

# Wandsworth Cemetery, London, England War Graves

(also known as Earlsfield Cemetery, Magdalen Road Cemetery, Wandsworth Earlsfield Cemetery)



*Lest We Forget*

## World War 1



1720 PRIVATE

**R. J. HIND**

12TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

13TH APRIL, 1916 Age 19

*Rest In Peace*

## Ronald James HIND

Ronald James Hind was born at Gawler, South Australia in 1897 to parents Andrew Johnson Hind and Isabella Hind (nee McDonald).

Ronald James Hind was an 18 year old, single, Moulder from care of Mrs I. Hind, Bridge Street, Gawler, South Australia when he enlisted at Oaklands, South Australia on 15th January, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1720 & his religion was Roman Catholic. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs I. Hind, Bridge Street, Gawler, South Australia. Ronald Hind stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets at Gawler & also served with 79th Infantry for 3 years & was still serving at the time of enlistment.

Private Ronald James Hind was posted to “E” Company, Base Depot on 15th January, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 4th Reinforcements of 12th Infantry Battalion on 16th February, 1915.

Private Ronald James Hind embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Port Lincoln (A17)* on 1st April, 1915 with the 12th Infantry Battalion, 4th Reinforcements.

Private Ronald James Hind was taken on strength of 12th Battalion at Anzac/Gallipoli on 12th July, 1915 from Reinforcements.

Private Ronald James Hind was admitted to No. 3 Field Ambulance Dressing Station at Anzac on 29th October, 1915 then transferred & admitted to No. 1 Australian Casualty Clearing Station at Anzac on the same day with Enteric. He was transferred to Hospital Ship *Somali* on 30th October, 1915 & embarked for Gibraltar. Private Hind was admitted to General Hospital, Gibraltar on 7th November, 1915 with Enteric – slight. He embarked from Hospital & Peace Convalescent Depot at Gibraltar to Hospital Ship *Kinfauns Castle* on 28th January, 1916 for England.

### 12th Battalion

The 12th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Half of the battalion was recruited in Tasmania, a quarter was recruited in South Australia, and a quarter from Western Australia. With the 9th, 10th and 11th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.....

The battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC position, and in August contributed two companies to the attack on Lone Pine. It was the only battalion in the brigade to do so. The 12th served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Ronald James Hind was admitted to Military Hospital, Devonport, England on 1st February, 1916.

Base Records advised Mrs I. Hind, Bridge St, Gawler, South Australia, on 25th January, 1916 that her son, No. 1720 Private R. J. Hind, 12th Battalion, had been admitted to General Hospital, Gibraltar on 7th November, 1915 suffering from Enteric Fever.

Mrs I. Hind was advised by Base Records on 11th February, 1916 that her son, Private Ronald J. Hind had been admitted to Hospital at Devonport, England with Enteric.

Base Records advised Mrs I. Hind on 9th April, 1916 that her son Private Ronald J. Hind was dangerously ill & had been admitted to 3rd London General Hospital on April 4th. *“Will enquire progress receipt your request.”*

Mrs I. Hind sent a Telegram to Base Records on 13th April, 1916 *“Please advise how Private Ronald J. Hind is progressing.”*

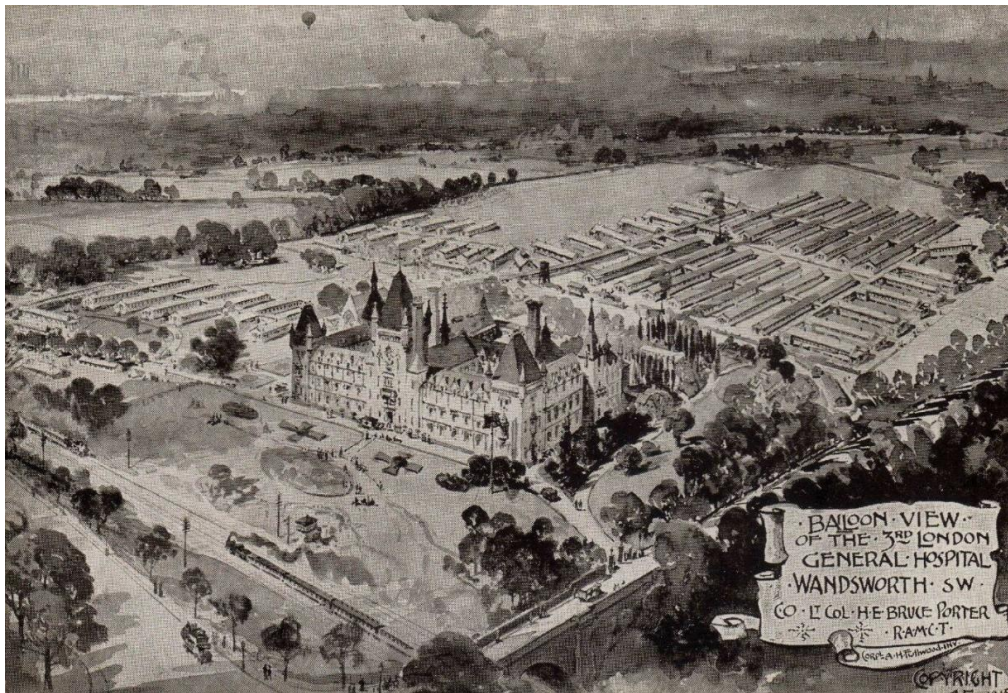
Base Records replied on 17th April, acknowledging Mrs Hind’s Telegram of 13th & continued with the following *“...ere this, you will have received, from the Military Commandant, South Australia, the regrettable tidings of the demise of you son, No. 1720 Private R. J. Hind, 12th Battalion. The cable message of report briefly intimates that he died at the 3rd London General Hospital on 13/4/16, after an operation for abscess on the liver. If any further details are received, you will be at once communicated with.”*



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### 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth



Private Ronald James Hind died at 12.30 pm on 13th April, 1916 at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England from an Operation for Abscess on the Liver. (Note: A second Report of Death of a Soldier – Army Form B. 2090 recorded that Private Ronald James Hind died from Inflammation of Liver)

A death for Ronald J. Hind, aged 19, was registered in the June quarter, 1916 in the district of Wandsworth, London, England.

Private Ronald James Hind was buried on 18th April, 1916 in Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London, England – Grave No. 137 Block No. 18. The Reverend Father T. O'Connor officiated at the burial.

Base Records wrote to Mrs J. Hind, Bridge Street, Gawler, South Australia , on 17th April, 1920 regarding the loss of her son the late No. 1720 Private R. J. Hind, 12th Battalion, to advise “... *I am now in receipt of further advice which shows that his remains have been exhumed from former site Wandsworth Cemetery, and re-interred in grave No. 3 Australian Section, Wandsworth Cemetery, Wandsworth, London. This work is carried out with every measure of care and reverence in the presence of a Chaplain....*”

This is now recorded by Commonwealth War Graves Commission as Plot number Aust. 3 and Private R. J. Hind now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Isabella Hind, Bridge St, Gawler South, mother of the late Private Ronald James Hind, in the sum of £1 per fortnight from 13th June, 1916.

Base Records contacted Mrs I. Hind, High Street, Gawler, South Australia on 9th August, 1920, stating she was registered on the records of the late No. 1720 Private R. J. Hind, 12th Battalion, as the next-of-kin but desired to know if there were any nearer blood relatives than herself due to the “Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918” which stated that the War Medals & Mementoes of a deceased soldier were to be handed in the following order of relationship – Widow, eldest surviving son, eldest surviving daughter, father, mother, eldest surviving brother, eldest surviving sister etc.

Mrs Hind returned the letter to Base Records signing her name & date.

Base Records wrote to Mrs Hind again on 19th August, 1920: “... *I shall be much obliged if you will favour me with a definite statement as to whether deceased's father is still living, in order that I may be in a position to dispose of the 1914/15 Star and other War Medals etc. due on account of your son's service, in keeping with the instructions governing the disposal of these items....*”

Mrs Hind replied to Base Records on 23rd August, 1920 advising that “*Andrew Johnson Hind, Father of the late Ronald James Hind 1720 12 Batt is still living.*”

Private Ronald James Hind was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hind's father – Mr A. J. Hind, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent February, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Ronald James Hind – service number 1720, aged 19, of 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Andrew Johnson Hind and Isabella Hind, of Bridge St., Gawler, South Australia.

Private R. J. Hind is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 66.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

R. J. Hind is remembered on the Gawler South War Memorial, located on Adelaide Road (Horrocks Highway), Gawler, South Australia.



**Gawler South War Memorial** (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)



R. J. Hind is remembered on the Gawler Soldiers Memorial Roll of Honour, located in Gawler Town Hall Building, 89 Murray Street, Gawler, South Australia.



Gawler Soldiers Memorial Roll of Honour (Photos from Monument Australia)



R. J. Hind is remembered on a Memorial Paver at the Pioneer Park War Memorial, located in Pioneer Park, Murray & Union Streets, Gawler, South Australia.



**Pioneer Park War Memorial**

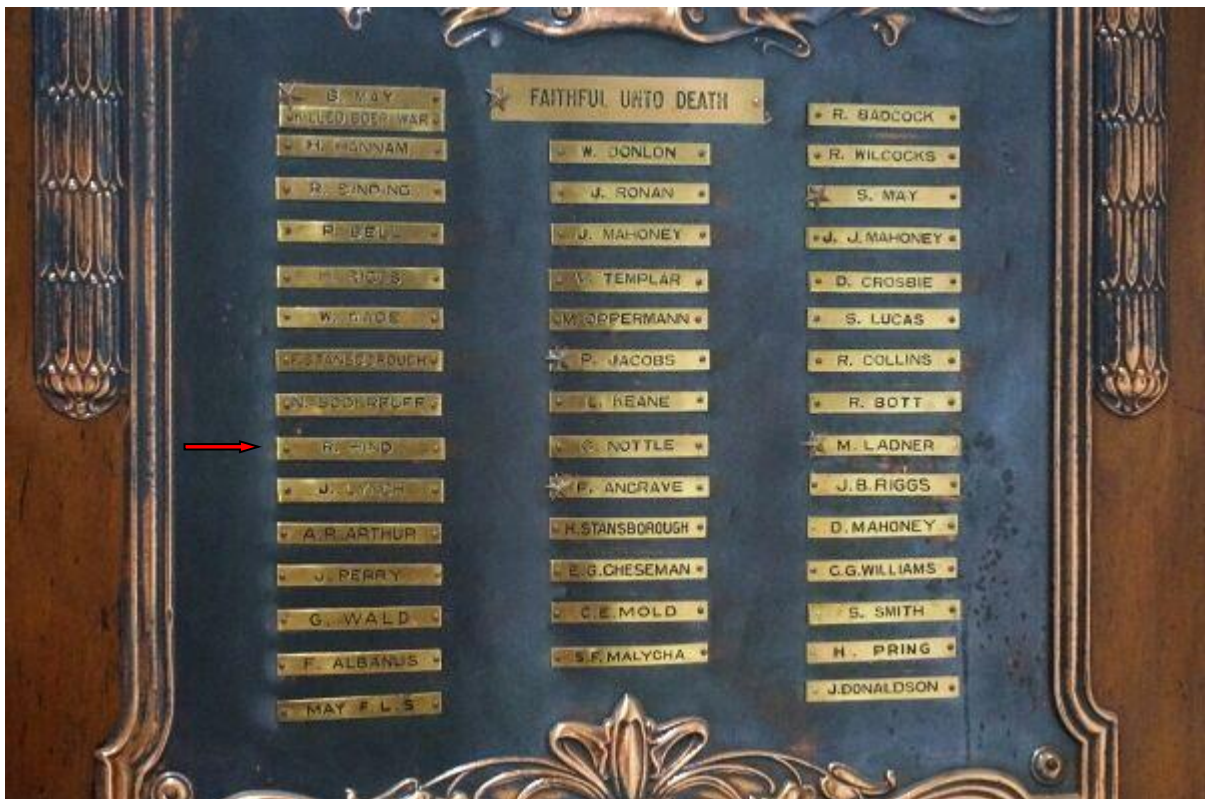
*(Photo above from Gawler Council; below courtesy of Beth Page)*



R. Hind is remembered on the May Brothers & Company Roll of Honour, located in Gawler Town Hall Building, 89 Murray Street, Gawler, South Australia.



**May Brothers & Company Roll of Honour** (Photos from Monument Australia – Chris McLaughlin)





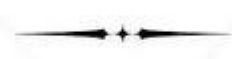
R. Hind is remembered on the National Soldiers Memorial in Adelaide. The Adelaide National War Memorial commemorates those from South Australia that served in the First World War. The names of those that died are listed inside the Memorial, which is located on the corner of North Terrace & Kintore Avenue, Adelaide.



**National War Memorial – Adelaide** (Photos by Bilby)

(68 pages of Private Ronald James Hind'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*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **THE LAW COURT**

#### **MAGISTRATES' COURT – GAWLER**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

[Before Mr J. H. Sinclair, S.M.]

