

**Netley Military Cemetery,
Hampshire, England
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



360 PRIVATE

E. T. BROWN

4TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

24TH MAY, 1915 Age 26

*Greater Love
Hath No Man Than This
That A Man Lay Down His Life
For His Friends*

Eric Thomas BROWN

Eric Thomas Brown was born at Moruya, NSW in 1889 to parents Thomas Glover Brown & Euroma Kiora Brown (nee Harkus).

Eric Thomas Brown attended Enmore Public School, NSW.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Enmore, NSW listed Eric Thomas Brown, Printer, of 15 Belmore Street. His parents Thomas Glover Brown, Solicitor & Euroma Brown, Domestic Duties, were listed at the same address.

Eric Thomas Brown stated on his Attestation Papers for the Australian Imperial Force that he had been apprenticed to W. M. MacLurchy, Sydney for 5 years.

Eric Thomas Brown was a 24 year old, single, Printer when he enlisted at Randwick, Sydney, NSW on 25th August, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 360 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs T. G. Brown, 15 Belmore Street, Enmore, NSW. Eric Brown stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with Australian Corps of Signallers & was discharged for time expired.

Private Eric Thomas Brown was posted to 4th Battalion on 25th August, 1914 for recruit training

Private Eric Thomas Brown embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Euripides* (A14) on 20th October, 1914 with the 4th Infantry Battalion "D" Company.

4th Battalion

The 4th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions it was recruited from New South Wales and, together with these other battalions, formed the 1st Brigade.

The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. The battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves. The commander of the 4th Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel A. J. O. Thompson, was killed the next day. At ANZAC, the battalion took part in the defence of the beachhead and in August, along with the rest of the 1st Brigade, led the charge at Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Eric Thomas Brown was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England on 20th May, 1915 seriously ill with gunshot wounds to skull.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

[Note - The Service Record file for Private Eric Thomas Brown does not list his movements after boarding HMAT Euripides (A14) on 20th October, 1914 in Sydney. No details are given as to when or where he was wounded in action. Newspaper Memorial Notices (see below) indicate that Private Eric Thomas Brown was wounded at the Dardanelles.]

Private Eric Thomas Brown died on 24th May, 1915 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action – gunshot wound to skull.

A death for Eric Brown, aged 25, was registered in the June quarter, 1915 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.

Private Eric Thomas Brown was buried in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1692 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Mrs Euroma Kiora Brown, mother of the late Private Eric Thomas Brown, in the sum of £39 per annum from 24th July, 1915. The War Pension to Mrs E. K. Brown was amended to £2 per fortnight from 20th July, 1916.

Private Eric Thomas Brown was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Brown's father - Mr T. G. Brown, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1921).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Eric Thomas Brown – service number 360, aged 26, of 4th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Thomas and Euroma Kiora Brown, of 15th Belmore St., Enmore Sydney.

Private E. T. Brown is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 39.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

E. T. Brown is remembered on the Moruya Memorial Hall Honour Roll, located at Page Street, Moruya, NSW.



Moruya Memorial Hall Honour Roll (Photos from Register of War Memorials in NSW)



