June 1916 and Captain on 16 April 1917. He was then the Commanding Officer of a School of Instruction. In 1918, he was transferred to AIF Headquarters.

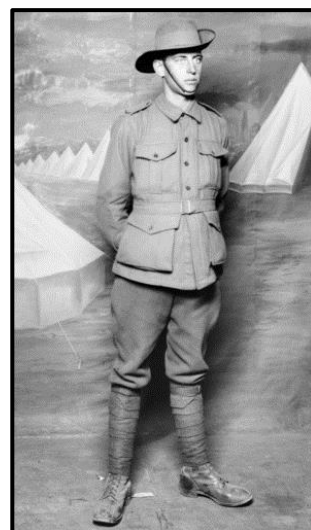
On 7 April 1918, he was Mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's Despatches "**for conspicuous services rendered**". Being mentioned in despatches meant that he was entitled to wear a bronze oak leaf clasp on his British Victory Medal.

**NOTE:** Sir Douglas Haig was the Commander in Chief of all the British Empire Forces on the Western Front.



## Oswald Oliver MILDWATER

Service Number 1940  
Address: Hoxton Park NSW  
Religion: Congregational  
Place of Birth: Woollahra  
Occupation: Student  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Clara Maud Mildwater  
Hoxton Park NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 18 years 7 months  
Date of Enlistment: 29 January 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Casula NSW  
Departed Australia: 4 May 1916 from Melbourne on  
HMAT A17 Port Lincoln  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 60th Battalion



### Fate:

Private Oswald Mildwater returned to Australia on 19 November 1918 with a major injury — a bullet had fractured his upper left arm and he was unable to use it. As a result, he was discharged from the Army on 24 December 1918 as medically unfit.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Private Mildwater was wounded several times during his service on the Western Front including:

1. 12 May 1917 — shrapnel wounds to his left knee and thigh
2. 26 April 1918 — bullet wound and compound fracture of his left arm

Liverpool Railway Station was decorated in his honour when Oswald returned home one Tuesday in November 1918. (Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate Saturday 23 November 1918, page 6)

NOTE: The studio portrait of Private Mildwater (above) was taken before he went overseas. (Australian War Memorial DA14507)



## Albert Edwin NEWCOMBE

Service Number: 39469  
Address: Cherry Chase, Roberts Road, Strathfield NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Smithfield NSW  
Occupation: Bread Carter  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Elizabeth Newcombe, Bringelly Road, Liverpool NSW  
Father: James Edward Newcombe, Bringelly Road, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 27 years 11 months  
Date of Enlistment: Two enlistments:  
23 July 1917 and 14 January 1918  
Place of Enlistment: East Sydney Recruiting Depot and Victoria Barracks, Sydney NSW  
Departed Australia: 30 April 1918 from Sydney on SS Port Darwin  
Rank: Driver  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 4th Division Artillery Column

Fate:  
Driver Albert Newcombe returned home to Australia on 10 November 1919.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### **Other Information:**

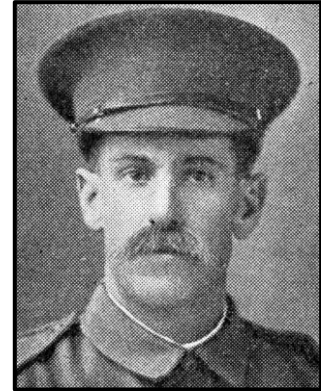
On his first enlistment in the Army on 26 July 1917, Albert Newcombe was discharged on medical grounds. He then had a hernia operation which repaired the medical condition that kept him out of the Army. He was therefore accepted on his second attempt.

While he was serving overseas, Albert was hospitalised with Influenza in July and November 1918.

## Frederick William NICHOLLS



Service Number:	4195
Address:	Lismore District
Religion:	Presbyterian
Place of Birth:	Stroud, Worcestershire, England
Occupation:	Farmer
Married:	Single
Next of Kin:	Mother: Mary Ann Nicholls Care of Mrs J Squires Boulevard, Strathfield NSW
	Father: deceased
Age at Enlistment:	33 years 6 months
Date of Enlistment:	14 September 1915
Place of Enlistment:	Lismore NSW
Departed Australia:	28 March 1916 from Brisbane on HMAT A73 Commonwealth
Rank:	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll:	25th Battalion



**Fate:**  
Private Frederick Nicholls was killed on 14 November 1916. He is buried in the Warlencourt British Cemetery in France.

**Memorial Listing:**  
Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
St Paul's Presbyterian Church Liverpool Honour Roll

**Medals:**  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### **Other Information:**

Private Nicholls was killed during an attack on the German-held Gird Trench on 14 November 1916 near Flers in France. According to the witnesses, he was hit in several places and died a few minutes later. The Australian soldiers had to withdraw from the area. Frederick's body lay in No Man's Land for five months until it was found and properly buried.

