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NEWSLETTER

JARRAHMOND'S ROLL OF HONOR

GREAT EUROPEAN WAR 1914 ROLL OF HONOR 1919 JARRAHMOND STATE SCHOOL

+ AUSTIN, G.	MORGAN, W.
BEATTIE, J.	MORGAN, H.
BEATTIE, F.	MADDERN, A.
BROWN, M.	+ MOYSEY, E.
BROWN, D.	NIXON, J.
BROWN, A.	+ PERRY, E.
COTTERILL, P.	PRICE, A.
COWELL, F.	ROSS, G.
FOLEY, R.	ROSS, GREG
+ GUNN, W.	RUSSELL, D.
GUNN, E.	RUSSELL, W.
+ HARRIS, W.	THOMPSON, J. A.
HUGARD, I. B. I. DE.	THOMPSON, T.
JOHNSTON, R. R.	THOMPSON, J.
+ JOHNSTON, J.	WISHART, R.
LYNN, K.	STAPLEY, M. SISTER
+ McLEOD, M.	STAPLEY, E. SISTER
MORGAN, D.	

HONOR THE BRAVE

+ SUPREME SACRIFICE

Jarrahmond Honor Roll

The May Newsletter gave biographical details of service personnel from Jarrahmond who served in the 1939-1945 World War. This month's Newsletter features personnel listed on the Jarrahmond State School Honor Roll who served during the 1914-1919 First World War.

Additional information and corrections would be appreciated.

George Lake AUSTIN

George was born in 1885 in Melbourne, the son of George Lake AUSTIN and Jane THOMPSON. He was a farmer at Jarrahmond when he enlisted from Orbost on 14th February, 1916, aged 30, in World War I. He was married and a Private with the 22nd Infantry Battalion. He embarked from Melbourne on 3rd July, 1916, on HMAT *Ayrshire*. He was a Lance Corporal with the 22nd Battalion, when he was killed in action on 9th October, 1917, aged 32, at Ypres, France.

Francis Harold BEATTIE

Frank was born at Orbost in 1892, the son of John Wilson BEATTIE and Arthurena Dora MORRISON. He was a horse breaker, aged 21, when he enlisted from Orbost on 27th September, 1915, in World War I. Service No. 6918. He was a Driver with the 4th Field Artillery Brigade when he embarked from Melbourne on 18th November, 1915, on board HMAT *Wiltshire*. He was a Brigadier with the 22nd Field Artillery and returned to Australia on 27th August, 1917. Frank died at Upwey in 1974, aged 81.

Joseph Frederick BEATTIE

Joe was born at Panmure in 1888, the son of John Wilson BEATTIE and Arthurena Dora MORRISON. In the early days he worked on different district properties and acted as a drover. He was a keen horseman and rode in many show events. He enlisted at Orbost on 23rd May, 1916, aged 27, in World War I, and served as a Private with the 3rd Pioneer Battalion in the A.I.F. Service No. 1973. He embarked from Melbourne on 28th July, 1916, on board HMAT *Themistocles*. He returned to Australia on 21st June, 1919, and to Orbost on 19th August, 1919. Later on he was a sleeper cutter at Newmerella. He worked in partnership with his brother-in-law, Phil McLaughlin, in the timber industry and was a strong advocate for the Timber Workers' Union. He took a leading part in the Union's activities.

Joe died at Orbost on 11th August, 1952, aged 64, and was buried in the Orbost cemetery.

A **BROWN**

D **BROWN**

M **BROWN**

Can anyone help with information on these three soldiers?

Most likely three brothers from the same family, but haven't been able to locate them in the Orbost Honour Roll book or in Australian War Memorial databases. Such a common surname and an initial instead of a first name makes researching of War records an onerous task.

Percy COTTERILL

Percy was the son of Joseph Thomas COTTERILL and Annie Elizabeth LEATHAM. He was a grocer's assistant when he enlisted on 11th July, 1915, as a Private with the 30th Infantry Battalion. Service No. 629. He embarked from Sydney on 9th November, 1915, on HMAT *Beltana*. He returned to Australia on 8th May, 1919. Percy's next of kin, as listed in his war records, was his father, Joseph Thomas COTTERILL, of Badminton Road, Croydon, NSW.



Francis Donelly COWELL

Frank was born in 1891 at Orbost-Snowy River, the son of James COWELL and Catherine Maria O'ROURKE. He attended the Jarrahmond State School and was a farmer at *Greenbank*, Orbost, when he enlisted from Orbost on 28th September, 1914, in World War I. Service No. 86. He embarked from Melbourne on 25th February, 1915, on HMAT *Star of Victoria*, and served with the 8th Light Horse Regiment at Gallipoli, Syria and Palestine. He sustained a gunshot wound to the head while on active service in Palestine. He returned to Australia on 29th April, 1919. He was awarded the British War Medal and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was the greenkeeper at the Orbost Bowling Club for 11 years until he retired in 1967. Frank died at Sale in 1973, aged 81.

R FOLEY

Not listed in Orbost Honour Roll book, and can't be located in Australian War Memorial databases. Any information would be appreciated.

Duncan Dennis GUNN

Duncan, the son of Alexander GUNN and Annie KELLY, was one of 3 brothers to serve in World War 1. The brothers all enlisted on 14th February, 1916, being allocated consecutive Service Nos.— Duncan, No. 5020, Edward 5021, and William 5022. Duncan was 41 years of age and a Private in the 22nd Infantry Battalion. The 3 brothers all embarked from Melbourne on 3rd July, 1916, on board HMAT *Ayrshire*. Sadly, Edward was the only brother to return to Australia. Duncan was killed in action on 4th August, 1916, and William died of wounds on 17th May, 1917. It should be noted that Duncan has not been listed on the Jarrahmond Roll of Honor, but has been included here as his contribution is well worthy of recognition.

Edward GUNN

Edward was born on 26th December, 1876, at Corowa, NSW, the son of Alexander GUNN and Annie KELLY. He selected land beyond Jarrahmond and cleared it with fire, axe and shovel. He enlisted from Orbost on 14th February, 1916, in World War I - Service No. 5021. He was 40 years of age and a Private in the 22nd Infantry Battalion. He embarked from Melbourne on 3rd July, 1916, on board HMAT *Ayrshire*. He returned to Australia on 19th June, 1919. Edward drowned in a waterhole created by road works on the Back Jarrahmond Road on 24th June 1958. He was aged 82.

William GUNN

William, the son of Alexander GUNN and Annie KELLY, was a labourer around Jarrahmond before he enlisted from Orbost on 14th February, 1916, in World War I - Service No. 5022. He was 41 years of age and a Private in the 22nd Infantry Battalion. He embarked from Melbourne on 3rd July, 1916, on board HMAT *Ayrshire*. William died of wounds in France on 17th May, 1917.

W HARRIS

Not listed in Orbost Honour Roll book, and not located in Australian War Memorial databases. Can anyone help?

Ion Beresford Irwin DE HUGARD

The son of Alexander DE HUGARD and Sophie GILLMAN, he was a teacher at Jarrahmond in 1912. When he enlisted on 25th January, 1916, at the age of 38, he was a State school teacher at Middle Creek, Vic. He was a Lance Corporal with the 3rd Pioneer Battalion - Service No. 179. He disembarked on 6th June, 1916, from Melbourne on the HMAT *Wandilla*. Ion died at Heidelberg in 1952, aged 75.

Richard Robert (Dick) JOHNSTON

Dick was born on 5th December, 1889, at Tabbara, the son of John JOHNSTON and Eva MORRISH. He was educated at Jarrahmond school and on leaving school worked on his father's property until the outbreak of war. He enlisted on 25th June, 1915, from Orbost in World War 1. Service No. 937. He was a trouser with the 3rd 13th Light Horse Re-inforcement and served in France (Somme Valley) and Egypt. He returned to Orbost in 1918 and took up share-farming at Bete Bolong, acquiring his own property in 1920. He carried on general farming and dairying. Dick also enlisted in World War 2 on 5th May, 1942, at Orbost, and served in the 13th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. V365321. He received his discharge on 4th September, 1944. He involved himself in municipal affairs serving as an Orbost Shire councillor from 1934 to 1965. He has the distinction of never facing an election as he filled the vacancy created by the retirement of Simon Gargan and then he was never opposed in his 31 years as a councillor representing the South riding. He was a member of the East Gippsland Planning committee for 18 years; he served on the Snowy River Improvement Trust for 3 years, and was president of the Orbost Bowling Club in 1967-68. He died at Orbost in 1976, aged 86.



