



FROM THE BAY
TO THE BATTLEFIELD



From the Bay to the Battlefield, a World War One (WW1) commemoration project, honoured the service of men and women who once lived in, or had a connection with Holdfast Bay.

Commencing in 2015, *From the Bay to the Battlefield* spanned the four year commemoration period of WW1, concluding in November 2018.

The imagery included in this booklet was presented in large scale format and installed in public places from Glenelg to Brighton. Each image invited the viewer to engage and connect with the realities of war and the young men and women who were, in a sense, returned home from the battlefield.

Extensive research conducted by the Holdfast Bay History Centre staff and volunteers uncovered accounts of courage and sacrifice. As the project progressed, new stories and imagery emerged from the community depicting the hardships faced by our WW1 service men and women and their families.

This project was made possible by the Australian Government's ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program and the City of Holdfast Bay.



Private Victor Voules Brown

Farmer

Son of Mrs Eleanor Brown of Stewart Road (now Street), South Brighton

Enlisted June 1916

Served with the 48th Battalion in France

Gassed and wounded in action on 12 April 1917

Pictured with his nephew John Voules Brown just before he embarked for overseas.

Image courtesy of the Brown family



Private David Lewis

Labourer

Resided at 83 Torquay Street (now Penzance Street), Glenelg

Enlisted 28 August 1914

Served with the 10th Infantry Battalion

Killed in action at Gallipoli 28 April 1915
age 23

Commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial,
Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Trooper Ernest John Godwin

Assistant in his uncle's shop, Godwin's Ham
and Small Goods, Moseley Square, Glenelg.
Resided at 4 High Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 20 January 1915

Served with 3rd and later 9th Australian Light
Horse in Gallipoli, Egypt, Jordan, Gaza and
Beersheba

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and
Victory Medal



Trooper Charles Phillip Hayman

Clerk

Son of Mrs Matilda Hayman of 9 East Terrace
(now Brighton Road), Glenelg

Enlisted 2 June 1915

Served with the 3rd Light Horse Regiment in
Egypt

Wounded in action on 23 January 1917 and
returned to Australia 1919

Awarded 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Sergeant Sanford 'Sandy' Rhodes Delbridge

Law Clerk

Son of Pearce Delbridge and Jessie Sparks
Rhodes of Victoria Place (now Colley Terrace),
Glenelg

Enlisted 8 June 1915

Served with the 27th Infantry Battalion in Egypt
and France

Killed in action 2 September 1918 near Saint
Allains, Mont St. Quentin, France

Buried Peronne Communal Cemetery Extension,
France

Awarded 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal

'One of our Battalion runners saw him fall in a
trench and sang out 'Are you hit Sandy?'

Taken from Sergeant Delbridge's Personal Service
Record



Private John Fergus

Clerk

Son of Mrs Agnes Fergus of Smiths Terrace
(now Gordon Street), Glenelg

Enlisted 12 July 1915 aged 19 years

Served with the 9th Light Horse Regiment in
Egypt

Awarded 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Private Julius David Eitzen

Clerk

Son of respected colonist Mr Julius H C Eitzen
and Mrs Elizabeth Eitzen

Resided at Bay Road (now ANZAC Highway),
Glenelg

Enlisted 24 August 1914

Served with the 3rd Light Horse Regiment in
Gallipoli and Egypt

Awarded 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Lieutenant Reginald Stanley Allen

Railway Draughtsman

Son of C Allen of 68 Scarborough Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 28 June 1915 age 22

Served in France with the 10th Infantry Battalion

Wounded in action July 1917

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Lance Corporal Albert Frank Hewett

Blacksmith

Resided at 89 Bay Road (now Anzac Highway),
Glenelg

Enlisted 1914 age 19

Served with the 9th Light Horse in Gallipoli
and as a driver in France with the 13th Field
Company Engineers and later with the 4th
Division Pack Transport Company

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Sergeant Harry Bruce Hewett

Older brother of Albert

Resided with his family on Bay Road
(now Anzac Highway)

Enlisted June 1915 age 23

Served with the 10th Battalion in Egypt
and France

Killed in action on 23 July 1916

Buried at the Pozieres British Cemetery, France

Recommended for decorations for bravery
in the field

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Driver Alan Gladstone Hewett