BINNS C.A.			
BURGESS A.J.			
CONSTABLE J.			
CONSTABLE S.O.			
CRIPPS A.E.			
CROCKETT L.			
ELLIOT C.			
ENDERSON			
EVANS W.			
FALICK S.			
HARKUS R.E.			
HAY C.M.			
HIGGINS F.H.			
HOGAN W.			
HOGAN J.			
KIMPTON R.			
MASON G.F.			
MCDONALD A.J.			
MCDONALD D.			
MCDONALD DAN			
MCMAHON W.			
MCMILLAN R.			
MOONEY A.P.			
MOONEY T.T.			
O'NEILIAN A.J.			
SECCOMBE E.G.			
SECCOMBE H.F.			
SIMMONS M.			
SINCLAIR S.			
WRIGHT H.			
AIF			
ACKERLEY O.F.			
AND W.T.			
ALEXANDER J.A.			
ALLEN A.S.			
ANDERSON D.S.			
ANDERSON M.E.			
ANDERSON R.			
ANNETT A.A.			
ANNETT A.J.			
ANNETT P.E.			
ANNETT R.C.			
ANNIS A.L.			
ARCHIBALD R.H.			
ARNETT A.S.			
ARNETT C.V.			
ARNETT F.			
AVRELL S.			
BAILEY N.H.			
BAKER G.			
BAKER R.			
BALDWIN C.D.			
BALDWIN C.H.			
BALL E.M.			
BARDING D.			
BARDING H.G.			
BARTLETT F.J.			
BARTON H.			
BARTON S.H.			
BEATH J.A.			
BELLETT C.W.			
BENNETT W.L.			
BEANSON W.L.			
BERRIMAN J.A.			
BERRIMAN J.H.			
BISHOP H.M.			
BISHOP R.			
BISHOP R.C.			
BISHOP W.H.			
BLACKA A.			
BLACKA W.M.			
BOOT L.V.			
BOOT R.E.			
BOWMAN J.D.			
BOWMAN V.A.			
BRICE F.			
BRIDGE R.E.S.			
BRIDG S.A.			
BRIDG S.			
BRIDG S.J.			
BRIDG F.A.			
BROOK L.H.			
BROTHERS A.J.			
BROWN E.L.			
BROWN L.A.			
BURKE W.F.			
BURKE A.W.			
BURKE G.R.			
BURKE E.			
BURKS R.W.			
CANE H.			
CARNELL W.			
CHESTER J.			
CLARKE F.			
CLARKE H.J.J.			
COCHRANE A.J.N.			
COLBRAN A.			
COLBRAN A.E.			
COLBRAN S.C.			
COLBRAN S.L.			
COLBRAN W.J.W.			
COLE A.			
COLLIER W.F.			
COMAN JOHN			
COMAN JOSEPH.			
COMAN W.F.			
COMAN W.G.			
CONNORS J.J.			
CONNORS W.			
CONOLLY R.			
CONOLLY R.B.			
CONSTABLE A.			
CONSTABLE G.L.S.			
CONSTABLE H.L.			
CONSTABLE R.			
CONSTABLE R.D.T.			
CONSTABLE S.O.L.			
COOPER A.T.			
CORRIGAN J.G.			
COSTIN A.J.			
COSTIN A.E.			
COSTIN F.G.			
COSTIN R.G.			
COSTIN W.H.			
COWDROY H.			
CRAPP A.			
CRAPP A.H.			
CURTIS R.C.			
DAVIDSON A.J.			
DAYBALL P.F.			
DE SAXE L.			
DEANE J.W.			
DEANE M.J.			
DEBENHAM C.T.			
DIXON J.R.			
DONNELLY J.V.			
DONOVAN R.			
DONOVAN J.W.			
DOWLING T.G.			
DOWNWARD T.L.			
DU ROSS C.W.			
DUDGEON D.M.			
DUNCAN J.H.			
DWYER F.G.			
DWYER F.P.G.			
DWYER L.J.			
DWYER W.I.			
EARLE E.			
EBZERY S.T.			
EDWARDS J.V.			
ENDICOTT E.			
ENDICOTT H.			

(33 pages of Private Eric Thomas Brown's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

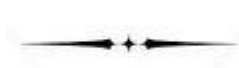
Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



PRIVATE E. T. BROWN

(Enmore), died of wounds

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 17 June, 1915)



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

27th CASUALTY LIST

Men dangerously ill:-

NEW SOUTH WALES

Private E. T. Brown 4th (Enmore)

(The Tamworth Daily Observer, NSW – 1 June, 1915)

THIRTY-SECOND CASUALTY LIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private E. Brown

(The Maitland Weekly Mercury, NSW – 12 June, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BROWN – ON 24th May, 1915 at Netley Hospital, England, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, died of wounds received in action at Dardanelles. Eldest beloved son of T. G. Brown, solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore.

BROWN - At Netley Hospital, England, Private Eric Thomas Brown, 1st A.E.F., 4th Batt., A.M.C., aged 25 years, died of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles, May 24, 1915, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, Sydney. Inserted by his sincere friend, Olive H, Gilmore, Wollongong.

BROWN – Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., died May 24, at Netley Hospital, England, of wounds received in action at Dardanelles, son of Mrs ad Mr T. G. Brown, Solicitor, Sydney; also nephew of Dr. Brown, Netley Hospital, England. Deeply mourned. Inserted by his sincere friend, Ellie Garbutt.

BROWN – A tribute to the memory of Pte Eric T. Brown, 4th Batt. A.I.E.F., Belmore-street, Enmore, died of wounds received in action at the Dardanelles. Inserted by his old school friends, T. L. and C. C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 19 June, 1915)

WAR PERSONALS

Private Eric T. Brown, who died in England, whither he was taken after having been wounded at the Dardanelles, was a prominent member of the Newtown District Rugby Union Football Club. He was 25 years of age, and the eldest son of Mt T. G. Brown, of Enmore.

(Referee, Sydney, NSW – 23 June, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BROWN – May 24, 1915, at Netley Hospital, England, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years. Died of wounds received in action at Dardanelles. Son of T. G. Brown, solicitor, Sydney. Inserted by his loving aunt, Hilda Bell, of Manly.

BROWN – May 24, 1915, at Netley Hospital, England, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years. Died of wounds received in action at Dardanelles. Son of T. G. Brown, solicitor, Sydney. Inserted by his loving uncle, William Bell, of Manly.

BROWN – May 24, 1915, at Netley Hospital, England, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years. Died of wounds received in action at Dardanelles. Son of T. G. Brown, solicitor, Sydney. Inserted by his loving godchild, Noni Bell, of Manly.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 1 July, 1915)

ROLL OF HONOUR

BROWN – A tribute to the memory of Eric T. Brown, late A.A.M.C., wounded at the Dardanelles, and died at Netley Hospital, England, May 24, 1915. Inserted by his fellow employees, W. H. Bone and Co.

