

**St. Lawrence Churchyard,
Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT

H. NICOL

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

16TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 32

His Duty Done

Hector NICOL

Hector Nicol was born at Maheno, Waitaki, Otago, New Zealand on 11th May, 1887 to parents John Lockhart Nicol and Sarah Nicol (nee Tinnock).

Sarah Nicol, mother of Hector Nicol, died on 31st August, 1893 at Ngapara, Waitaki, Otago, New Zealand.

Hector Nicol married Rose Barton in 1908 in New Zealand.

The 1913, 1914, 1915 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Gippsland, subdivision of Warragul listed Herbert Nicol, Railway employee, of Darnum, Victoria. His wife – Rose Nicol was only listed on 1913 & 1914 Rolls with her husband.

Hector Nicol was a 29 year old, married, Railway Operating Porter from Laverton, Victoria when he enlisted in Melbourne, Victoria on 6th December, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 312 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Rose Nicol, of Avoca, Victoria. Hector Nicol stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Volunteer Rifle Club for 6 months in New Zealand.

Air Mechanic (Private) Hector Nicol was posted to "C" Flight, No. 1 Australian Flying Corps on 24th January, 1916.

Private Hector Nicol embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Orsova* (A67) on 16th March, 1916 with the No. 1 Squadron, Flying Corps "C" Flight & disembarked at Suez on 14th April, 1916.

Air Mechanic (Private) Hector Nicol was posted to "F" Division Headquarters at Heliopolis from 21st April, 1916.

Air Mechanic (Private) Hector Nicol was to be 1st Class Air Mechanic from 24th August, 1916 with Australian Flying Corps .

1st Class Air Mechanic Hector Nicol was to be Corporal from 18th September, 1916 & posted to No. 68 (Australian) Squadron, Royal Flying Corps at Kantara from No. 67 Squadron.

Corporal Hector Nicol was taken on strength of No. 68 Squadron from 7th December, 1916.

Corporal Hector Nicol was to be Acting Sergeant from 16th December, 1916. He ceased to be attached to No. 67 Squadron & rejoined his Unit (No. 68 Squadron) from duty with No. 67 Squadron on 18th December, 1916.

Acting Sergeant Hector Nicol embarked from Alexandria for overseas on H. T. *Kingstonian* for B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on 13th January, 1917. He disembarked at Southampton, England on 30th January, 1917.

Acting Sergeant Hector Nicol was to be Sergeant from 1st March, 1917 to complete establishment (Authority 24th Wing).

Sergeant Hector Nicol was to be Flight Sergeant from 7th March, 1917 (Authority 24th Wing, R.F.C.).

Flight Sergeant Hector Nicol was marched out to S. R. O. South Farnborough on 1st July, 1917 from No. 68 Squadron, A.F.C. at Harlaxton.

Flight Sergeant Hector Nicol proceeded overseas to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Southampton on 29th July, 1917. He was marched in to A.G.B.D. (Australian General Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 31st July, 1917.

Flight Sergeant Hector Nicol was marched out from A.G.B.D. to 1st Anzac Wireless on 5th August, 1917.

Flight Sergeant Hector Nicol was attached to No. 1 A. Depot on 9th August, 1917.

Flight Sergeant Hector Nicol was marched in to A.F.C. (Australian Flying Corps) Details at Wendover, England on 12th September, 1917 from A. H. Quarters. He was marched out to Australian Headquarters London on 5th October, 1917.

Flight Sergeant Hector Nicol reported to Wireless Testing Park at Biggan Hill on 5th November, 1917 to qualify as Wireless Equipment Officer & was appointed Cadet.

Cadet (Flight Sergeant) Hector Nicol, having graduated was appointed Equipment Officer Class 3 & was to be 2nd Lieutenant from 28th November, 1917.

2nd Lieutenant Hector Nicol proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone with No. 22 Squadron, R.F.C. on 14th March, 1918.

2nd Lieutenant Hector Nicol was to be Lieutenant & Equipment Officer Class 2 from 28th February, 1918.