Carter and Contractor

Older brother of Harry and Albert

Enlisted 3 August 1915

Served with the 3rd Field Company Engineers
in Gallipoli, Egypt, France and Belgium

Gassed at Pozieres and returned to Australia
21 March 1916

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Private Frank Duval Tilbrook

Clerk

Born in Brighton on 2 November 1895

Enlisted April 1916

Served with the 27th Infantry Battalion

Seriously wounded in action and returned to Australia 1917

Pictured with his mother Mary and niece, Dorothy Tilbrook

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Mounted soldiers on exercise along Brighton Road, Brighton looking south c. 1915



Nurses and wounded soldiers in front of the ANZAC Hostel (now KAPARA Aged Care Facility, Glenelg South) c. 1920

Far right Sister I Bonnin, 4th from right Sister E J Magarey.



Private John Ford Yuill

Stockman

Born and resided at The Mall (now Moseley Street), Glenelg

Enlisted 9 January 1915

Served with the 7th Machine Gun Battalion and 25th Battalion in Egypt, Gallipoli and France

Wounded in action, Poziers 4 August 1916

Discharged 18 May 1917 as medically unfit

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Private William James Polglase

Fireman

Resided Gore Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 14 April 1915

Served with the 10th Australian Infantry Battalion in France

Killed in action in France on 25 July 1916 age 24

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Private Ernest Martyn Worden

Railway Porter working principally on the Glenelg lines

Resided at Jetty Road, Glenelg

Enlisted 1 October 1914 age 23

Served with the 4th Australian Field Ambulance in Egypt

Died at Alexandria 10 May 1915 from wounds received in action at Gallipoli

Private Worden was one of six brothers who went to the front

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Sergeant Peter Laycock

Master Monument Maker

Resided at Nile Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 8 August 1915

Served with the 27th Infantry Battalion

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Staff Nurse Katie Valerie Stimson

Nurse

Resided at 'Fairfield', Whyte Street,
New Glenelg (now Somerton Park)

Enlisted 6 October 1917 age 34

Served with the Australian Army Nursing Service
in Bombay and on the hospital ship Vita which
sailed between Bombay, Basrah, Suez and
Marseilles.

Stimson Grove, off Whyte Street, Somerton Park
is named after Sister Stimson's family.

Awarded British War Medal only. Sister Stimson
was never considered eligible for either the
1914/15 Star or the Victory Medal

Image courtesy of SLISA 26/5/4/1734



Staff Nurse Irene Gertrude Hiller Bonnin

Born New Glenelg 1884

Resided at 'Fenton', Robert Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 19 June 1915 age 30

Served with the Australian Army Nursing Service at the Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis, Egypt and then in France and England.

After the war, Irene worked at the ANZAC Hostel, Moseley Street, Glenelg (now KAPARA Aged Care Facility).

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.



Lance Corporal Harold Hamilton

Railway Porter

Born and resided in Brighton

Enlisted 10 September 1914

Served with the 8th Battalion in Egypt and France

Seriously wounded in action in France 23 August, 1918

Discharged 30 June 1919 as medically unfit

Died at Myrtle Bank Sanatorium 17 May 1921, age 31

Buried at North Brighton Cemetery

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Gunner Arnold Alexander Macully

Farm Hand

Resided at 'Dunluce', Yester Avenue, Brighton

Enlisted 4 August 1915

Served with the 1st and 5th Divisions Ammunition Columns as a driver and as a gunner in the 14th and 15th Artillery Brigades

Killed in action 23 October 1918 during the last offensive against the Hindenburg Line, France, age 24

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal

Image courtesy of SRSA 26/5/4/2643



Soldiers swimming their horses at Brighton beach, 1909. Image courtesy of SLISA 280/1/11/309



Captain Albert Reginald Stanley Gartrell

Printer

Enlisted 23 September 1914

Served with the 3rd Light Horse Brigade and
3rd Signal Troop

Seriously wounded in action, Anzac Cove,
2 May 1915

Drowned whilst on leave at Manly, Sydney
26 March 1916, attempting to rescue stranded
swimmers

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Private Charles P. E. Perryman

Postal Assistant

Married Ivy Karran of Alma Street, Glenelg

Served with the Naval Expeditionary Force that captured Germany's Pacific Colonies in 1914. On return to Australia he enlisted with the AIF and, despite illness, served at Gallipoli and on the Western Front

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Private Raymond Melville James Whitford

Grocer

Resided Main Road (now Brighton Road),
Brighton

Enlisted March 1918 aged 18yrs

Served with the 27th Battalion then transferred
to the Australian Burial/Graves Registration
Detachment

Awarded 1914/1915 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal

Whitford died in August 1923 as a result of
tuberculosis. He is buried at the North Brighton
Cemetery, Brighton.