Robert R JOHNSTON



John W JOHNSTON

John William (Jack) JOHNSTON

Jack was born at Bete Bolong in 1895, the son of John JOHNSTON and Eva MORRISH. He attended the Jarrahmond State School and was a farmer at Jarrahmond when he enlisted on 19th January, 1916. He was aged 20 and served as a Private with the 15th Machine Gun Company - Service No. 243. He embarked from Melbourne on 4th May, 1916, on HMAT *Port Lincoln*, and was killed in action on 19th September, 1917, aged 22.

Keith LYNN

Keith was born at Orbost in 1894, the son of Samuel James LYNN and Elizabeth WARREN. He was educated at the Jarrahmond State School and saw active service in the 1914-18 World War. He enlisted on 2nd June, 1918, aged 22, as a Private with the 10th Machine Gun Company. Service No. 367. He embarked from Melbourne on 20th October, 1916, on the *HMAT Port Lincoln*, and served in France for 4½ years. On his discharge from the Army he carried on farming pursuits at *Fairleigh*, Jarrahmond, then at *Kiandra*, Orbost.

Keith was a noted grazier and a good judge of stock. He won prizes at the Royal Melbourne Show with his stock, taking out the carcass competition for 3 grassed steers in 1957 and 1958. He owned and raced the horse, *Nimmitabel*, which won at Traralgon and the Bega Cup on 4 occasions. He also rode *Lottie's Trip* to a win at the Richmond Trots in Melbourne.

Keith was a committee member of the Marlo Racing Club and the Orbost Agricultural Society, and was a Central riding councillor of the Orbost Shire from 1939 to 1955. He was a foundation commissioner of the Snowy River Improvement Trust formed in 1951, and its chairman in 1957-58. He also served as a commissioner of the Orbost Waterworks Trust, was an active member of the Jarrahmond Social Club, a foundation member of the Orbost Men's Club, a member of the Orbost R.S.L. Branch, and a keen member of the Orbost Bowling Club.

In the early days, with horse teams, Keith carted produce between Orbost and Bairnsdale, and in 1952, with his wife and daughter, he spent several months overseas visiting the grave of his son, Flight Sergeant William Archibald LYNN, who was killed in a mid-air collision over Northumberland, England, during World War 2, and buried at Harrogate cemetery.

Keith died at the Epworth Hospital, Melbourne, on 6th October, 1961, aged 65.



Albert Walter (Bert) MADDERN

Bert was born at Orbost in 1893, the son of Walter Wellington MADDERN and Elizabeth Emma FORD. He was aged 23, and a farmer at Orbost, when he enlisted in World War 1 on 2nd October, 1916. He served as a Sapper with the 3rd Divisional Signal Company - Service No. 17047. He embarked on 17th January, 1917, from Melbourne, on the RMS *Omrah*, and returned to Australia on 19th June, 1919.

Bert died at Bendigo in 1969, aged 75.



Murdoch McLEOD

Murdoch was born at Orbost in 1895, the son of Hector McLEOD and Georgina RAWLE. He enlisted from Orbost and was killed in action in World War 1. His name is listed in the Orbost Honour Roll book, but there are no other details, and he can't be located in the Australian War Memorial databases.

Donald Richard MORGAN

Donald was born at Bairnsdale in 1880, the son of George Ponting MORGAN and Annie WORSLEY. He lived at Bemm River and enlisted from Orbost on 2nd September, 1915, aged 24, in World War 1 - Service No. 1904. He was a Private in the 4th Light Horse Regiment and embarked from Sydney on 20th January, 1916, on the *HMAT Runic*. He returned to Australia on 16th March, 1919.

Don died at Orbost in 1954, aged 73.

Horace Haggar MORGAN

Horrie was born at Bairnsdale in 1895, the son of Frederick MORGAN and Bessie Bell FILMER. He was a farmer at Cann River, aged 21, when he enlisted on 28th April, 1916, in World War 1. He served as a Private in the 37th Infantry Battalion - Service No. 2375. He embarked from Melbourne on 20th October, 1916, on the *HMAT Port Lincoln*, returning to Australia on 27th September, 1917.