2nd Lieutenant Hector Nicol was attached for duty with No. 22 Squadron R.A.F. from England on 16th March, 1918 (rank as listed on Casualty Form – Active Service)

2nd Lieutenant Hector Nicol proceeded to join Home Establishment from 30th March, 1918. (rank as listed on Casualty Form – Active Service)

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was marched out from 7th Training Squadron to 1st Wing Headquarters on 4th April, 1918. He was marched in to 7th Training Squadron at Leighterton from 1st Wing Headquarters on 15th April, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was transferred to A.F.C. headquarters, London from Leighterton on 20th April, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol embarked from England on 1st May, 1918. He was attached to No. 88 Squadron, R.A.F. on 2nd May, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was posted to No. 22 Squadron, R.A.F. from No. 88 Squadron on 8th May, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was posted to No. 88 Squadron, R.A.F. from No. 22 Squadron on 30th May, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was transferred to England on 2nd June, 1918 from No. 88 Squadron on completion of T/duty. He reported at Boulogne, France on 2nd June, 1918 for passage to England.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol reported to R.A.F. School of Wireless on 5th June, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was posted to 11 T.D.S. (Training Depot Station) on 12th August, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was posted to 33 T.D.S. (Training Depot Station) on 4th September, 1918.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol died on 16th October, 1918 at Salisbury Infirmary, Wiltshire, England from fractured base of skull from a motor accident. (The Report of Death form in the Service Record file of Lieutenant Hector Nicol recorded he died at 1830 on 15th October, 1918 at Military Hospital, Sutton Veny). The Death Certificate recorded the following information: Died October 18th 1918 The Infirmary Salisbury; Hector Nicol; Male; 32 years, Lieutenant Australian Flying Corps attached Headquarters 33rd Wing Royal Air Force Lakedown and home address Laverton, Victoria Australia; Cause of death – from fracture of the base of the skull caused by the accidental overturning of a motor car in which he was a passenger on the 13th day of October, 1918 on the London Road in the Parish of Laverstock and Ford.

[There are conflicting dates of death in the Service Record file of the late Lieutenant Hector Nicol. Both Commonwealth War Graves Commission & the Australian War Memorial have the date of death as 16th October, 1918 as well as Australian Imperial Force Burial Report had the date as 16th October, 1918 (the "6" was handwritten over the typed numeral) The Casualty Form – Active Service has date of death as 15th October, 1918; Communications from Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters had the date of death as 15th October, 1918; a Telegram from Red Cross Office Salisbury to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London, had the date as 15th October, 1918; notification to Mrs R. Nicol on 23rd May recorded the date of death as 15th October, 1918; Australian Imperial Force Statement of Service / Casualties has the date recorded as 15th October, 1918 (page 83/87 in service record file); the final Summary page 86 in the Service record file has both dates listed – 16th October, 1918 & also 15th October, 1918.]

Ernest Mould, the Registrar of Deaths, Salisbury wrote to The Commandant, Administrative Headquarters, Australian Imperial Force on 26th February, 1919 regarding Lieutenant Nicol & stated "...I beg to inform you that the date of death should be the 15th October as stated by you but the Coroner made a mistake so I have no legal authority to alter the same..."

CERTIFIED COPY of an ENTRY OF DEATH.
 Registration Acts, 1836 to 1874.

Registration District, SALISBURY.

1918 Death in the Sub-district of SALISBURY. in the County of WILTS.

No.	When and where Died.	Name and Surname.	Sex.	Age.	Rank or Profession.	Cause of Death.	Signature, Description and Residence of Informant.	When Registered.	Signature of Registrar.
199	Oct 18 th 1918 The Infirmary Salisbury U.D.	Hector Nicol	male	32 years	Lieutenant Australian Flying Corps attached Headquarters 33 rd Wing Royal Air Force Lakedown and Home address, Laverstock, Wilts. Australia	From fracture of the base of the skull caused by the accidental overturning of a motor car in which he was a passenger on the 13 th day of October 1918 on the London Road in the Parish of Laverstock and Ford.	Certificate received from F. S. Trethowan, Deputy Coroner for City of New Sarum Inquest held 18-Oct-1918.	Twenty third October 1918	Ernest Mould Registrar.

I, Ernest Mould, Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Sub-district of SALISBURY, in the County of WILTS do hereby certify that this is a true copy of the Entry No. 199 in the Register Book of Deaths for the said Sub-district, and that such Register Book is now legally in my custody.

WITNESS MY HAND this 30th day of January, 1919.

Ernest Mould

A death for Hector Nicol, aged 32, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England.

