

**Welford Road Cemetery,
Leicester, Leicestershire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT

H. C. R. NELSON

6TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

19TH JULY, 1919 Age 23

Howard Charles Reid NELSON

Howard Charles Reid Nelson was born in 1895 at Mt. Blackwood, Victoria to parents Joseph Edward and Alicia Maude Nelson (nee Burgess).

Howard Charles Reid Nelson attended Melbourne High School. The School started in 1905 as the Melbourne Continuation School, the first State Secondary School in Victoria & was renamed as Melbourne High School in 1912).

A letter on behalf of C.O. 55th Infantry, Drill Hall, Abbotsford, dated 11th January, 1915 states "*This is to certify that 909 Cpl. H.C. R. Nelson of this Regt has returned all necessary articles of kit etc before being enlisted in the A.I.F.*"

Howard Charles Reid Nelson was a 19 year old, single, Clerk from Smythe Street, Benalla, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 12th January, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2223 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr J. E. Nelson, of Smythe Street, Benalla, Victoria. Howard Nelson stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served for 12 months with 55th Australian Infantry & was presently still serving. Joseph Edward Nelson signed a note on 4th January, 1915 stating "*I hereby give permission that my son Howard Nelson may join the second Expeditionary Force in any capacity he wishes.*"

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was posted to Depot Battalion on 12th January, 1915. He was transferred to 5th Reinforcements of 5th Battalion on 2nd March, 1915.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was promoted to Corporal on 16th March, 1915. He was transferred to Reinforcement Detail on 17th April, 1915.

Corporal Howard Charles Reid Nelson was transferred to 6th Reinforcements of 5th Battalion on 27th April, 1915.

Corporal Howard Charles Reid Nelson was appointed Acting Sergeant from 1st May, 1915.

Acting Sergeant (listed on Embarkation Roll as Private) Howard Charles Reid Nelson embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT Ceramic (A40) on 25th June, 1915 with the 5th Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcements.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was taken on strength of 5th Battalion at Anzac on 5th August, 1915. (Note: The Casualty form – Active Service records "*reverts to rank of Private when taken on strength of 5th Battalion*".)

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was sent to Field Ambulance at Lemnos on 15th September, 1915 & then admitted the same day to No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital at Mudros with Diarrhoea. He was transferred to No. 3 Australian General Hospital at Mudros on 24th September, 1915 with Enteric. Private Nelson embarked for England on 4th November, 1915 on Hospital Ship *Mauretania* with Enteric.

5th Battalion

The 5th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.....

The Victorian battalions forming the 2nd Brigade returned to ANZAC to help defend the beachhead, and in August the 2nd Brigade fought at the battle of Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was admitted to 5th Southern General Hospital at Portsmouth on 11th November, 1915.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was transferred from Abbey Wood to Monte Video Camp at Weymouth on 31st May, 1916. He was transferred the same day from Monte Video, Weymouth to Tidworth, near Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was taken on strength of 2nd Training Battalion at Salisbury, Wiltshire from Weymouth on 6th July, 1916.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson proceeded overseas from 2nd Training Battalion on 9th August, 1916 to rejoin his Unit in France. He was marched in to 1st Australian Base Depot at Etaples, France on 11th August, 1916 & rejoined his Unit in France on 21st August, 1916.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was transferred to 6th Battalion on 20th September, 1916.

Private Howard Charles Reid Nelson was promoted to Corporal on 1st October, 1916 with 6th Battalion in France.

Corporal Howard Charles Reid Nelson was attached for duty with 1st Australian Divisional Headquarters from 10th December, 1916. He returned to his Unit on 30th March, 1917 from detachment.

Corporal Howard Charles Reid Nelson was appointed Lance Sergeant on 15th May, 1917 with 6th Battalion.

Lance Sergeant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was sent sick to Hospital on 10th July, 1917. He was admitted to No. 1 Australian Field Ambulance on 10th July, 1917 with Gonorrhoea then transferred to Divisional Rest Station the same day. He was discharged to duty on 23rd July, 1917 & rejoined 6th Battalion in the Field on 23rd July, 1917.

Lance Sergeant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was promoted to Sergeant on 17th September, 1917 vice Sergt M. C. Nelson.

Sergeant Howard Charles Reid Nelson proceeded on leave to UK from 22nd September, 1917 & rejoined from leave on 2nd October, 1917.

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The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozieres the battalion fought near Ypres, in Flanders, returning to the Somme for winter. In 1917, the battalion participated in the operations that followed-up the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line, and then returned to Belgium to join the great offensive launched to the east of Ypres. During the battle of Menin Road in September 1917, Lieutenant Frederick Birks earned the 6th Battalion's only Victoria Cross. Birks was killed by a shell burst the next day while trying to rescue men buried during a bombardment.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Sergeant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on 15th October, 1917. (A.I.F. Orders List No. 246).