**NOTE:** The photograph of Private Frederick William Nicholls (above) is held in the Australian War Memorial's Collection. (AWM PO8624.402)

## Claude Norman PARKER

Service Number: 21842  
Address: PO Hoxton Park, via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Charters Towers, Queensland  
Occupation: Painter  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Grandmother: Alice Burt, Hoxton Park via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 9 months  
Date of Enlistment: 12 November 1917  
Place of Enlistment: Victoria Barracks, Sydney  
Departed Australia: 22 March 1918 from Sydney on HMAT A54 Runic  
Rank: Sapper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Field Company Engineers

**Fate:**

Sapper Claude Parker returned to Australia on 7 September 1919.

**Memorial Listing:** West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

**Medals:** British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

Sapper Parker was sick with influenza in January 1919. His brother, Sydney, also served in the Engineers.



Engineers erected pontoon bridges across marshes and rivers prior to an attack  
(Australian War Memorial AWM A01908)

## Sydney Victor PARKER

Service Number: 22135  
Address: Post Office, Hoxton Park via Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Charters Towers, Queensland  
Occupation: Motor driver and mechanic  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Grandmother: Mrs Alice Burt, Hoxton Park via Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 20 years  
Date of Enlistment: 12 November 1917  
Place of Enlistment: Central Recruiting Depot, Grosvenor Street, Sydney NSW  
Departed Australia: 21 March 1918 from Sydney on HMAT A34 Persic  
Rank: Sapper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 7th Field Company Engineers then 4th Australian Motor Transport Company

**Fate:**

Sapper Sydney Parker returned to Australia on 17 December 1919.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal

**Other Information:**

The War ended before Sapper Parker reached a combat zone because he was still in training for the role of a Combat Engineer in the School of Instruction. On 24 March 1919, he transferred to the Graves Registration Service. He actually ended his Army Service with a Motor Transport Company where he was able to put his driving and mechanical skills to work.

Sapper Parker's brother, Claude, also served with the Engineers.



A Graves Registration Detachment loads bodies from a mass grave. Each body was wrapped in groundsheets and tagged, ready for re-burial into an individual grave.

(Australian War Memorial P04541.001)

## Ernest William RIXON

Service Number: 3435  
Address: Hoxton Park NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Goulburn NSW  
Occupation: Wood Carter  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Sister: Miss Rixon, Campbelltown NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 3 months  
Date of Enlistment: 11 August 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Warwick Farm Depot  
Departed Australia: 13 October 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A17 Port Lincoln  
Rank: Private, then promoted to Lance-Corporal (16 July 1916)  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 56th Battalion

### Fate:

Lance Corporal Rixon returned to Australia on 14 September 1917. His left leg had been amputated in November 1916 and therefore he was medically unfit for further Army service. He was discharged on 8 October 1917.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Lance-Corporal Rixon was wounded when a German shell exploded close to him near Fleubaix in France. He received shrapnel wounds to his left leg and his left thigh bone was fractured. His sister was informed that he was dangerously ill and that his left leg had been amputated. When he returned home with his artificial leg, he received a War Pension. He moved in with his sister who lived on the Appin Road, Campbelltown NSW

## George Albert RYMAN



Service Number:	1650
Address:	Liverpool NSW
Religion:	Church of England
Place of Birth:	Brisbane, Queensland
Occupation:	Wagon Builder
Married:	Single
Next of Kin:	Father: Liverpool NSW (He later moved to Prestons NSW)
Age at Enlistment:	22 years 9 months
Date of Enlistment:	2 November 1914
Place of Enlistment:	Liverpool NSW
Departed Australia:	11 February 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A49 Seang Choon
Rank:	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll:	13th Battalion (transferred to 45th Battalion in March 1916 during the re-organisation of the Australian Army)



**Fate:**  
Private George Ryman died of Smallpox on 3 May 1916 in the 54th Casualty Clearing Station at Serapeum in Egypt. He was buried on 4 May 1916 in the Ismailia War Cemetery in Egypt.

**Memorial Listing:**  
Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Clove Family Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

**Medals:**  
1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### **Other Information:**

Private Ryman arrived on Gallipoli on 30 April 1915. On 21 May 1915, he was evacuated to hospital with Influenza, returning to Gallipoli on 25 August 1915. He was ill again in October 1915 and was transported to hospital on Mudros, an island near Gallipoli.

After the Gallipoli Campaign, he was transferred to the 45th Battalion in Egypt where he became ill again. The medical staff thought he had influenza but it was actually Smallpox. He died from this disease.