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was buried at 3 pm on 21st October, 1918 in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England – Plot number 136 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Lieutenant Hector Nicol - Coffin was polished Elm. Brass mountings. The deceased officer was buried with full Military honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the Graveside on a Trailer drawn by a tender from the Royal Air Force Aerodrome at Lakedown. Six Officers of the Royal Air Force and Canadian Air Force supported the Pall. The Cortège was preceded by a firing Party and Band from No. 4 Australian Command Depot. A number of Officers, N.C.O.'s and men from the R.A.F. and A.I.F. attended as Mourners. A great number of wreaths and floral tributes were placed on the grave after the Last Post had been sounded. Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented.

South Wiltshire Coroner's Inquest:

Hector Nicol – 25th October, 1918 at Laverstock.

Motor Car Overturns

Officer Killed at St Thomas' Bridge

The story of an accident which occurred at St Thomas' Bridge, and resulted in the death of an Army officer, was related to the Deputy Coroner for the city (Mr F H Trethowan) at the Infirmary on Friday. A motor car, which was carrying a party of officers, after descending the long hill on the London Road, struck a kerbstone at the end of the bridge, skidded and overturned. The unfortunate victim was Lieut Hector Nicol, of the Australian Flying Corps, who was 32 years of age.

Albert Thomas Brown, an Air Mechanic stationed at Salisbury, said that on Sunday, October 13th, he was walking towards the city with another air mechanic near St Thomas' Bridge, at ten minutes to six in the evening, when he heard a noise as though something had been struck. He turned round and saw a car skidding across the road in the direction of Salisbury. He jumped out of the way on to the bank, and the car swerved and turned over on its right, throwing out the driver and three officers. Two of the officers were found to be seriously injured. Two other officers, who were in a lorry approaching the bridge, rendered assistance, and sent for an ambulance, and the injured officers were conveyed to the Infirmary.

Second-Lieut Whitney, one of the officers in the lorry, said that after passing under the railway bridge he saw the car with the officers approaching. He ordered the driver of the lorry to pull up, as the car was approaching at an excessive speed. He thought 18 to 20 miles an hour was the limit at which the bridge could be taken with safety, and the car was going faster than that. The back wheel of the car touched the cornerstone of the bridge, which threw the back part of the car into its near bank. This seemed to put the car out of control. Lieut Nicol, after the car capsized, was lying on his back, and was bleeding at the back of his head. Part of his body was under the car. Witness examined the car and found the brakes were all right. As far as he could tell all the occupants of the car were sober.

Lieut Norman Brown, who was accompanying the previous witness, said he was of opinion that it was impossible at the speed it was going for the car to cross the bridge in safety.

The Foreman (Mr F W Gullick) said he would like to know if there was any notice on the London side of the bridge saying it was a dangerous crossing.

PS Hunt said there was a notice warning motorists of a concealed turning, but there was no speed limit.

The Foreman thought the speed should be limited to ten miles an hour.

Lieut Whitney : Eight miles, or ten miles at the most.

The Foreman said this was not the first accident that had occurred at that spot.

The Coroner : The bridge had been knocked down once.

PS Hunt, on behalf of Supt Cowdrey, asked the officer what was the speed of the car.

Lieut Brown said that when he saw the car coming down the hill it was travelling at 40 miles an hour, but when it reached the bridge it was going 30 miles an hour.

Second-Lieut French, RAF, said he was riding in the car with Lieuts Nicol and Francis. The speed did not seem to be excessive. When passing the bridge the car skidded to the left and then hit something. It seemed to recover, then skidded to the right, turned over, and threw him into the road. The driver seemed to be driving fairly carefully during the journey. He had no complaint to make of the way in which the car was driven.

Archie Othmar Weeks, an acting sergeant in a USA Aero Squadron, who was the driver of the car, preferred to make a statement. He said that he shut off the engine at the top of the hill. When he reached the bridge he noticed the lorry and he drew in as far as possible to the near side, as the road was narrow and the lorry large. He got over the bridge all right and then the car struck something on the side of the bridge, which threw the car towards the embankment. He tried to right the car when he heard something snap, and the car swerved to the right and toppled over.

Replying to the Foreman, the driver said he had never been along the road in that direction before.

The House Surgeon at the Infirmary said Lieut Nicol was suffering from abrasions and bruises at the back of the head. He died on Tuesday, October 15th, from fracture of the base of the skull. He did not recover consciousness.