2nd Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was taken on strength of 30th T. Squadron at Tern Hill from 73rd T.S., R.F.C. Lillibourne on 23rd November, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson proceeded to UK on duty on 26th November, 1917. He was seconded for Training with A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) from 7th December, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson joined No. 1 School of Military Aeronautics at Reading, England on 7th December, 1917 for training as Flying Officer (Pilot).

2nd Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was marched in to 5th Training Squadron from School of Military Aeronautics, Reading on 29th January, 1918 for Elementary Instruction in Aviation.

2nd Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was promoted to Lieutenant on 1st March, 1918 & was to remain seconded with A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was sent sick (Aero Accident) to Cottage Hospital, Minchinhampton on 13th June, 1918. Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was attached to 3rd Training Squadron from 13th June, 1918.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was marched out from Cottage Hospital on 17th June, 1918 to 1st Wing Non-Effective Officers Pool.

A Court of Enquiry was held at Minchinhampton on 14th June, 1918 enquiring into the circumstances connected with the accident on 13th June, 1918 involving injuries (including broken nose & shock) to Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson, 6th Battalion, A.I.F. attached A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps).

EVIDENCE.

1st. Witness. No. Aus. 2842. Flight Sergt. DARBY J.W. states:-

I am Flight Sergeant in "A" Flight, 5th. Training Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

The Mono-Avro C4340. was received from A.R.S. at noon 13.6.18. It was tested by Lieut. A.E. Robertson M.C. (Instructor) at 3.10 p.m. same day. Afterwards flown by Lieut. S.H. Harper at 4:05 p.m. landing at 4:20 p.m. It was then examined by me, and found O.K.

It was then taken up by Lieut. H.C.R. Nelson, solo (a pupil) at 5:0 p.m. He was up 30 minutes, and crashed on landing.

(Sgd) 2842. J. Darby.
Chief Mechanic.

2nd. Witness. No. Aus. 435. Corporal Mc. Lean. A. states:-

I am a Corporal Rigger in "A" Flight, 5th. T.S. A.F.C. I examined the machine No.C.4340 immediately before it was taken up by Lieut. H.C.R. Nelson and found everything correct. During the landing practice carried out by Lieut. H.C.R. Nelson, I went out and swung his propellor, which he had lost, I then noticed that the engine was running correctly.

(Sgd) 435. Corpl. Mc. Lean. A.

3rd. Witness. No. Aus. 7600. 1/A.M. Hardy P.S. states:-

I am senior fitter in "A" Flight, 5th. T.S. A.F.C. I examined the engine of machine C.4340. at 5 p.m. 13.6.18, and found that it was running satisfactorily.

(Sgd) P.S. Hardy. 1st A.M.

4th. Witness. Lieut. H.C.R. Nelson. 6th. Battalion A.I.F. attached 5th. Training Squadron, Aust. Flying Corps states:-

I am a pupil under instruction. On 13.6.18. at 5.10 p.m. I went up in Avro-Mono No. 4340 to carry out general practice. The wind was blowing from S.W. at approximately 30 miles per hour, and it was very gusty. I ran into clouds at 1500 feet, so decided to make a couple of landings before returning to hangar. I landed once, took off again and made a circuit to do another landing. I glided down to land, dead into the wind by the "smudge fire". When 30 yards from stone wall on N.E. of 'drome and 40 to 50 feet in air my right wing got into an air pocket and dropped. I immediately put on engine, but engine would not pick up. The machine then hit the wall, one of the wheels probably striking the top of the wall. I switched off, and pulled back the throttle. I put up my arm to save injuring my face, but nevertheless sustained bruises to the eyes, a bent nose, and a severe jar on the head. I was strapped in and was on duty during the practice.

(Sgd) H.C.R. Nelson. Lt.

8th. Witness. Capt. M. Ley. A.A.M.C. states:-

I am station Medical Officer. On the date in question I examined Lieut. H.C.R. Nelson. He had his nose broken and was suffering from shock. I ordered him to hospital.

(Sgd) M.Ley.Capt.

2. The purpose of and instruction for the Flight (s) were as follows:

Aeroplane Type.	No.	Purpose and Instructions (including whether one Occupant was instructing the other.
Avro. Mono. C.4340.	C.430.	General practice (Solo.)

3. The accident occurred at 5.40 O'clock at the place and on the date set forth on the front page of this form.

4. The Aeroplane (s) were controlled as follows:-

Aeroplane Type.	No.	Seats No. of	Whether fitted with single or dual control.	Names of occupants of seat		
				Front.	Back.	Other.
Acro Mono.	C.4340.	2	Dual.	Nil.	Lt. H.C.R. Nelson.	Nil.

5. The aeroplane (s) took off the ground as follows:-

Aeroplane Type.	No.	TIME.	Weather conditions where Aeroplane took off.
Avro Mono.	C.4340.	5.10 p.m.	Good. slightly bumpy.

Aeroplane Type.	No.	When last examined.				Whether plane and Engine fit for flight in question.
		By Fitter.		By rigger.		
		Date.	Hour.	Date.	Hour.	
Avro Mono.	C.4340.	13. 6.	5 p.m.	13. 6.	5 p.m.	Yes.
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7. The Flying experience of the occupants prior to this flight was:-

Name of Occupant.	Types of Aeroplanes.	Times flown on each type.			
		DUAL.		SOLO.	
		Hrs.	Mins.	Hrs.	Mins.
Lt. H.C.R. NELSON.	Avro (L.R.80.)	16.	3	3	40.
	" Mono. 100.				
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The cause of accident was in our opinion owing to engine failing to pick up after the glide. This was in all probability caused by loss of pressure in the petrol tank. The Pilot was on duty at the time of the accident.

(D) The accident has been reported to the accidents Committee.

Signature of President of Court. A.E.Richards. Capt.

Signatures of members of Court.(P.H. Wright. Lieut.
(M.C.Palstra. Lieut.

Date of signing 14.6.18.

REPORT OF OFFICER COMMANDING.

I concur in the above finding.

(Sgd) R.S.Brown. Major.
O.C. No. 5. T.S. A.F.C.

16.6.18.

I concur in the above finding. The wind was very strong and gusty at the time.

17.6.18.

(Sgd) W.O. Watt. ? Lt. Col.,
Commanding
1st. Wing. Aust. Flying Corps

The court found "owing to the engine failing to pick up after the glide. This was in all probability caused by loss of pressure in the petrol tank. The Pilot was on duty."

A Medical Report was completed on Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson at A.I.F. H.Q. on 13th September, 1918. His disablement was listed as "Paresis of L. inf.oblique muscle, Anosmia." The disablement had occurred on 13th June, 1918 due to an aero crash. He was considered to be permanently disabled for flying. "He requires resection of nasal septum. He has paresis of the left inferior oblique muscle. Septum deviated to the Rt. nostril occluded. He has a marked degree of anosmia. Recommend admission to Hospital for resection of septum." He was considered not fit for General Service.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital on 13th September, 1918 – cause N.Y.D. (not yet determined).

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was marched out to 1st Wing Non-Effective Officers Pool on 15th September, 1918.

A Medical Report was completed on Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson at A.I.F. H.Q. on 8th November, 1918. His disablement was listed as Diplopia – paralysis left inferior oblique muscle. "Had operation for defected Septum at 3rd L.G.H. 28.9.18 and again 12.10.18. Result much improved air way. Diplopia still present. It is uncertain whether recovery will take place in inf. oblique, and if so when." He was considered not fit for General Service for 6 months. He would be fit for Home service in 2 weeks.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was discharged to S.O.A. on 22nd November, 1918.

A Medical Report was completed on Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson at A.I.F. H.Q. on 22nd November, 1918. His disablement was listed as Diplopia & he "has constant headaches for 2 months up till middle of August. Headaches

less constant. The last headache a week ago lasted a few hours. Feels very well. Heart and lungs clear." He was considered fit for Home Service.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was taken on strength of 5th Training Squadron on 23rd November, 1918 from 1st Wing Non-Effective Officers Pool.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was struck off strength & marched out to A.F.C. Depot at Wendover on 10th December, 1918.

A Medical Report was completed on Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson at A.I.F. H.Q. on 13th December, 1918. His disablement was listed as Diplopia & he was 100% disabled re flying. He was considered fit for General Service.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was marched in to A.F.C. Depot, Wendover on 13th December, 1918.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was marched out to S. O. A. London for disposal on 31st December, 1918.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was admitted to Grove Military Hospital, Tooting on 17th January, 1919.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was discharged to S.O.A. on 21st January, 1919.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was attached to Finance Sector, London for duty on 22nd January, 1919.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson proceeded to Wing as Instructor on 31st January, 1919.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was granted N.M.E. (Non Military Leave) leave from 14th April, 1919 to 31st May, 1919 with pay & Subs. Reason: Motor running, London. Attending Mansion's Training Motor Garage, York St, Westminster. As a result Lieutenant Nelson ceased to be seconded to A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) from 14th April, 1919.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was granted an extension of N.M.E. (Non Military Leave) from 1st June, 1919 to 1st September, 1919 with pay & subs. Reason: Engineering. Attending Tech College at Loughborough.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was admitted to Gilrose Isolation Hospital, Leicester, England on 17th July, 1919.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson died at 2.45 pm on 19th July, 1919 at Gilrose Isolation Hospital, Leicester, England from Cerebro Spinal Meningitis & Pneumonocele.

A death for Harold C. R. Nelson, aged 23, was registered in the September quarter, 1919 in the district of Barrow upon Soar, Leicestershire, England.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was buried on 23rd July, 1919 in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England – Memorial Reference – Screen Wall 01.387. He does not have a headstone however his death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased officer was accorded a full military funeral, firing party, bugler and pall-bearers being in attendance. The coffin draped with the Australian Flag and surmounted with beautiful wreaths, was borne to the graveside by six officer patients from the hospital. The firing part being supplied from Depot, Leicester Regiment, and funeral service conducted by Chaplain Pelling. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside.*

Wreaths were sent by:-

Miss Cook; Fellow students Technical College, Loughboro'; and, on behalf of father and mother, by Mr & Mrs Cook.

The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the Australian Military Headquarters, London, who were represented at the funeral by Lieut. T. A. Stoddardt.

Names of relatives and Friends present at the Funeral: Mr, Mrs and Miss Cook, Normanhurst, Dudley, Miss Cramer, Loughboro', Lieut. Bool, A.I.F. Area Officer, Sgt. MacWilliams, A.I.F. Asst: Area Officer; Lieut. Charles; Lieut Davey; Mr Welch; Mr Martin and Mr Cahill – fellow students.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lieutenant Nelson's father – Mr J. E. Nelson, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent August, 1921 & Plaque sent June, 1923).

Alicia M. Inglis, of 112 Gilbert Rd, Preston, wrote to Officer in Charge Records, R.A.A.F. on 21st May, 1962 enquiring about her brother's death – Flt Lieut. Howard Charles Reid Nelson & where he was buried. She also asked for details of his transfer from the A.I.F. to R.F.C. in 1917. A reply was sent on 21st June, 1962 stating that "*Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson had enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force on 12th January, 1915, and after service at Gallipoli and in Egypt and France with 6th Battalion, was seconded to the Australian Flying Corps on 7th December, 1917. Lieutenant Nelson died of illness in England on 19th July 1919, and was buried in Grave No. 387, Section 01, of the Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester...*"

Alicia M. Windsor, of Box 8 Caloundra, Queensland, wrote to Officer in Charge, Army Records, Albert Park, Victoria, on 15th April, 1967 quoting their reply to her letter on 21st June, 1962 regarding her brother Lieut. Howard Charles Reid Nelson. Her request was to claim the Gallipoli Medal on her brother's behalf.

Thomas Stanley Nelson, of 1 Pacific Street, Blakehurst, NSW applied for the Gallipoli Medallion on 14th July, 1967, declaring he was the brother of Howard Charles Reid Nelson, 2223, 6th Battalion, A.I.F. & signed the form stating he was the person entitled to the Medallion under the War Service Estates Act 1942-43.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson, aged 23, of 6th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Joseph E. and Alicia Nelson, of Swanpool, Benalla, Victoria, Australia.

Lieutenant Howard C. R. Nelson is remembered in the Melbourne High School Honour Roll book which is on display in the foyer of the school. The Memorial Hall is behind & is a Memorial to the Old Boys and Staff who served in WWI (the school moved in 1927 to a new site).

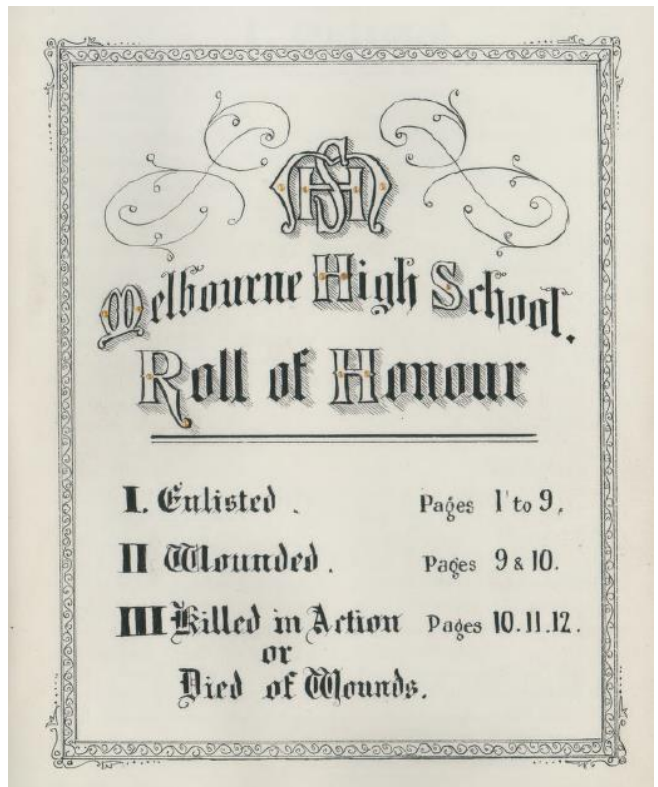
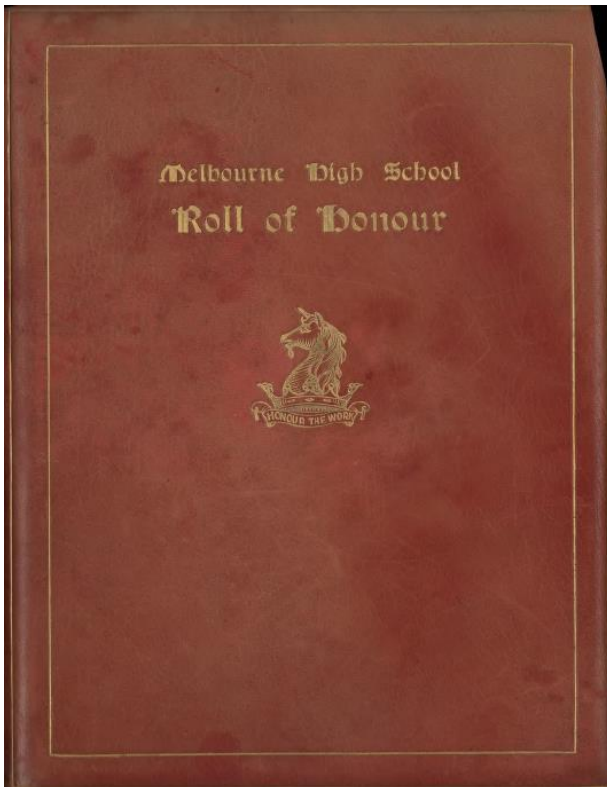
There are 9 former Students of Melbourne High School who served in World War 1 & who are buried in the UK.



Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book

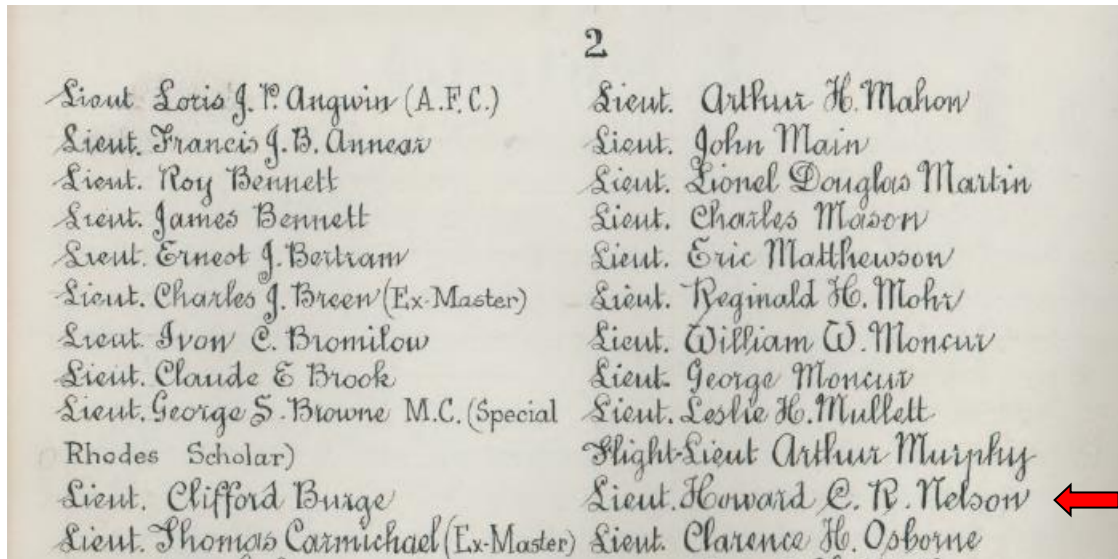
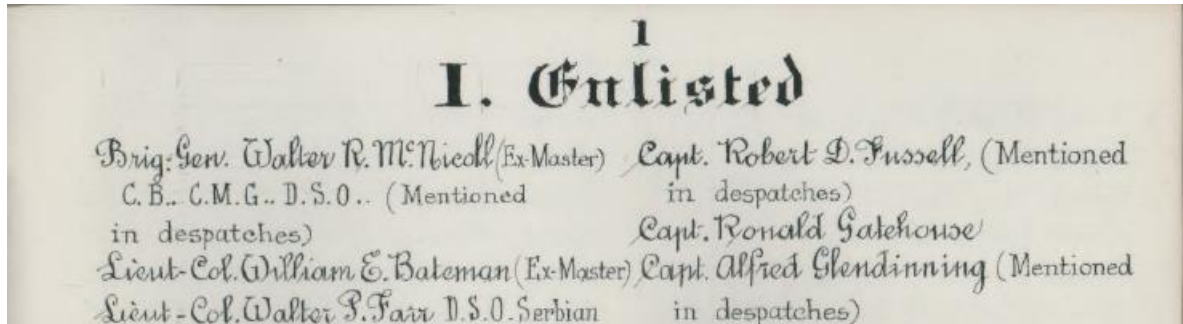


Melbourne High School Memorial Hall



Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book

Lieut. Howard C. R. Nelson is named on the Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book – under those who I. Enlisted (page 2). He is not listed under those Wounded or Killed in Action or Died of Wounds.



Melbourne High School Honour Roll Book

(Melbourne High School information & photos courtesy of Luke Savage, Honorary School Archivist, Melbourne High School)

Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 47.

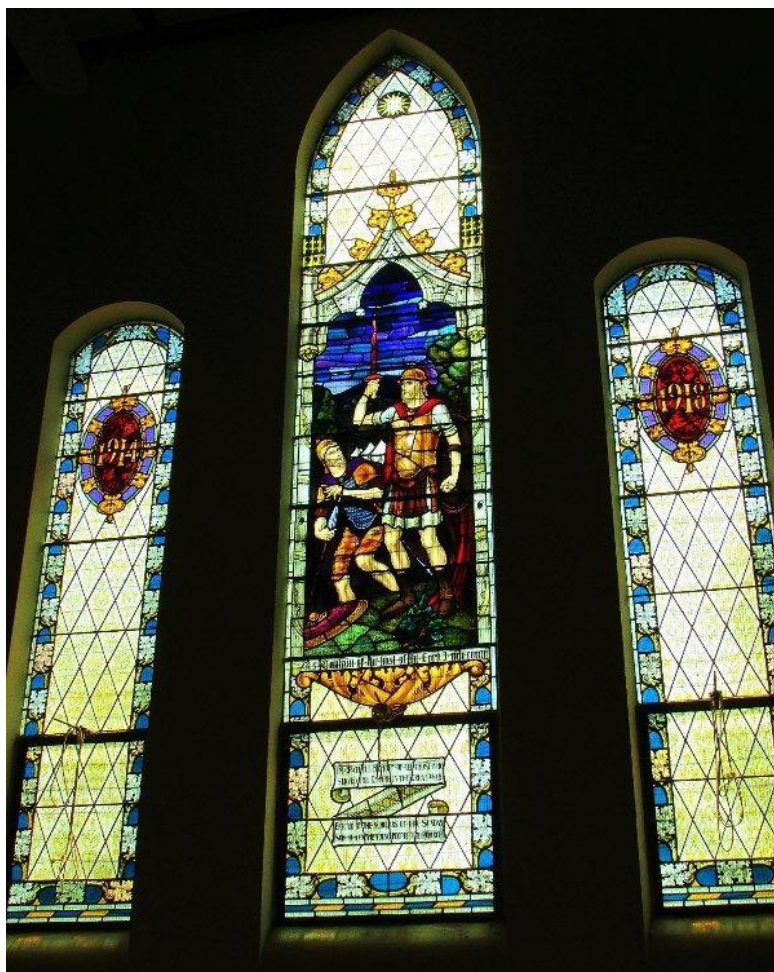


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

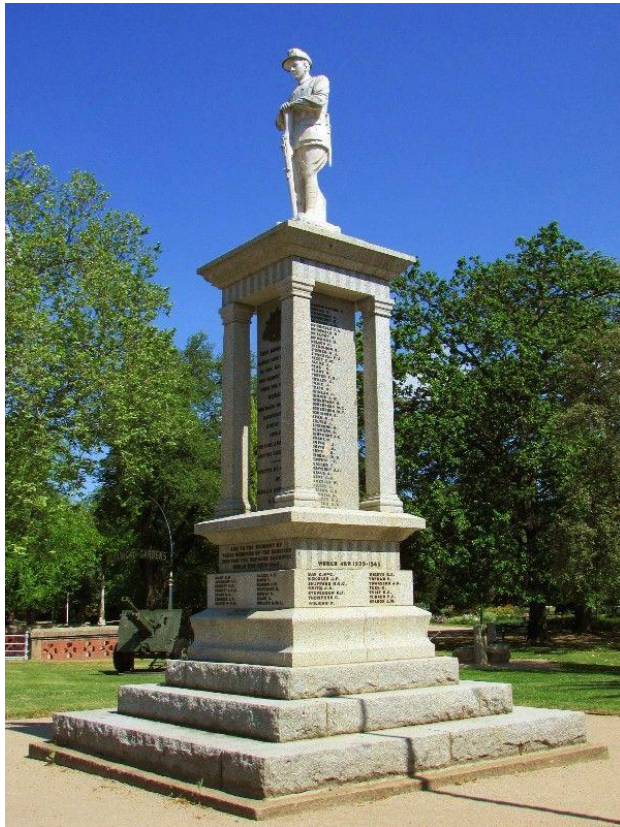
Howard Nelson is remembered on the Methodist Church Honour Roll, located beneath the War Memorial Windows in Benalla Uniting Church, Carrier & Church Streets, Benalla, Victoria.



Methodist Church War Memorial Windows at Benalla Uniting Church (Photos from Monument Australia)



H. Nelson is remembered on the Benalla War Memorial, located at Benalla Botanical Garden, Bridge Street (Midland Highway), Benalla, Victoria.



Benalla War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

H. C. R. Nelson is remembered on the Postmaster General's Department Workers who served in World War1, located in Telstra Museum, 375 Burwood Road, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT VICTORIA

ROLL OF HONOR.

1914. 1918.

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Postmaster General's Department Workers who served in World War1 (Photo from VWMA)

H. C. R. Nelson is remembered on the Postmaster General's Department Roll of Honour for World War1, located in former G.P.O. Building, Bourke & Elizabeth Streets, Melbourne, Victoria.



Postmaster General's Department Roll of Honour (Photo above from Monument Australia; below from VWMA)



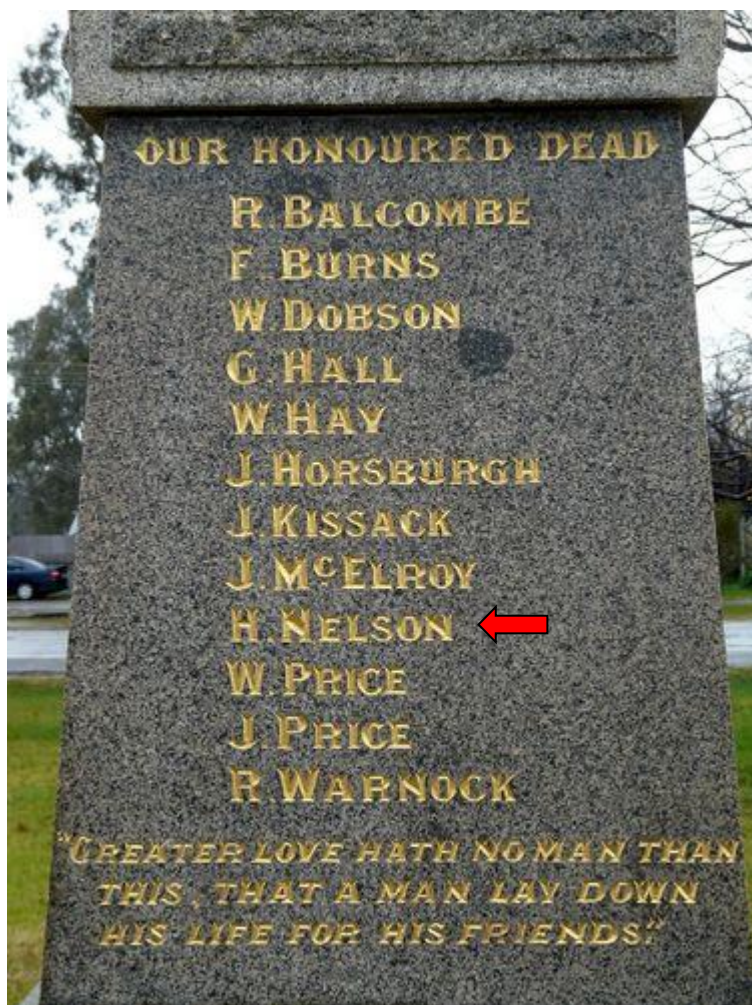
H. C. R. Nelson is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.



Nelson	F. N ^o 4014	Nelson	H. N ^o 1995
Nelson	F.J.	Nelson	H. N ^o 3405
Nelson	F.S.	Nelson	H.C. N ^o 4209
Nelson	G. "MPT"	Nelson	H.C. N ^o 19806
Nelson	G. N ^o 2964	Nelson	H.C. ←
Nelson	G.E.	Nelson	H.C.R.
Nelson	G.F.	Nelson	H.E.
Nelson	G.G.	Nelson	H.H.
Nelson	G.H. N ^o 472	Nelson	I.
Nelson	G.H. N ^o 20671	Nelson	I. H.
Nelson	G.H. D.	Nelson	J. N ^o 1215
Nelson	G.J.	Nelson	J. N ^o 1310
Nelson	G.S.	Nelson	J. N ^o 2699
Nelson	G.T.	Nelson	J. N ^o 3104
Nelson	H. N ^o 923	Nelson	J. N ^o 5732
Nelson	H. N ^o 959	Nelson	J.A. N ^o 113



H. Nelson is remembered on the Swanpool Soldiers Memorial, located adjacent to Memorial Hall, Midland Highway, Swanpool, Victoria.



Swanpool Soldiers Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia)

(100 pages of Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson'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

Australians at Dardanelles

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

The 119th CASUALTY LIST

ENLISTED IN VICTORIA AND VICTORIANS FROM OTHER STATES

ILL

Private H C R Nelson, Benalla

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 8 December, 1915)

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(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 6 August, 1919)

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VICTORIAN CASUALTIES

The Defence department last evening issued the following casualty list:-

DIED OF ILLNESS

Lieut. H.C.R. Nelson, Benalla, 6th Btn.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 August, 1919)

DEATHS

On Active Service

NELSON – On the 19th July, in hospital, London, from meningitis, Lieutenant Howard Nelson, eldest son of Joseph and Alicia Nelson, of Swanpool, Victoria.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 16 August, 1919)

In Memoriam

ON ACTIVE SERVICE

NELSON – In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Flight Lieut. Howard C. R. Nelson, who died in England of illness July 19, 1919 (Peace Day), after five years' service.

(Inserted by his loving parents, sister and brother.)

(*Benalla Standard*, Victoria – 20 July, 1920)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Lieutenant Howard Charles Reid Nelson has a numbered flat memorial stone & is remembered on the CWGC's Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester.

Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England

Between 1914 and 1919, the 5th Northern General Hospital, with more than 2,600 beds, occupied several buildings in Leicester and North Evington. More than 95,000 officers and men were admitted to the hospital, which recorded 514 deaths before its closure. During the Second World War, there was a Royal Air Force operational training station near Leicester. Leicester (Welford Road) Cemetery contains 286 First World War burials, more than half of them forming a war graves plot with a Screen Wall bearing the names of those buried there. The 46 Second World War burials are scattered throughout the cemetery, which also contains eight Belgian war graves, 1 of which is unknown.