BROWN – A tribute of respect to the memory of our late friend, Private E. J. Brown, who died in Netley Hospital, May 24, 1915. Greater love hath no man than he who lays down his life for another. Inserted by his sincere friends, George, Les., and Ted Lowder.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1916)

At the headquarters of the Newtown Division of the St. John Ambulance on Saturday evening a memorial photograph of the late Private E. T. W. Brown was unveiled by Dr E. P. Sinclair, on behalf of the officers and members of the division. Among those present were Mr T. G. Brown, of Enmore, and Mrs Brown, parents of the deceased soldier, the divisional superintendent, Mr A. S. Le Breton, and Mr E. Baskerville, secretary, Dr Sinclair, who had known Private Brown for several years, paid a warm tribute to his many sterling qualities. Another photograph was presented to the parents as a memorial for their own home, and Mr Brown returned thanks for the honour shown his deceased son.

(The Daily Telegraph, Sydney, NSW – 26 July, 1916)

IN MEMORIAM

BROWN – Died of wounds (received in action at Dardanelles), at Netley Hospital, England, on May 24, 1915. Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore.

BROWN – In loving memory of our dear friend, Eric, who died of wounds, Netley Hospital, England, May 24, 1915. Inserted by his friends, Ada Walsh and family, of Balmain.

BROWN – To the memory of Private Eric Brown, died of wounds in England, May 24, received a Gallipoli. Inserted by Mrs Pearce, Myra and Chriss.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1917)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – Died of wounds (received in action at Gallipoli), at Netley Hospital, England, on May 24, 1915, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore.

BROWN – In loving memory of our dear friend, Eric Brown, who died of wounds in the Netley Hospital, May 24, 1915. Inserted by his sincere friends, Mr and Mrs Walsh and family, late of Balmain.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – Died of wounds (received in action at Gallipoli), at Netley Hospital, England, on May 24, 1915, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore. Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brother.

BROWN – In tribute to the memory of Private Eric Brown, died May 24, 1915, of wounds received at Gallipoli. Inserted by Mrs Pearce, Myra and Chris.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – Died of wounds (received in action at Gallipoli), at Netley Hospital, England, on May 24, 1915, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore. Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brother.

BROWN – In tribute of honour to the memory of Eric Brown, who died of wounds in England, received at Gallipoli, May 24, 1915. Inserted by his friends E. M. and C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1920)

****** DEATHS**

BROWN – May 22, 1921, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Euroma Kiora Brown, the dearly loved wife of Thomas Glover Brown, solicitor, of No. 15 Belmore-street, Enmore.

BROWN – May 22, 1921, at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Euroma Kiora Brown, the dearly loved mother of Norman Glover Brown

The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – Died of wounds received in action at Gallipoli, at Netley Military Hospital, England, May 24, 1915, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore. Inserted by his loving father, mother, and brother.

BROWN – In tribute of honour to the memory of Eric, who died of wounds in England, received at Gallipoli, May 24, 1915. Inserted by his loving friends E. M. and C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1921)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – Died of wounds (received at Gallipoli), at Netley Military Hospital, England, May 24, 1915, Private Eric Thomas Brown, A.M.C., aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, 15 Belmore-street, Enmore. Inserted by his loving father and brother.

BROWN – In tribute to the memory of Eric Brown, who died May 24, 1915, from wounds received on Gallipoli. Inserted by E. M. and C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1922)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – In Loving memory of Eric T. Brown, A.M.C., an Anzac, who died at Netley Hospital, Southampton, England, on May 24, 1915 (from wounds received at Gallipoli), aged 25 years, eldest son of T. G. Brown, Solicitor, Sydney. Inserted by his loving father and brother.

BROWN – In memory of Eric, died England, May 24, 1915, from wounds received Gallipoli. Inserted by E. M. and C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1923)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – In loving memory of Pte E. T. Brown, 4th Battn., A.M.C., who died from wounds received at Gallipoli, at Netley Military Hospital, on May 24, 1915. Inserted by his loving father and mother T. G. and W. G. Brown.

BROWN – A tribute to the memory of Eric Brown, who died May 24, 1915, of wounds received at Gallipoli. Inserted by E. M. and C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 24 May, 1924)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BROWN – A tribute to the memory of Private Eric Brown, who died May 24, 1915, from wounds received at Gallipoli. Inserted by E. M. and C. Pearce.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 25 May, 1925)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Private E. T. Brown does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Greater Love Hath No Man Than This That A Man Lay Down His Life For His Friends

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital. The cemetery contains 637 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire



NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY

This cemetery was used for many years for military burials from the Royal Victoria Hospital. The graves include those of 721 casualties from the First World War and 36 of the Second World War, comprising servicemen and women from the following countries:

United Kingdom	558	Undivided India	5
Australia	49	Belgium	15
Canada	42	Poland	1
New Zealand	12	Austria	1
South Africa	6	Germany	68

The Cross of Sacrifice alongside this plot was erected after the First World War.

THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION
IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE
OF THESE GRAVES

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire (Photo above - Andrea Charlesworth; below - darealjolo)



Photo of Private E. T. Brown's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth)



Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery