GEELONG & DISTRICT

VOLUNTEERS

FIRST WORLD WAR

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INTRODUCTION

For the purposes of this nominal roll of Geelong & District Volunteers who served in the First World War the Geelong & District is the area to the east of a line extending from Lorne to Winchelsea, Inverleigh, Bannockburn, Lethbridge, Lara and Avalon.

The names listed are taken from the A.I.F. Unit Embarkation Nominal Rolls where the address of the volunteer or that of the nominated next of kin is the defined area. The names were checked against the Nominal Roll of Those who left Australia for Service Abroad 1914-1918 War to confirm the fate of each man. Both nominal rolls can be viewed on the Australian War Memorial website (www.awm.gov.au). Commonwealth War Grave Commission records (www.cwgc.org) were checked to determine the names those who are commemorated as war dead. Each name was checked against the Australian War Memorial Honours & Awards.

It should be noted that there are many discrepancies between the various sources used to compile this nominal roll such as spelling of names, given and family, unit, regimental number, date of enlistment and rank. For those where the fate could not be confirmed the service dossier should be consulted on the National Archives of Australia website (www.naa.gov.au).

This nominal roll includes each volunteer's names, awards, regimental number, rank, unit (for war dead the original unit, if different to the last one, is in brackets) and fate. For the war dead the name and location of the cemetery or memorial is included. Details of cemeteries and memorials are available on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website. A glossary is of terms is included.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

NAME

Generally as recorded on the embarkation nominal roll, however, for the war dead the name recorded by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission is used. Those who enlisted using an alias will have the alias nune recorded under the correct name.

It should be noted that the CWGC accepts those who died from wounds, illness, disease or accident resulting from their war service from the 4th August 1914 when war was declared and 31st August 1921when the war was officially declared ended.

AWARDS

Awards received such as the Military Medal (MM) are included after the name. Further information about the awards is available on the Australian War Memorial website.

REGIMENTAL NUMBER

That recorded on the embarkation nominal roll that, in some cases, may not be the same as that recorded on the nominal roll of those who served abroad. Officers were not issued a Regimental Number but for those who were commissioned after enlistment the original number is included.

RANK

First rank held except for war dead where the rank is the last held.   Those commissioned after enlistment will show first and last ranks held.   Rank abreviations are:

A/Sgt = Acting Sergeant
Bdr = Bombardier
BQMS = Base Quarter Master Sergeant
Bug = Buglar
Cpl = Corporal
CQMS = Company Quarter Master Sergeant
CSM = Company Sergeant Major
Dvr = Driver
Gnr = Gunner
L/Cpl = Lance Corporal
L/Sgt – Lance Sergeant
Lt = Lieutenant
Pte = Private
Q.M.S. = Quarter Master Sergeant

Sgt = Sergeant
Sig = Signaller
SN = Staff Nurse
Sis = Sister
SQMS = Staff Quarter Master Sergeant
S/Sgt = Staff Sergeant
W.O. = Warrant Officer
2/A.M. = 2nd Air Mechanic
2/Cpl = 2nd Corporal
2/Lt = 2nd Lieutenant

UNIT

The named unit is the first unit served in. For the war dead whose last unit was different to the first both units have been included with the first unit in brackets. Unit abreviations are:

A.A.M.C. = Australian Army Medical Corps
A.A.N.S. = Australian Army Nursing Service
A.A.V.C. = Australian Army Veterinary Corps
A.C.C. = Australian Cyclist Corps
A.E. = Australian Engineers
A.F.A. = Australian Field Artillery
A.F.C. = Australian Flying Corps
A.H.A. = Australian Heavy Artillery
A.H.T.M.B. = Australian Heavy Trench Mortar Battery
A.I.B.D. = Australian Infantry Base Depot
A.L.H.M.G.S. = Australian Light Horse Machine Gun Squadron
A.L.T.M.B. = Australian Light Trench Mortar Battery
A.M.G.C. = Australian Machine Gun Corps
A.O.C. = Australian Ordnance Corps
A.P. = Australian Pioneers
A.P.C. = Australian Pay Corps
A.S.A. = Australian Salvage Corps
A.Sg.A. = Australian Seige Artilery
A.T.M.B. = Australian Trench Mortar Battery
Bn = Infantry Battalion.
C.C. = Cyclist Company
D.C. = Dental Corps
Div. Train = Divisional Train
F.A.B. = Field Artillery Brigade
L.H. = Light Horse
L.H.B.H.Q. = Light Horse Brigade Headquarters
L.H.S.T. = Light Horse Signal Troop
S.A.B. = Seige Artillery Brigade
S.S. = Signal Squadron
S.T. = Sea Transport
2nd LHFA = 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance
3rd Bgde HQ = 3rd Infantry Brigade Headquarters

4th Bgde HQ = 4th Infantry Brigade Headquarters
7th Bgde HQ = 7th Infantry Brigade Headquarters
8th Bgde HQ = 8th Infantry Brigade Headquarters
10th Bgde HQ = 10th Infantry Brigade Headquarters

FATE

As recorded on the nominal Roll of those who served abroad:

ACC – Died accidental death
CNC – Died overseas, cause not confirmed
DAS – Died at Sea
DEC – Deceased with cause not recorded and not determined by the author.
DFA – Died from Accident
DIED – Died after return from the war
DIS – Discharged
DND – Drowned
DOW – Died from Wounds
DOD – Died from Disease
DRTA – Died during return   to Australia.
FN/R – Fate not recorded.
KIA – Killed in Action.
N/L – Indicates the name not recorded on the Nominal Roll of those who Served Abroad.
N/R – Indicates still abroad at the date of compilation of the NRSA. May also be an ommision.
POW – Dies while Prisoner of War.
RTA – Returned to Australia