(Information from CWGC)



(Photo by daglish – Find a Grave)

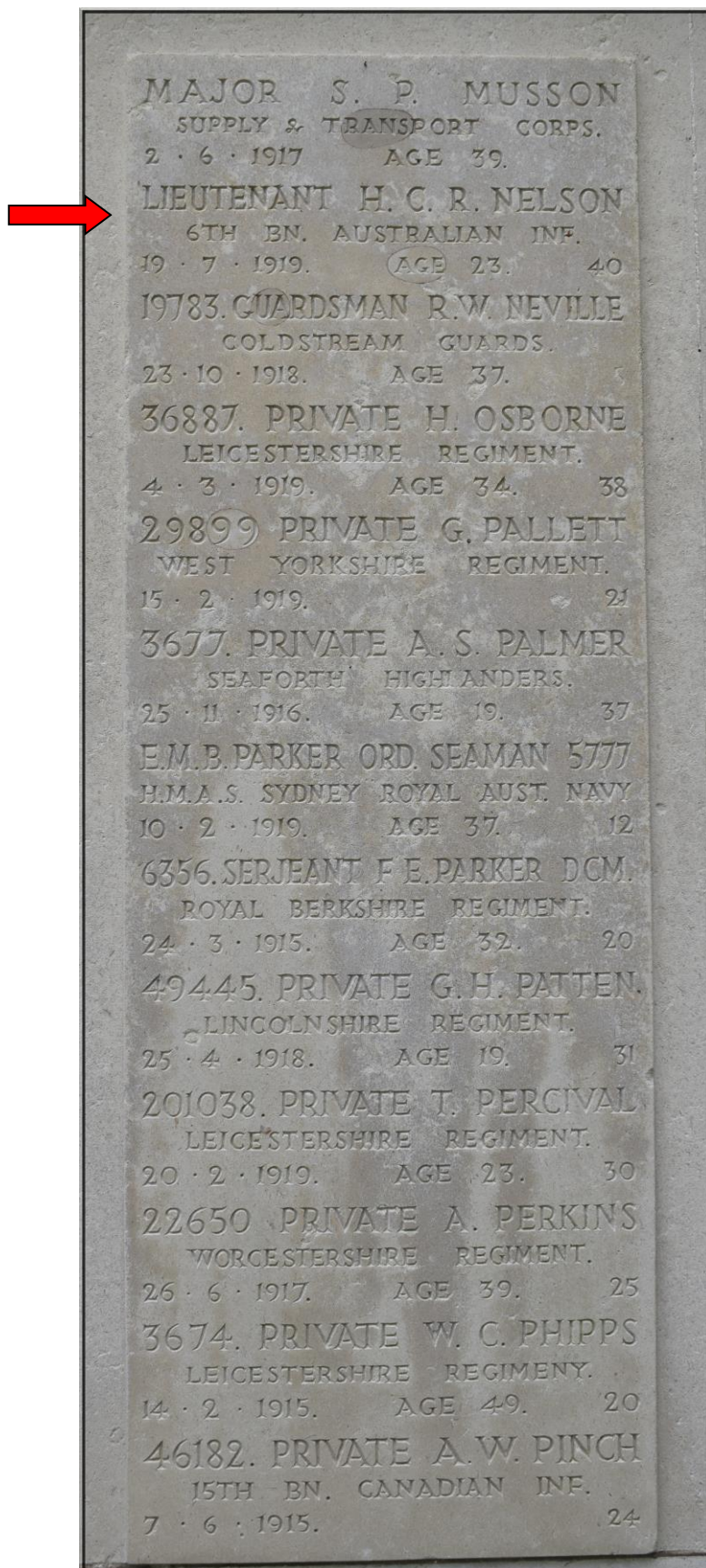


Cross of Sacrifice & Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester *(Photo from CWGC)*



(Photo by Jackie March – Find a Grave)

Photo of Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England.



(Photo courtesy of Ian Sainthouse – Friends of Welford Road Cemetery)

Photo of Lieutenant H. C. R. Nelson's numbered Memorial Stone in front of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Screen Wall in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire, England.



ANZAC Day Commemorations (Photos courtesy of Michael Doyle)





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Mr and Mrs A T Sharp visiting the graves of seven Australians at the Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, including the grave of Kathleen Adele Brennan, Australian Red Cross Society, member of the Voluntary Aid Detachment. Brennan died of influenza at Leicester, England on 24 November 1918.

From the collection of Mr Alfred Thomas Sharp. Mr Sharp was the Commonwealth Immigration Officer of Victoria and was based in the London Office during the First World War. He and his wife hosted and visited many soldiers, particularly those from Victoria, who were recuperating in London. He also photographed many Australian graves in English cemeteries. His photograph collection relating to this period in London was bequeathed to the Memorial in 1922 after his death. During his time in London he was a member of the British Volunteer Regiment, serving with the Willesden Battalion, Middlesex Volunteer Regiment.