Horrie died at Caulfield in 1937, aged 41.

William James MORGAN

Bill was born at Bairnsdale in 1882, the son of George Ponting MORGAN and Annie WORSLEY. He was a labourer at Orbost, aged 32, when he enlisted on 9th August, 1915, in World War 1. He saw service as a Driver with the 4th Field Artillery Brigade - Service No. 6975. He embarked on 18th November, 1915, from Melbourne, on the HMAT *Wiltshire*. He returned to Australia on 27th April, 1919. He is listed as a horse-driver on the 1937 and 1949 electoral rolls. Bill died at Heidelberg in 1967, aged 85.



William James MORGAN

James Edgar MOYSEY

James was born at Yinnar in 1889, the son of Isaac MOYSEY and Harriet BOX. He was a labourer at Orbost, aged 25, when he enlisted at Sale on 21st September, 1914, in World War 1. He was a Private with the 8th Light Horse Regiment - Service No. 138. He embarked on 25th February, 1915, from Melbourne, on the HMAT *Star of Victoria*, and was killed in action on 7th August, 1915, at Lone Pine, Gallipoli.

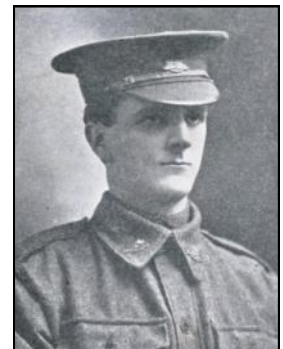
James Harold Claude NIXON

Jim was born at Orbost on 12th December, 1891, the son of George NIXON and Emily WARREN. He was a member of staff of Messrs A Macarthur & Co. for some years before he enlisted with the A.I.F. on 10th November, 1915, as a Private No. with the 4th Light Horse Regiment. He left Orbost in December 1915, and embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Themistocles* on 28th January, 1916. He was aged 25, an auctioneer from The Homestead, Orbost. After a short stay in Egypt, he went to France, where he was a member of the First Anzac Cyclist Battalion. He responded to the call for 100 volunteers from the Australian Army for the British Flying Corps. He proceeded to England and gained his qualifications at Oxford University. He was appointed to a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the British Flying Corps, then soon after as a 1st Lieutenant. He returned to France where he was appointed pilot in the Flying Scouts. When flying at a height of 15,000 feet he was wounded by an enemy aeroplane. After recovering he returned to England where he became an instructor. While rescuing a lad from death, for which he received a very high distinction, he was so severely burned that shortly afterwards, on 16th March, 1917, he returned home on furlough. His injuries were too severe to yield to medical treatment and this led to his early demise. He died at Echuca on 7th May, 1920, aged 29, and was buried under Military honours at Orbost on 11th May, 1929.



William Edwin Ernest (Ted) PERRY

Ted was born at Orbost on 21st July, 1893, the eldest son of George Daniel PERRY and Rhoda RICH. He was the first teacher at No. 3691 Combienbar State School which opened on 16th July, 1911. He enlisted in World War 1 on 16th May, 1916, as a Private with the 59th Infantry Battalion, aged 22, school teacher from Orbost. Service No. 2616. He embarked from Melbourne on 2nd October, 1916, on the HMAT *Nestor*. He had achieved the rank of Lance Corporal when he was killed in action on 16th October, 1917. He was buried at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial Cemetery, Belgium. PERRY, Lce. Cp.; William Edwin Ernest, 2616. 59th Bn. 16th Oct., 1917. Age 24. Son of George D. and Rhoda Emma Perry, of Orbost, Victoria.



LANCE-CORPORAL W. E. E. PERRY

Lance-Corporal William Edwin Ernest Perry, son of Mr. And Mrs. G. D. Perry, of "Richmond", Orbost, was killed in action in Belgium on the 16th of October, 1917. He was born on the 21st of July, 1893. Entering the service of the Education Department in 1911 as a junior teacher at Jarrahmond, he became head teacher at Combienbar in the same year, and went thence in the same capacity to Gelantipy, where he remained till June, 1915. He then served a short course at the Teachers' College, and was appointed head teacher of part-time schools at Brodribb and Marlo. Enlisting in May, 1916, he was trained at the Castlemaine Camp, whence he obtained entrance to the Geelong N.C.O. School. He sailed in October as Sergeant, laying aside his stripes, however, when entering the firing line in December of that year. He had a most eventual and exciting time at the Front, being engaged at Bapaume and other fierce battles—Polygon Wood and Zonnebeke. He is recorded as an ambitious and zealous young teacher, who gave every prospect of becoming a most valuable officer.