Lieutenant Albert 'Bert' Edward Seary

Farmer

Enlisted 27 July 1916

Served with the 50th Battalion in France

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal

Awarded Military Medal 13 September 1919
for bravery at Villers-Bretonneux

Image courtesy of the Brown family



Lieutenant Charles Rischbieth Jury

English Literature Student

Born September 1893 at 80 Moseley Street,
Glenelg (now KAPARA Aged Care Facility)

Served with Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire
Light Infantry

Seriously wounded near Ypres, Belgium in 1915

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and
Victory Medal



Lance Corporal Hugh Phillips Leak

Clerk

Resided at High Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 11 May 1915

Served with 10th Battalion in France

Killed in action 5 August 1916 age 19

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and
Victory Medal

Leak, who stood at an impressive 6ft. 3 in.
tall, enlisted on his 18th birthday and would
celebrate his 19th in the trenches



The 43rd Battalion during a March Past and Presentation of Colours

Moseley Square, 19 May 1916

The 43rd Battalion was raised in 1916 and consisted mainly of South Australians. The 43rd left Australia 1023 men strong. By 1918, and with the added numbers of reinforcements, 386 men had been killed in action and 1321 wounded.

The 43rd received 15 battle honours, which included Ypres, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, the Somme, Amiens and Flanders.



Lance Sergeant Eric Cecil Walker

Student

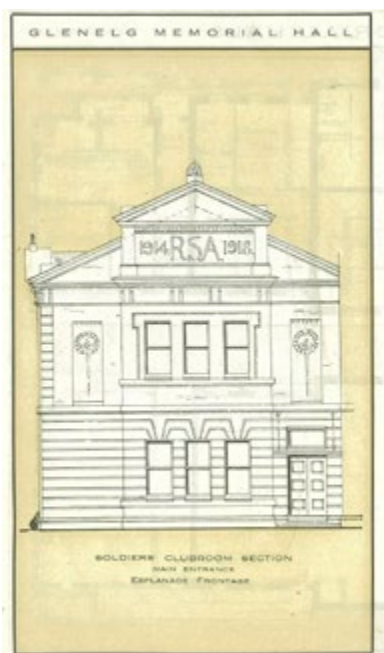
Resided at 4 Rodolph Terrace (now Gordon Street), Glenelg

Enlisted 1 July 1915 age 19

Served with 27th Battalion in Egypt and France

Killed in action in France, 10 June 1918

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



In November 1924, in the presence of 3000 people and after raising £5000 for construction, the Glenelg War Memorial Committee officially opened this section of the Glenelg Town Hall. It was to be known as the Soldiers' Clubrooms. The facility was leased to the newly formed Glenelg sub-branch of the then Returned Soldiers' and Sailors' Imperial League.

It was the vision of the Committee that the rooms would both memorialise and service the 1100 men 'who took their places in the fighting ranks of the Empire from this district' (The Advertiser, 1921).

After the conclusion of WWII, the branch took up new rooms when numbers swelled.



Reinforcements to the Australian Army Medical Corps outside Glenelg Town Hall, 1916



Violet Day Postcard 1918

The first Violet Day was held on 2 July 1915. Tiny bouquets of violets, with purple ribbons printed with the words 'In Memory', were sold in the streets as a fundraiser when South Australia paused to honour those who died at Gallipoli. The last Violet Day was celebrated on 2 August 1970.

There are three profiles of famous faces hiding in the violet posy. Use the clues to help locate them.

Image courtesy Josephine T. Allen



Second Lieutenant Frederick Taylor Measday

Assayer

Resided at East Terrace (now Brighton Road),
Glenelg

Enlisted 7 April 1915

Served with the 27th Australian Infantry Battalion

Killed in action on 5 November 1916 age 24

Commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux
Memorial

Mentioned in dispatches for distinguished
conduct and bravery

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and
Victory Medal



Captain Kirke Charles Godfrey

Medical Practitioner

Resided at 27 Althorpe Place (now Colley
Terrace), Glenelg

Enlisted 1 February 1915

Served with the 7th Field Ambulance and 2nd
Australian General Hospital in Egypt and France

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and
Victory Medal



Members of the 10th Battalion exercising their horses at Glenelg Beach, 1915. Of the 136,000 Australian horses sent overseas during WWI only one returned to Australia.

Image Courtesy SLA PRG 280/1/12/249



Corporal George Henry Deer

Farmer

Brighton

Enlisted 15 September 1914

Served with 9th Light Horse Brigade at Gallipoli, Egypt and Palestine.

Wounded in Action 1917.

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Corporal Deer is pictured in the sand dunes on Brighton beach, c. 1920.

Image Courtesy SLA B 56650



Major Mervyn James Herbert

Area Officer

Resided at 'Caringa', Brighton and Bath Street,
New Glenelg

Enlisted 19 August 1914

Served in the 10th Infantry Battalion and
50th Battalion in Egypt and France

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal,
and Victory Medal

Commended for 'conspicuous gallantry ...
between 25 April and 5 May 1915' for leading
the evacuation of wounded from forward
positions at Gallipoli.



Sergeant Wilfred Prior Chinner

Clerk

Resided Main Road (now Brighton Road),
Brighton

Enlisted 14 July 1915, age 19

Served with 27th and 10th Infantry Battalions
in France

Killed in action 10 August 1918

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal

Awarded Military Medal, 21 May 1918 for
bravery at Ypres on 20 September 1917



Lance Corporal Tom Keith Knight

Salesman

Resided in Byron Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 10 November 1914

Served with the 12th Battalion at Gallipoli
and 52nd Battalion in France

Wounded at Gallipoli 25 April 1915

Killed in Action in France 29 June 1916

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal, and
Victory Medal



Trooper Clive Roberts

Engineer

Resided at 'The Olives', Olive Street, Glenelg

Son of former Mayor of Glenelg, Alfred Roberts

Enlisted 22 February 1915

Served with the 27th Battalion and the
3rd Australian Light Horse in Egypt, Gallipoli
and Palestine

Killed in action during the Battle of Rafah,
Palestine, 9th January 1917 age 20

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



More than 3,000 Australian civilian nurses volunteered for active service during WWI. By war's end, nurses had proven themselves essential to the military medical service.

Listed are the names of women who had a connection with Holdfast Bay and served as nurses during WWI. Photographs of the majority of these women have yet to be discovered.

Addison, Staff Nurse Marion; Bonnin, Sister Irene; Campbell, Staff Nurse Epsie; Carr, Sister Myrtle; Eddy, Sister Muriel; Eglinton, Sister Elsie; Galvin, Sister Annie Giddings, Sister Gertrude; Gordon, Staff Nurse Margaret; Hancock, Staff Nurse Laura; Hecker, Staff Nurse Ivy; Ingleby, Sister Mary; Kildea, Staff Nurse Lucy Liddy, Staff Nurse Winefred; Love, Sister Grace; Macklin, Sister Elizabeth; Magarey, Sister Elizabeth; O'Connell, Sister Mary; Reid, Sister Mary Sadlier, Sister Angela; Stimson, Staff Nurse Katie; Wright, Sister Daisy Jane; Young, Sister Ruby

Image courtesy SLSA B26285/138, Souvenir of Army Nurses Day 1917



The Chabrel Family

By the end of 1915, all four sons of Annie and Marcelin Chabrel of Glenelg had enlisted in WWI. After the death in Gallipoli of Frank Chabrel the family, including Madge Chabrel, became heavily involved in the Glenelg Cheer-Up Society which aimed to support soldiers who were embarking or returning from the battlefields of the Great War.

Images courtesy Chabrel Family

Lieutenant Cecil 'Cec' Chabrel, 10th Infantry Battalion

Corporal Edwin 'Ted' Chabrel, 16th Infantry Battalion

Captain Francis 'Frank' Chabrel, 16th Infantry Battalion, KIA 7 August, 1915

Lance Corporal Victor Chabrel, 10th Infantry Battalion and 1st Pioneers Battalion

Madeline 'Madge' Chabrel in her Cheer-Up Society uniform



Sergeant Allan John Alexander Young

Labourer

Resided at 68 Broadstairs Street, New Glenelg
(now Hastings Street, Glenelg South)

Enlisted 6 December, 1915

Served with 9th and 14th Light Horse Regiments
and the Imperial Camel Corps in Egypt

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and
Victory Medal

During WWII, Sergeant Young enlisted to
serve with the Australian Army Reserve. He
was discharged in November 1945.



Trooper John William Pinnington

Labourer

Resided at 41 Washington Street (now Byron
Street), Glenelg

Enlisted 4 October 1915 age 19

Served with 3rd Light Horse Brigade and
Anzac Imperial Camel Corps in Egypt.

Wounded in action 19 April 1917 and
discharged as medically unfit.

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Private Maurice W Bartley

Carpenter

Son of G. Bartley of Alison Street, St Leonards
(now Glenelg North)

Enlisted 14 September 1914

Served with the 16th and 10th Infantry Battalions

Wounded at Gallipoli in 1915 and again in
1917 in Belgium

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Sergeant William Joseph O'Regan

Clerk

Resided Rose Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 28 July 1915

Served with the 12th and 52nd Australian
Infantry Battalions

Killed in action 25 September 1917 age 23

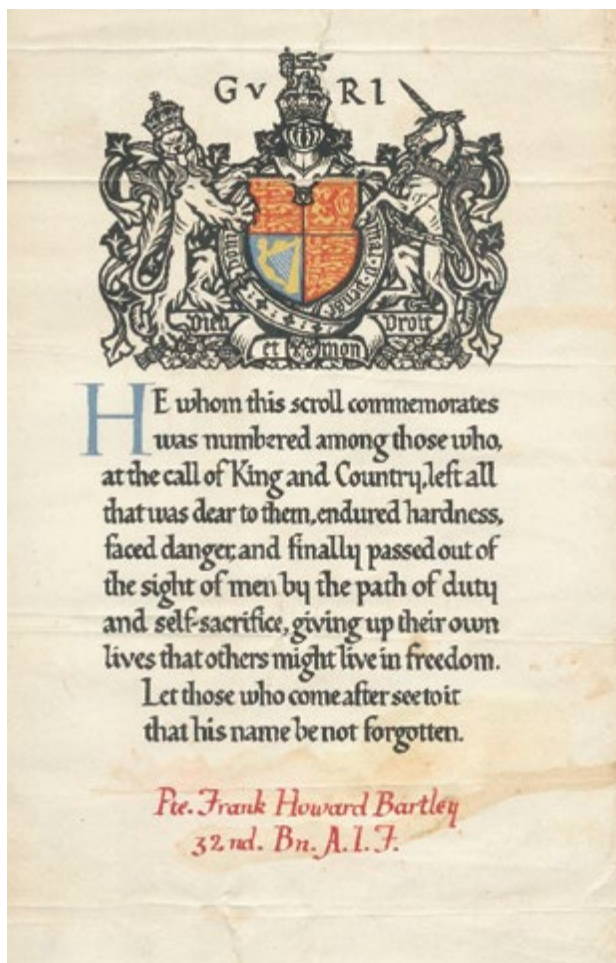
Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal



Children on their way to a beach rally during WW1. Jetty Road, Brighton looking east, c. 1915.



War Medal Distribution at Brighton, 1920



Memorial scrolls such as this one, along with the “Dead Man’s Penny” and service medals, were sent to each soldier’s family following their death.

Private Frank Howard Bartley

Railway Employee

Brother of Maurice Bartley

Resided at Alison Street, St Leonards (now Glenelg North)

Enlisted 17 October 1916

Served with the 32nd Battalion in France

Killed in action 29 September 1918 during the attack on Bellicourt village, France

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Private Henry Aslett

Labourer at the Brighton Cement Works
Resided at Folkestone Road, Brighton
Enlisted 21 July 1915

Served with the 10th and 50th Battalions
in Egypt and France

Killed in action 16 August 1916 at Mouquet
Farm, France age 27

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal,
Victory Medal

Image courtesy of AWM P10626.001



Sapper Harold L. Bartlett

Fitter and turner
Resided at 2 Partridge Street, Glenelg
Enlisted 7 July 1917

Served with the 5th Division Signals Company
in Egypt

Evacuated to England with pneumonia and
died there 4 April 1918 age 19

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal
and Victory Medal
Pictured 3rd from left with his family.

Image courtesy of Valma Oldfield



Trooper Alfred W.A. Brown

Engine Driver

Resided at Mack Street, St Leonards (now Glenelg North)

Enlisted 25 November 1914

Served with the 11th and 9th Light Horse and 1st Australian Camel Regiment in the Middle East
Hospitalised for 3 months and invalided home on 22 December 1918

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal

Pictured in front of the Old Gum Tree, Glenelg
Image courtesy of SLISA B71125



Private Stanley G. Watkins

Draughtsman

Brother of Mary Watkins, Moseley Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 26 July 1915

Served with the 5th Pioneer and 10th Infantry Battalions

Severely wounded at Hollebeke, Belgium on 6 March 1918

Awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal Victory Medal

Pictured in uniform with his family on Brighton Beach, South Australia. ANZAC Day, 1922.
Image Courtesy of the Watkins family



The approach to Glenelg Jetty during the first Patriotic Carnival in 1915. The event raised money for the families of Belgian civilians executed during the German invasion between August and September 1914. The carnival was held annually after 1915 with money raised aiding those serving overseas.

Image Courtesy SLISA PRG733_285



Postcards emblematic of home were treasured by men at the Front during WW1. This card of a lorikeet was sent in April 1917 and included 'a big kiss from little Ruby and heaps of kisses from your dearest wifey Zillah'.

Image courtesy Josephine T. Allen



At least 1000 Aboriginal Australians fought in WW1 yet the contribution of Aboriginal service men and women has not always been recognised. At enlistment camps, Aboriginal Australians stood side by side with other Australians to answer the call of duty. They fought together with their mates in the trenches, they suffered the hardships of war, and their families and communities grieved for those that did not return.

During WW1, the Aboriginal boomerang had special significance to those sending postcards such as this. It played that, like the boomerang, the receiver would return safely home to the sender.

Image courtesy of Josephine T. Allen



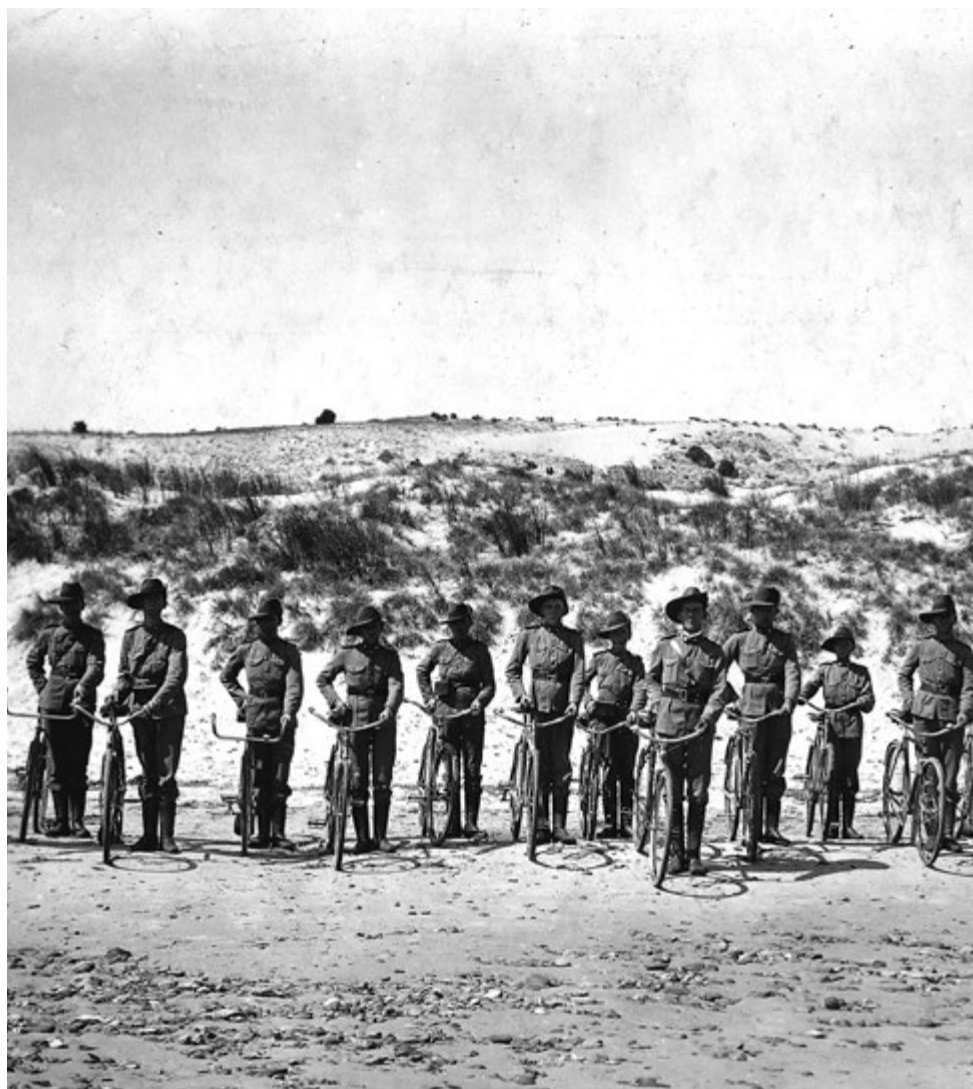
Sentimental postcards were popular during WW1, often expressing feelings the senders themselves were unable to put into words. The message on the back of this card reads simply: 'To Joe with fond love Mother & all'.

Image courtesy of Josephine T. Allen



Postcards were the main choice of communication from the front during WW1 and took about eight weeks to reach home. Due to heavy censorship only brief messages were possible, often saying that despite dire conditions, the sender was 'A1' or 'in the pink' and hoping all at home were the same.

Image courtesy Josephine T. Allen



Members of the cadet cycle corps assembled with their bicycles on the beach at Brighton, circa 1911.

During WW1, the Australian Cycling Corps was formed in Egypt in 1916 as part of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF).

They fought on the Western Front in France and Belgium. Used mainly as dispatch riders, they also conducted reconnaissance and patrols.

Image courtesy of SLISA PRG 280/1/3/66



Sacred Heart College Cadets, 1917.

Cadet training was compulsory for all Australian schoolboys over the age of 12 prior to and during WWI. More than 92,000 skilled ex-cadets were ready for enlistment at the outbreak of war.

Three hundred and six Sacred Heart old Scholars served in the Great War, of those 24 died.

L-R: Jack Dawson, Sam Barrett, Tom Canny, (name unknown), Wal Neagle and Henry Kennedy.

Image Courtesy Sacred Heart College



South Australian Light Horseman on exercise, Brighton Road Seacliff 1914.

Approximately 17,000 South Australian horses were sent to the Front during WWI.

Many, like those above, were trained at the No 9 Remount Depot, Glenthorne, O'Halloran Hill.

None of the horses returned home.

Image courtesy of SLSA PRG 280/1/14/246



Corporal Cyril St Clair Le Messurier

Warehouseman

Son of Emily Le Messurier, Morley Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 10 December 1914

Served with the 10th Battalion at Gallipoli and the Western Front

Hospitalized twice at Gallipoli and wounded in action twice in France

Invalided to Australia September 1918

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Lance Sergeant Percy John Vawser

Fireman

Son of Emma Vawser, 27 Chancery Lane (now Sturt Street), Glenelg

Enlisted 1 July 1915

Served with the 32nd Battalion in Egypt and on the Western Front

Wounded in action twice

Awarded 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



Sister Ella Jane Tucker

Nurse

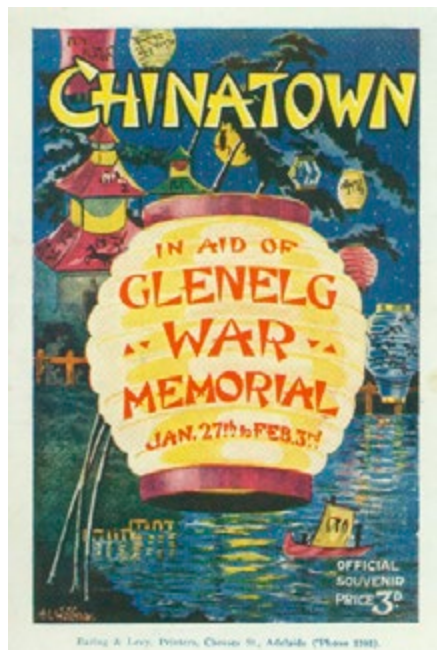
Resided at Farrell Street, Glenelg

Enlisted 27 November 1914

Served with the Royal Australian Army Nursing Service on the Hospital ship Gascon moored off Gallipoli, the Second Australian General Hospital Wimereux, France and various military hospitals in England.