After the Coroner had addressed the jury, the Foreman said they quite agreed that the cause of death was accidental, and that contributory to the cause of the accident was the fact that the man was practically ignorant of the contour of the road, and the curiosities of the road, because there was a curious bottom to the hill. The jury suggested that the bridge should be immediately altered to meet the conditions of the day, and that a notice should be erected reducing the speed to eight miles an hour.

The Coroner said he was quite in agreement with the verdict, and that he would bring the suggestions to the proper authorities.

(From [SalisburyInquests](#))

[Note: 4 typed pages of the Coroner's Inquest can be found in the Service Record file of the late Lieutenant Hector Nicol.]

Hector Nicol requested in his Will dated 11th February, 1916 "...formerly an officer on the relieving staff of the Transportation Branch Victorian Railways now a member of the Aviation C Flight First Australian Flying Squadron with the Australian Expeditionary Forces. After payment of all my just debts funeral and testamentary Expenses I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Rose Nicol of Laverton the rest and remainder of my real and personal estate wheresoever situate and of whatsoever nature and kind for her own use and benefit absolutely." Rose Nicol was also appointed Executrix.

Base Records wrote to Mrs R. Nicol, 375 Dank Street, Middle Park, Victoria on 16th November, 1921 to "learn whether you are still residing at the undermentioned address, as I desire to dispose of War Medals etc., issuable on account of the service of your husband the late Lieutenant H. Nicol, Australian Flying Corps." Mrs Nicol replied on 18th November, 1921 stating that she was "leaving Australia for my parents' home in New Zealand on Wednesday next 23rd & my future address will be as under *Primoa, via Featherston, New Zealand.*"

Lieutenant Hector Nicol was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lieutenant Nicol's widow – Mrs R. Nicol, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent May, 1922 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

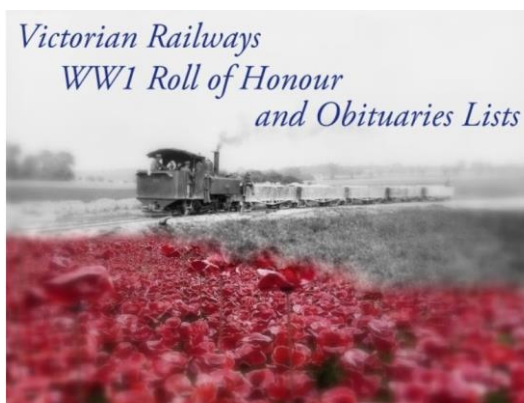
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Hector Nicol, aged 32, of Australian Flying Corps. He was the son of John and Sarah Nicol; husband of Rose Nicol, of 375 Dank St., Middle Park, Victoria.

Lieutenant H. Nicol is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 187.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

H. Nicol is remembered on the Victorian Railways WW1 Roll of Honour and Obituaries Lists



Hector NICOL

V.R Employee no: 16417 Transportation Branch - Operating Porter
Date of Entry into Railways: 9.6.1913

Served in the Australian Flying Corps, No 1 Squadron, C Flight
Regimental number: 312

Enlistment date: 6 December 1915 [Railway Enlistment list - 1916](#)

Rank on enlistment: Private / Lieutenant

Fate: Died as a result of accident 15 October 1918

Place of death: United Kingdom

Age at death: 32

Place of burial: Stratford-sub-Castle Churchyard (St. Lawrence) (Grave No. 136), Wiltshire

Commemoration details: Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 188

Name 1st appears on the [Railway Obituary Lists - 1919 Nicol H.](#)

H. Nicol is named on the Victorian Railways Roll of Honour in Victorian Railway Report of the Victorian Railways Commissioners for year ending 30th June, 1920.



ROLL OF HONOUR.

The following is a list of the names of the Officers and Employees who gave their lives for the Empire. Some were killed in action, others died of wounds, and several met their death through natural causes whilst on military service:—

OBITUARY—*continued.*

HYNES, J.	MORAN, P. F.	PRICE, A.	STATHAM, G. W.
INGLIS, G. R.	MORGAN, R. A.	PRICE, J. O.	STEAR, H. E.
INGRAM, A. H.	MORGAN, W. J. P.	PRIDEAUX, J.	STEED, S. J.
JAMES, F.	MORRIS, A. E.	PRING, B.	STENHOUSE, J. A. J.
JAQUES, R. F.	MORRISEY, M.	QUIRK, A.	STEPHENS, R. C.
JENNINGS, H. C.	MUMMERY, T. H.	QUIRKE, E. J.	STEVENS, J. T.
JOHANNSEN, P. N.	MURRAY, S. A. H.	RADCLIFFE, J. B.	STEWART, H. A.
JOHNSTON, J. A. K.	MURRAY, W. J.	RAMSAY, G. A. S.	STEWART, J.
JONES, F. J.	MCALRESE, G. H.	RASHLEIGH, W. C.	STONE, H.
JONES, V. H.	MCANULTY, G. A.	RAY, A. W.	STOREY, T. T.
JUDE, D. H.	MCCARTHY, A. F.	READE, G. P.	STUCKEY, E.
KEAY, S. P.	MCCLOSKEY, J.	REDDAN, W.	SULLIVAN, F.
KENNEDY, J. W. H.	MCDONALD, C. P.	REEVES, A.	SUTTON, C.
KENNEDY, W.	MCDONALD, H.	REGAN, C. G.	SWINTON, T. T.
KENNELLY, L. P.	MCDONALD, L.	RENTON, G.	SYMES, R. S.
KENNERLEY, T. F.	MCGAHEY, J.	RICH, C. E. O.	TAYLOR, H. G. L.
KER, N. H.	MCGREGOR, E.	RICHARD, W. J.	TAYLOR, H. W.
KIDD, N.	MCGRILLEN, F. A.	RICKETTS, L. A.	TAYLOR, J. G.
KIERNAN, E. J.	MCINNES, G. A.	RING, W.	TAYLOR, J. R.
KILLEY, W.	MCINTOSH, F. R.	RITTER, G. L.	TEVLIN, J. T.
KING, C.	MCKAY, A. H.	ROBERTS, L. M.	THOMAS, S. G.
KINSMAN, H. S.	MCKAY, A. R.	ROBERTSON, J. N.	THOMPSON, M. C.
KIRBY, D.	MCKEOWN, J. A.	ROBERTSON, T. P.	THOMPSON, W. H.
KISSACK, J.	MCLEISH, D.	ROBIN, R.	THORNTON, W. J.
KRONK, A. E.	MCLISTER, A. G.	RODDA, B.	TIERNEY, A. J.
LAMBERT, E.	MCMAMARA, J.	ROSS, C. F.	TILLEY, R. J.
LANCASTER, G. R.	NELSON, J. P.	ROSS, H.	TIPPETT, P. A.
LAW, H. G.	NELSON, J. W.	ROSS, J. A.	TOLMIE, R. C.
LAXON, W. J.	NICOL, H.	ROSS, R. H.	TORPEY, H.
LEMAITRE, A. C.	NICHOLLS, R. J.	ROWE, P.	TOWNSEND, A. E.
LESLIE, V.	NICHOLSON, R. H. B.	ROWE, W. C. H.	TRELOAR, J.
LETCH, H. A.	NORMAN, E. W.	RUFF, V. H.	TRIZSE, R.
LEWIS, A. H.	NORRIS, L.	RYAN, A. E.	TULLY, J. L.
LEWIS, L.	OLDHAM, E.	RYAN, C. T.	TYTHERLEIGH, J.
LINDSAY, W. J.	OLSEN, M.	SAUL, H.	URQUHART, G. F.

H. Nicol is remembered in the Darnum Honour Roll (First World War). Its last known location (according to Victorian War Heritage Inventory) “is believed to be in the Darnum area (previously “Forests to Farms”)

The Darnum War Memorial Cairn original monument located at Darnum Memorial Hall, Cropley Street, Darnum, Victoria was demolished in 2017 & did not list individual names.



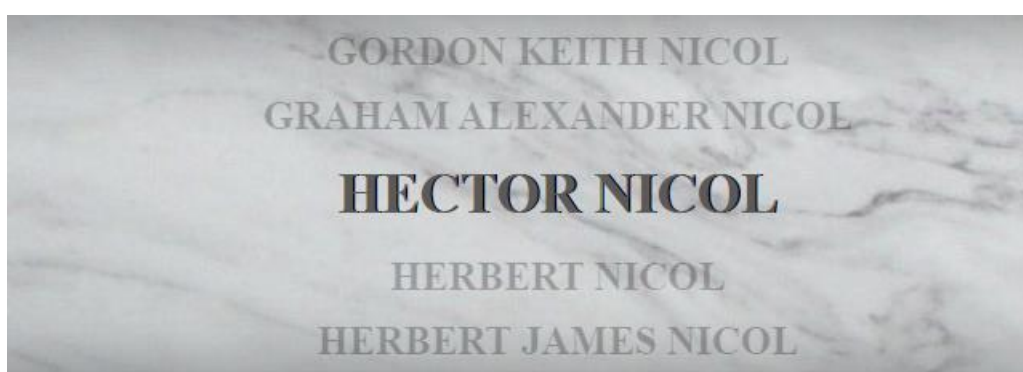
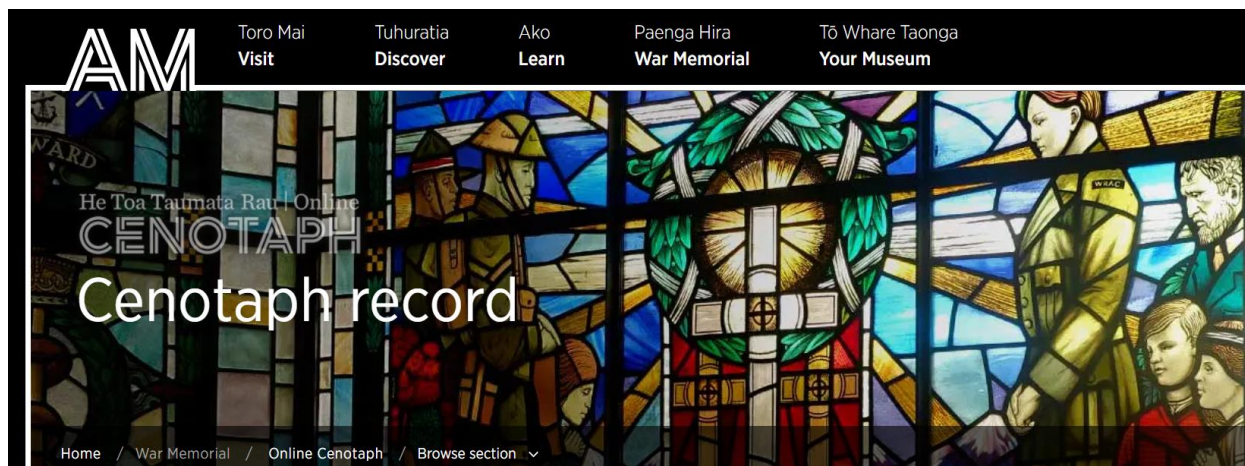
Darnum War Memorial Cairn - original monument (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

The Darnum, Cloverlea & District War Memorial, located on Cropley Street, Darnum, Victoria does not list individual names.



Darnum, Cloverlea & District War Memorial (Photo from AWM – Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

Hector Nicol is remembered on the Auckland Museum On Line Cenotaph Record.



(87 pages of Lieutenant Hector Nicol'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





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

DAAV14352

Lieutenant Hector Nicol



Newspaper Notices

“WIRELESS” OPERATOR SUCCEEDS

Mr Hector Nicol, whose photograph appears below, was employed as a relieving officer In the Victorian Rail ways, when he decided to qualify as a wireless operator. He had just a smattering of the Morse Code when he joined the



MR. HECTOR NICOL
of Flinders street, Melbourne.

splendidly efficient school of "Wireless" conducted by Stott's Correspondence College, and he pursued his studies under great difficulties with considerable determination. Being continually moved from one station to another, it was frequently impossible for him to attend more than four or five classes a month, and the whole of his Theoretical work was conducted by Correspondence, so it speaks highly for Mr Nicol's pertinacity that at the end of five months he was able to pass his qualifying examination and satisfy all necessary tests for a position as "Wireless" Operator in The Australian Flying Corps, with which he is now serving.

Those desirous of becoming professional "Wireless" Operators or Telegraphists should obtain full particulars and a copy of the Free Illustrated Manual of the College by calling on, or writing to, Stott's Correspondence College, 100 Russell street, Melbourne.

(The Herald, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 August, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

NICOL – On the 16th October, at Salisbury Infirmary, result of motor accident, Lieut. Hector Nicol, Australian Flying Corps, late Victorian railways, loving husband of Rose, Pirmoa, New Zealand. (Inserted by W. and F. Wanless, Avoca.)

(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 October, 1918)

PERSONAL

Flying Corps Suffers Loss

Our special representative in London cables that a brilliant officer has been lost to the Australian Flying Corps through the death of Lieut. H. Nicol, who has been killed in a motoring accident. He was a foremost expert in aerial telephony, and had been lent to the Royal Air Force. Lieutenant Hector Nicol enlisted in Melbourne on December 6, 1915, at the age of 29. He had formerly been a railway operating porter, and was a married man, his widow now living at Avoca. Lieutenant Nicol was born at Maheno, New Zealand. In that country he gained some military experience as a member of the Volunteer Rifle Club, to which he belonged for six months. He was appointed equipment officer and second lieutenant on November 28 of last year, and promoted lieutenant in the Australian Flying Corps on February 28 of this year. His death occurred last Wednesday in the Salisbury (England) Infirmary, from fracture of the skull.

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 23 October, 1918) & similar story in (*The Ballarat Star*, Victoria – 24 October, 1918) & (*Otago Witness*, New Zealand – 13 November, 1918 Issue 3374)

WAIRARAPA NEWS

Lieutenant Hector Nicol, formerly of Featherston, has been killed in action. Deceased was a member of the Flying Corps. He leaves a widow, who is a daughter of Mr and Mrs Barton, of Pirinoa.

(*Wairarapa Daily Times*, New Zealand – 23 October, 1918) & (*New Zealand Times* – 24 October, 1918) & (*Manawatu Standard* – 24 October, 1918)

ROLL OF HONOUR

Word has been received of the death of Lieutenant Hector Nicol, who some years ago was a resident of Featherston. The deceased young officer, who enlisted in Australia, was a member of the Flying Corps, and while in England was acting as an instructor. His wife was a daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Barton, of the Lower Valley.

(*Featherston Camp Weekly* - 26 October, 1918)

CASUALTY LISTS

TWO ISSUED TODAY

LIST NO. 446

Died, other Causes

Lieut. H. NICOL, Avoca, 15/10/18 (injuries)

(*The Herald*, Melbourne, Victoria – 25 November, 1918)

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)

A letter from Base Records, dated 26th July, 1921, to Mrs R. Nicol, 372 Chapel Street, South Yarra, Victoria, advised that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of her husband, the late Lieutenant H. Nicol, Australian Flying Corps, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Lieutenant H. Nicol does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

His Duty Done

St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards. Most of the 47 First World War burials in Stratford-sub-Castle (St Lawrence) Churchyard were made from the local hospital and more than half of them are of Australian servicemen who were based at the many Australian depots and training camps in the area. There are also two burials of the Second World War in the cemetery. *(Information from CWGC)*



St. Lawrence Church, Stratford-sub-Castle



Original Grave Markers in Churchyard of St. Lawrence, Stratford-sub-Castle



Original Grave Marker of Lieutenant H. Nicol



(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)



(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)



(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)

Photo of Lieutenant H. Nicol's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St Lawrence's Churchyard, Stratford-sub-Castle, Wiltshire, England.



(Photo courtesy of The Venerable Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum – 2020)



Churchyard of St. Lawrence, Stratford-sub-Castle with CWGC Cross of Sacrifice

Stratford-sub-Castle War Graves

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A	RAF	British Army	↓		NZ	NZ	Rogers 3 AIF		Robson Nurse	NZ	
B			Nicol AFC	Mason 5 Aus Pioneer	Dundas 29 AIF	Thorsby 20 AIF	Walpole (Wilson) 3 AIF	O'Grady 10 AIF	Kubank 40 AIF	NZ	
C	NZ	Jacob 31 AIF	Wood 9 AIF	Smith 55 AIF	British Army	British Army	Smith Aus ASC	O'Donnell 16 AIF	Knight 52 AIF	Lawrence 54 AIF	Edmonds 48 AIF
D		Lewis 30 AIF	British Army	Whitchurch 51 AIF	British Army	Dee 52 AIF	Greenslade 17 AIF	British Army	Thorburn 13 AIF	Knight 13 AIF	Hannabry 16 AIF
E					Adams 13 AIF	Crow Aus FA	British Army	Bolton 40 AIF	British Army	British Army	
F		British Army		British Army	British Army	British Army		Canada		British Army	

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