Ronald James Hind was charged with not having complied with the registration of the Defence Act. Ordered six days imprisonment in the fort and to pay costs.

(*Bunyip*, Gawler, South Australia – 17 October, 1913)

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### **THE LAW COURTS**

#### **GAWLER: Wednesday January 13.**

[Before Messrs J. H. Sinclair, S.M., and W. H. Cox]

Ronald James Hind, Walter J. Window, Kaven Doyle, and Edward Mulroney, Senior Cadets, were charged by Capt. D. C. Connor with having failed to render the personal service required of them during the previous year. Hind had 40 hours to make up, but was anxious to join the next contingent to go to the war, Window was 32 hours short, Doyle 24 hours short, and Mulroney 40 hours short. Hind was fined 5/ and costs or two days at Fort Largs, Window £2 and costs or eight days at the fort, Doyle £1 and costs or four days, and Mulroney £3 and costs or 10 days.

(*The Register*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 January, 1915)

## **AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION**

### **139th Casualty List**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ILL

Private R. J. Hind, Gawler (Gibraltar)

*(Barrier Miner, Broken Hill, NSW – 8 February, 1916)*

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## **THE AUSTRALIANS**

### **144th CASUALTY LIST**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

IN HOSPITAL

1720 – Pte R. J. HIND, 12th Battalion, 4th Reinforcements (Gawler), in Hospital, Devonport; previously reported ill.

*(The Journal, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 February, 1916)*

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## **THE AUSTRALIANS**

### **164th CASUALTY LIST**

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

ILL

Pte R. J. HIND, I., Gawler (dangerously)

*(The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 18 April, 1916)*

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### **165th CASUALTY LIST**

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

DIED OF SICKNESS

1720 Private R. J. HIND, Infantry, died April 13, previously reported, dangerously sick.

*(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 24 April, 1916)*

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

HIND – Private Ronald James Hind, died in London Hospital, 13th April, 1916.

Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Your prayers for him extol;  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Have mercy on his soul.

-Inserted by his loving parents, sister and brothers.

(*Bunyip*, Gawler, South Australia – 13 April, 1917) & (*The Express and Telegraph*, Adelaide, Sth Aust – 13 April, 1917)

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

HIND – In loving memory of our dear brother, who died in London Hospital 13th April, 1916.

Gone, but not forgotten – Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Syd and Sis.

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(*The Advertiser*, Adelaide, South Australia – 13 April, 1917)

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(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 April, 1917)

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## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **FOR KING AND COUNTRY**

HIND – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Ronald, who died in the 3rd London General Hospital 13th April, 1916.

“His duty nobly done.”

-Inserted by his loving parents, sister and brothers.

(*Bunyip*, Gawler, South Australia – 12 April, 1918)

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### **DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

HIND – In loving memory of my dear brother, Private R. J. Hind, who died in London, 13th April, 1916.

A sacrifice for liberty ere life had scarce begun.

The loved him most who know him best.

-Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, A. and O. McNamee

(*Daily Herald*, Adelaide, South Australia – 19 April, 1918)

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### 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 R. J. Hind does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Rest In Peace*

## Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London

This is to the North-East of Earlsfield Station and is bounded by the Magdalen Road on the East and the main railway line on the West.

It contains five 1914-1918 War Plots, (the general Military Plot, the Australian, the Newfoundland, the New Zealand and the South African plots). These are on the main path leading West from Magdalen Road and there are also over 200 burials in other parts of the cemetery. The Military Plot contains a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried in it and those in unmarked graves in other parts of the cemetery. The majority of the 1939-1945 burials are scattered throughout the cemetery but there is one group of six burials together in a War Plot near the main entrance. Again, those whose graves are unmarked are also named upon the Screen Wall, Panel 1.

Many of the 1914-1918 burials are from the 3rd London General Hospital which was at Wandsworth. There are 477 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and 115 of the 1939-1945 war here. There are also 5 non-war service burials here.

There are 34 Australian World War 1 Soldiers buried here & 1 Australian Soldier from 1925.

*(Information from CWGC)*



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**A group of Soldiers' graves in the Australian Section of Wandsworth Cemetery, London** *(taken 15 April, 1931)*



*(Photo by Scotch Mist 2013)*



**The Australian Plot in Wandsworth Cemetery, London** *(Photos from CWGC)*



**Cross of Sacrifice** (Photos from CWGC)

Photo of Private R. J. Hind's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Wandsworth (Earlsfield) Cemetery, London, England.



*(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)*