— From The Education Department's Record of War Service — 1914-1919.

A PRICE

Could be either Albert Redden or Arthur Thomas PRICE. Both were sons of David PRICE and Mary FAITHFULL, and enlisted from Orbost in World War 1.

G ROSS

Can anyone help to identify this soldier?

Gregory ROSS

An obituary reference in the *Snowy River Mail*, January 6, 1921, states that Greg was born at Orbost, however there is no record of his birth in the Victorian Births Index. His sister, Agnes Ann (later Mrs Francis Arthur NIXON) was born at Bendoc in 1879. They were the children of William ROSS and Hannah Mary FLANNAGAN. Greg was a jockey who, at one time, was connected with the Wakeful Stable presided over by Mr C. R. Macdonald. Whilst riding in the Macdonald colours he won the V.A.T.C. Oakleigh Plate on *Wandin* in 1906, the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes and the V.R.C. Oaks on *Lady Rylstone* in 1907, and numerous races on *Lachlan* and other horses owned by Mr Macdonald. He won the Kalgoorlie Cup on *Prophecy* in 1908, and the Sydney Cup, the same year, on *Dyed Garments* for Mr P. A. Connelly. Greg was aged 29 and married when he enlisted in World War 1 on 5th May, 1916. At the time his occupation was listed as jockey, and he and his wife were living at Glenhuntly Road, Glenhuntly. He served as a Private with the 8th Light Horse Regiment and embarked from Melbourne on 19th September, 1916, onboard HMAT *MacCorquodale*. He returned to Australia on 10th July, 1919, and the obituary further reports that after his return after War service he did little riding. Greg died on 27th December, 1920, aged 34.

George Henry Douglas (Doug) RUSSELL

Doug was born in 1888 at Traralgon, the second son of John RUSSELL and Elizabeth CLARKE. He was educated at Orbost State School and St Andrew's College, Bairnsdale. He was a farmer at *Elleslie*, Bete Bolong. During World War 1 he served for 4 years as a member of the 3rd Division Artillery A.I.F. He enlisted on 25th January, 1916, aged 27, and attained the rank of Australian Veterinary Corps Sergeant with the 23rd Howitzer Brigade. Service No. 22046. He embarked on 20th May, 1916, from Melbourne on the *HMAT Medic*. He remained overseas after the Armistice to assist in the repatriation and disposal of the many horses under his charge. He was a foundation member of the Orbost sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League. He was a foundation member of the Orbost Men's Club, a member of the Hospital Board, a member and chairman of the Bete Bolong Drainage Area committee, president of the Maize and Bean Grower's Association, a committee member of the Australian Primary Producers Union, a member of the Bete Bolong School committee, for many years a committee member of the Orbost Agricultural Society, an active member of the Orbost branch of the Country Party, a past Master of the Masonic Lodge (1931-32), and a member of the Board of Management of the Orbost Presbyterian Church. Doug died at Melbourne on 24th February, 1966, aged 77.



William Alexander RUSSELL

Bill was born at Orbost in 1893, the youngest son of John RUSSELL and Elizabeth Maud CLARKE. He was educated privately and at St Andrew's College, Bairnsdale, and then worked on the family property at Bete Bolong. During World War 1 he joined the A.I.F. in 1915 and served in Egypt with the 13th Light Horse Regiment, attaining the rank of Sergeant. He transferred to the Camel Corps with the rank of Company Sergeant-Major. Later he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and was appointed a Scout Pilot in 1917, finally being stationed at Montrose, Scotland as a Night Flying instructor until the end of the War. He married in Scotland, and on his return to Australia, he joined his father on the family property. Upon his father's retirement he took over the homestead part of the holding, 1,000 acres of river flats and hill land. He was involved in dairying and was also a successful beef cattle breeder and maize grower. He was elected to the Orbost Shire Council in 1929 and shortly afterwards was President for 18 months (from May 1930 to August 1931). He served a further term as President in 1934-35. He represented the South riding. He was chairman of the Bean Board and a well-known horse and show judge and a member of the Royal Agricultural Society. He was an elocutionist of some note and a member of the committee of management of the Orbost Hospital. He was also a prominent member and Past Master of the Masonic Lodge and a Justice of the Peace. He served as president of the Orbost Golf Club and assisted with the preparation and layout of the present Orbost Golf course.