(Note: The photograph of George Ryan (above) is from the Australian War Memorial's Collection: P08624.406)

## Ernest John SMITH

Service Number: 39488  
Address: Austral Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Mittagong NSW  
Occupation: Contractor (Builder)  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Charles James Smith, Austral Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 25 years  
Date of Enlistment: 17 May 1917  
Place of Enlistment: Sydney  
Departed Australia: 30 April 1918  
Rank: Gunner  
Unit from Nominal Roll: Australian Heavy Artillery Brigade, then 4th Australian Motor Transport Company

Fate:  
Gunner Ernest Smith returned to Australia on 7 February 1920.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: British War Medal

### **Other Information:**

The War ended before Gunner Smith arrived in a combat zone. He was still in training for the Artillery when peace was declared. He suffered with influenza in June 1918.

In 1919, while he was waiting to return home to Australia, he volunteered to work with the Graves Registration Service.



This is an 8-inch Howitzer Gun being loaded in 1917. It is part of a Siege Artillery Battery.  
Gunner Smith was training to fire this type of gun.  
(Australian War Memorial E04736)

## Marcus Dawson SOUTHWELL

Service Number: 2489  
Address: Public School, Revesby, Bankstown NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Yass NSW  
Occupation: Warehouseman  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Alfred Dawson Southwell  
Care of Public School, Revesby NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 21 years 5 months  
Date of Enlistment: 29 May 1916  
Place of Enlistment: Bankstown NSW  
Departed Australia: 30 November 1916 from Sydney on HMAT A60 Aeneas  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 54th Battalion (then 56th Battalion)

Fate:  
Private Marcus Southwell returned home to Australia on 9 August 1919.

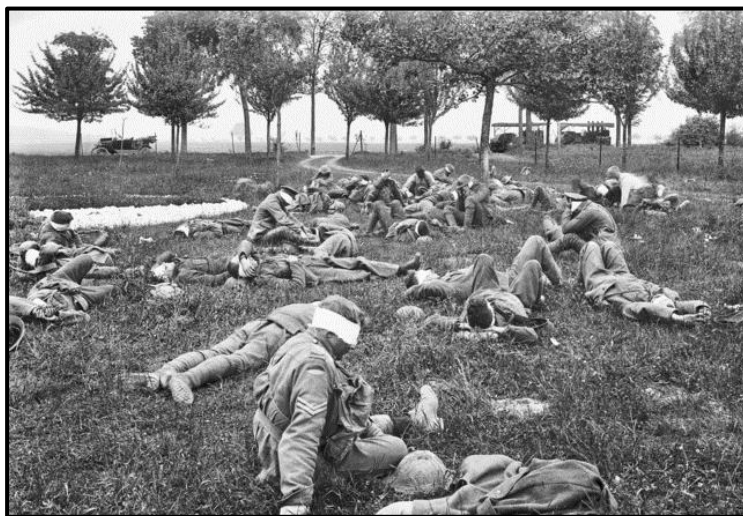
Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honour

Medals: British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Private Southwell was wounded by Mustard Gas on 19 October 1917. He was hospitalised for nine days as the gas poisoning caused vomiting, coughs and hoarseness, chest pains and burns to the skin.

Marcus Southwell's father was the Head Teacher at Hoxton Park Public School in the early years of the 20th century. His brother, Samuel John Southwell, who also enlisted, won a Military Medal for bravery on 9 November 1918 while serving in France.



Gassed Australian soldiers waiting for treatment in May 1918  
(Australian War Memorial E04851)



## Donald Edward STEWART



Service Number: 77  
Address: Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Paddington NSW  
Occupation: Wool Classer  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Mother: Mrs Clara Stewart  
"Glengarry", Hoxton Park  
Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 25 years 2 months  
Date of Enlistment: 14 September 1914  
Place of Enlistment: Rosebery Camp, Sydney NSW  
Departed Australia: 20 October 1915 from Sydney on  
HMAT A16 Star of Victoria  
Rank: Trooper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Light Horse Regiment



### Fate:

Trooper Donald Edward Stewart died of Appendicitis on 6 August 1915 at the 21st General Hospital in Alexandria, Egypt. He was buried at the Chatby Military Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Donald Stewart, known as "Ted", arrived on Gallipoli on 9 May 1915 when Light Horse Regiments were dismounted and sent as reinforcements to Gallipoli to fight as infantry in the trenches.

On 1 August 1915, while serving at Pope's Post on Gallipoli, Trooper Stewart became ill and he was evacuated suffering with Appendicitis. After his evacuation, he was recorded as "missing", meaning that the other soldiers on Gallipoli did not know where he was or what had become of him. On 1 August 1915, he was officially listed as missing. His poor mother, who had not heard from him since July 1915, began writing letters to the Army to try to find out what had happened. She had not been informed that her son was killed, wounded, missing or ill so she hired a solicitor to help with her enquiries. Mrs Stewart even travelled to England to search for Donald. At last, in January 1917, the Army wrote to inform her of her son's death and burial. It had taken the Army over seventeen months to inform Clara what had happened to her dear son Donald.

## George Harold Renwick THOMSON

Service Number: 3600  
Address: Hoxton Park NSW  
Religion: Presbyterian  
Place of Birth: Glasgow, Scotland  
Occupation: Saddle and Harness Maker  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Brother: Mr Ernest Frank Thomson, Austral Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 36 years 11 months  
Date of Enlistment: 17 August 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Warwick Farm NSW  
Departed Australia: 13 October 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A17 Port Lincoln  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 56th Battalion

### Fate:

Private George Thomson returned to Australia on 4 May 1917 and disappeared from the Army. Declared a deserter, he was officially discharged on 27 February 1919.

Memorial Listing: West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Private Thomson had a problem with alcohol so he was often in trouble for being drunk. He also had a problem with military discipline and authority and was often in trouble for misbehaving. As a result, he was sent back to Australia where he discharged himself from the Army.

## Norman John WALCOTT

Service Number: 1077  
Address: Hoxton Park NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Forbes NSW  
Occupation: Farm Hand  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Herbert Henry Walcott, 28 Glebe Road, Glebe NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 19 years 11 months  
Date of Enlistment: 10 April 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool NSW  
Departed Australia: 16 August 1915 from Sydney on HMAT A21 Marere  
Rank: Trooper  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 1st Light Horse Regiment

### Fate:

Trooper Norman Walcott returned to Australia on 14 April 1919 and was discharged on 3 July 1919 as medically unfit. He had contracted Malaria in Palestine causing him to be debilitated.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
West Hoxton Union Church Roll of Honor

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

### Other Information:

Trooper Walcott started his war service with the 1st Light Horse Regiment but he was transferred to the 1st Machine Gun Squadron on 9 August 1917.

Several times during his service in Palestine, Norman suffered with fevers. He was eventually diagnosed with Malaria.



Part of a Light Horse Machine Gun Squadron in action in December 1917  
(Australian War Memorial B01489)

## Harold WHALEY

Service Number: 58896  
Address: Campbelltown Road, Liverpool NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: Liverpool NSW  
Occupation: Horse Driver  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Father: Isaac Whaley, Campbelltown Road, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 19 years 6 months  
Date of Enlistment: 5 June 1918  
Place of Enlistment: Granville NSW  
Departed Australia: 17 July 1918 from Sydney on HMAT A30 Borda  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 35th Battalion

**Fate:**

Private Harold Whaley returned home to Australia on 15 May 1920 with his new wife.

**Memorial Listing:**

Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll  
Liverpool Council Honour Roll at Liverpool City Library

**Medals:**

British War Medal

**Other Information:**

Private Whaley was serving with the 12th Training Battalion in England when the War ended. He married Ruby Cecilia Holmes of 12 Wilson Road, Camberwell, London on 28 July 1919 in the Parish Church of Camberwell.



Accommodation Huts at the 12th Training Battalion Camp in Hurdcott, Wiltshire, England  
where Private Harold Whaley had trained in 1918  
(Australian War Memorial D00244)

## Edward WILLIAMS

Service Number: 1842  
Address: Hoxton Park NSW  
Religion: Church of England  
Place of Birth: North Sydney NSW  
Occupation: Wicker Worker  
Married: Single  
Next of Kin: Grandmother: Mrs A J Foulstone, Hoxton Park, Liverpool NSW  
Age at Enlistment: 19 years 11 months  
Date of Enlistment: 11 January 1915  
Place of Enlistment: Liverpool NSW  
Departed Australia: 17 March 1915  
Rank: Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll: 4th Battalion

**Fate:**

Private Edward Williams returned to Australia and was discharged medically unfit on 5 August 1916.

Memorial Listing: Hoxton Park Public School Honour Roll

Medals: 1914-15 Star  
British War Medal  
Victory Medal

**Other Information:**

The residents of Hoxton Park entertained Private Edward Williams, known as "Ted", prior to his departure for the Front.

Edward arrived on Gallipoli on 31 May 1915. A few months later, on 7 August 1915, he received a shrapnel wound to his right knee and consequently developed Enteric Fever while he was in hospital near Cairo, Egypt. His symptoms were a general weakness and shortness of breath whenever he exerted himself. Eventually he was returned to Australia and discharged because he was no longer fit for military service. He was granted a War Pension in April 1917.

On his return to Australia, Edward was welcomed at the Liverpool Town Hall at a function organised by the Lodge (A. O. Forrester's Star of Liverpool No. 5053) of which he was a member, and his old Regiment, D Company Werriwa, 43rd Infantry. Lieutenant McVicar presented Edward with a dressing case and Alderman Bosley handed him a handsome travelling bag. (Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Saturday 8 April 1916, page 5)

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