Returned to Australia 10 April 1919

Awarded Royal Red Cross Second Class for valuable war service, 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal



For its WW1 Memorial, Glenelg chose an addition to the North West corner of the Town Hall.

This acted as a tribute to the fallen and was used as clubrooms for those who returned.

The Chinese themed 1923 carnival was a fundraiser for the project.

The Memorial Hall remains today, a fitting tribute to those who served and to the generous citizens whose contributions ensured their boys would never be forgotten.

Campaign Buttons popularly known as 'tinnies' were sold to raise funds for various WWI causes.

Top to Bottom

Produced for the people of Seacliff and likely sold by the Seacliff Cheer-Up Society to raise funds for 'their boys' serving overseas.

Violets and buttons were sold in the streets to honour those involved in the Gallipoli campaign.

The 3rd Light Horse was based at Glenthorne, O'Halloran Hill. The men and horses were a familiar sight in Holdfast Bay as they trained on the roads and beaches.



Mothers of Brighton would have sent postcards similar to this to their boys at the front.

About 120 boys enlisted from Brighton in WWI and, of those, 22 were killed in action or died of wounds or disease.

Image courtesy Josephine T. Allen





Proclamation Day Program, 1920

Glenelg's 83rd Commemoration Day was dedicated to peace and prosperity in celebration of the end of the Great War.

THE WAR IS OVER and Victory with her trumpet, laurel wreath and olive branch looks to the future.



Postcard: Ypres, Belgium 1912 and 1919

This postcard shows the destruction wrought on the towns along the Western Front during WW1. The reverse of the card reads:

"14/6/19 The country around Ypres is totally devastated and there is a spirit of depression and utter hopelessness."

The names of 6,000 Australian soldiers still missing on the Belgian battlefields are etched on the Menin Gate at Ypres. Of those, at least 25 were from Holdfast Bay.

Image courtesy of Josephine T. Allen



1914 French Christmas Card

This sweet Christmas Card was sent to young Thérèse Coquerel of Villers Bretonneux, France in 1914. Four years later her village lay in ruins.

On the nearby memorial the names of 9,600 Australian soldiers are recorded as still missing on the French battlefields. Of those, at least 30 were from Holdfast Bay. Thérèse's descendants still live in the area today.

Image courtesy of Josephine T. Allen



Seacliff WW1 Memorial Clock

Funds raised by the Improvement Society, Spinning Club and the local Gala Day supported the construction of Seacliff's WW1 memorial clock. The arch was destroyed by a storm in 1964 and the clock was moved to the Seacliff Hotel. Its location today is unknown.

Image courtesy of State Library of South Australia, B 75109/27, Memorial Clock, Seacliff., c1931



Dedication of the Brighton Cement Company's WW1 Memorial, 1920

As one of very few memorials built by a private company in South Australia, the Brighton Cement Company's WW1 Memorial has historical significance.

Of the 29 employees listed on the memorial from the Holdfast Bay area, 7 were killed in action.



Arch of Remembrance Dedication, 26 November 1926, Brighton

More than 120 men enlisted from the Brighton area during WW1 and of those, 22 were killed in action or died of wounds or disease. The Arch of Remembrance was dedicated in 1926 as Brighton's World War 1 memorial.



Royal Visit, 1920

As part of his post-war tour of thanks to the Commonwealth, Edward, Prince of Wales, visited Glenelg in July 1920.



Glenelg Cheer-Up Society Postcard

The South Australian Cheer-Up Society, founded by Alexandrine Seager at the outbreak of WW1, comprised mostly of female volunteers.

Its aim was to boost the morale of troops by feeding, housing and entertaining them while they were on leave from camp or passing through Adelaide.

The Glenelg Cheer-Up hut in Moseley Square issued these cards to soldiers to send home.



Peace with Victory Postcard

PEACE AT LAST, the Great War was over and the boys were coming home! Major celebrations were held in cities and towns across Australia. For those who had lost a loved one, peace brought only sadness with the final realisation that THEIR boy would never return.

Image courtesy of Josephine T. Allen

Our research uncovered many more men and women who served in World War 1 and once had a connection to Holdfast Bay.

Many are pictured in the collages, their names are listed on page 55.



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