SISTER Elfreda Mary STAPLEY

Elfreda Mary, the daughter of Thomas Frederick STAPLEY and Mary Frances BARRY, was aged 35 and a nurse at Chatswood, NSW, when she enlisted with the Australian Army Nursing Service on 21st August, 1915. She embarked from Sydney on 21st August, 1915, aboard RMS *Moree*, returning to Australia on 9th December, 1918. Her father Mr T. F. STAPLEY, of Rupanyup, Vic., was listed as her next of kin. Elfreda died at Heidelberg in 1971, aged 91.

SISTER Viola Frances STAPLEY

Viola Frances, the daughter of Thomas Frederick STAPLEY and Mary Frances BARRY, was Sewing Mistress at the Orbost State School for 6 years before receiving an appointment to Katandra State School in July 1900. She served as a choir member of St James Church of England. She was aged 32, and working at Tamworth, NSW, when she enlisted with the Australian Army Nursing Service on 2nd August, 1917. She held the rank of Staff Nurse No. 503191, and embarked from Melbourne on 13 September, 1917, on HMAT *Runic*. Her sister, Mrs H. JOHNSON, of Heyfield, Vic., was listed as her next of kin. Viola died at Heidelberg in 1967, aged 93.

James THOMPSON

James was the first of three brothers, the sons of Alexander THOMPSON and Lilly Maud LEATHAM, to enlist and serve in World War 1. He was born at Orbost in 1893, and was aged 21, and a labourer at Orbost, when he enlisted on 3rd October, 1914. He was a Gunner with the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade - Service No. 3265, and embarked from Melbourne on 22nd December, 1914, on the HMAT *Borda*. He was demobilised on 20th February, 1919. His father, Alexander THOMPSON, Orbost, was listed as his next of kin.

Thomas Edward THOMPSON

Tom was the second of three brothers, sons of Alexander THOMPSON and Lilly Maud LEATHAM, to enlist in World War 1. He was aged 24, and a labourer of Orbost, when he enlisted on 12th July, 1916. He was a Private with the 37th Infantry Battalion - Service No. 2157, embarking on 25th September, 1916, from Melbourne, per HMAT *Shropshire*. He returned to Australia on 20th December, 1917. Tom died in 1953 at Heidelberg, aged 61.

John Alexander THOMPSON

John was the third son of Alexander THOMPSON and Lilly Maud LEATHAM, to enlist and serve in World War 1. He was aged 27, and a labourer of Orbost, when he enlisted on 9th March, 1917. He was a Private with the 6th Machine Gun Company - Service No. 772, embarking on 30th October, 1917, at Melbourne, per HMAT *Aeneas*. He returned to Australia on 12th December, 1918.

Reginald Oswald WISHART

Reg was born on 10th January, 1896, the son of Angus WISHART and Mary Ann KELLY. He was aged 21, and a farm hand at Sale, when he enlisted on 18th October, 1916, in World War 1. He was a Private with the 37th Infantry Battalion - Service No. 3162. He embarked on 19th February, 1917, from Melbourne, on the HMAT *Ballarat*, and returned to Australia on 22nd December, 1918. His father, Angus WISHART, Brodribb Road, Orbost, was listed as his next of kin. Reg died at Heidelberg in 1940, aged 45.



This Roll of Honor, originally in the Jarrahmond State School building, is now located in the Orbost R.S.L. (Returned and Services League) building. Thanks to Rhonda Smith for providing this photograph.

The Jarrahmond School closed in 1949 and the building was moved to Brodrigg in 1950. Then following the closure of the Brodrigg School in 1965 the building was once again moved to Orbost in 1968 to become a general purpose classroom at Ruskin Street Primary School.