

**Whitley Bay (Hartley South) Cemetery,
Tyne & Wear
War Graves**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



364 SERGEANT

R. N. WHITE

10TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

6TH DECEMBER, 1918 Age 28

Roy Neville WHITE

Roy Neville White was born in Melbourne, Victoria on 8th June, 1890 to parents Walter Herbert and Elizabeth Frances White (nee Gilmore).

Roy Neville White attended St. Peters School at Glenelg & Pulteney Street School, Adelaide. He also attended the University of Adelaide (Commercial Law).

Roy Neville White was a 24 year old, single, Clerk (with South Australian Railways) from Alison Street, Glenelg, South Australia when he enlisted at Morphettville, South Australia on 19th August, 1914 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 364 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. White, of Alison Street, Glenelg, South Australia. Roy's older brother – Herbert Hurtle White, a 27 year old, married, Iron Monger enlisted on 22nd August, 1914 with a service number of 255.

Private Roy Neville White was posted to "C" Company, 10th Battalion on 19th August, 1914 for recruit training. He was transferred to "G" Company on 1st September, 1914.

Private Roy Neville White & his brother Corporal Herbert Hurtle White both embarked from Adelaide, South Australia on HMAT *Ascanius (A11)* on 20th October, 1914 with the 10th Infantry Battalion "G" Company & disembarked at Alexandria on 8th December, 1914.

Private Roy Neville White embarked on *Ionia* to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) on 2nd March, 1915.

Private Roy Neville White was wounded in action at Gallipoli between 25-29th April, 1915 with gunshot wounds to hand. He was admitted to 17th General Hospital at Alexandria on 2nd May, 1915. Pte White was transferred to Hospital Ship *Nevasa* for England on 15th May, 1915.

Private Roy Neville White was admitted to 2nd Western General Hospital at Manchester, England on 29th May, 1915.

Private Roy Neville White rejoined his Battalion at Gallipoli on 29th September, 1915.

Private Roy Neville White was appointed Lance Corporal on 12th October, 1915.

Lance Corporal Roy Neville White disembarked from *Seang Bee* at Alexandria on 29th December, 1915 (after evacuation of Gallipoli).

Lance Corporal Roy Neville White proceeded from Alexandria on *Saxonia* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) on 27th March, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 3rd April, 1916.

Lance Corporal Roy Neville White was appointed Corporal on 10th April, 1916 while posted at Strazelle, France.

Corporal Roy Neville White was admitted to Casualty Clearing Station on 26th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to hand. The 10th Battalion were at Pozieres. He was discharged to duty on 28th July, 1916.

Corporal Roy Neville White was promoted to Temporary Sergeant on 16th August, 1916.

Temporary Sergeant Roy Neville White was listed as Killed in action on 22nd August, 1916.

Temporary Sergeant Roy Neville White who was previously reported as Killed in action was now reported as having been captured as a Prisoner of War on 22nd August, 1916 at Pozieres. He was at Dulmen Camp on 16th September, 1916.

10th Battalion

The 10th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. The battalion was recruited in South Australia, and together with the 9th, 11th and 12th Battalions, formed the 3rd Brigade.

The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked for overseas just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving in early December.

The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 and so was the first ashore at around 4:30 am. Two soldiers of the 10th Battalion, Lance Corporal Philip Robin and Private Arthur Blackburn, are believed to have penetrated further inland than any other Australians at ANZAC. Robin was killed later on 25 April and Blackburn soldiered on to be commissioned as an officer and awarded the Victoria Cross at Pozieres, the battalion's first major battle in France. The 10th Battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC position, and served there until the evacuation in December.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 10th Battalion returned to Egypt and, in March 1916, sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July. After Pozieres the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders before returning to the Somme for winter.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

Sergeant R. N. White, 10th Battalion signed a letter on 20th September, 1916 from Groupe 3, 37th Coy., Gefangenenlager, Dulmen i Westf, Germany which reads: "*The Commandant, Australian Administrative Office, 130, Horseferry Road, London – On the morning of the 22nd August, I, with other members of my Battalion, was taken prisoner after an attack made by us, and the previous evening took Identity discs and paybooks from the following deceased soldiers, who were killed during the attack on the 21st August.....(7 soldiers named). Will you please advise the 10th Battalion of the above.*"

A letter headed "*Typewritten on the 26th October, 1916*" from Sergeant R. N. White, 37th Company, Detachment No. 3, Gefangenenlager, Dulmen i Westf, Germany to Staff Sergeant L. G. Gibson, Headquarters Staff, Australian Imperial Force, 130, Horseferry Rd, London, England reads:

"Dulmen I Westf., 1st October, 1916

Dear old Pal

Just a line to say, Hullo! How are things going on with you. Have had many and varied experience since we had that quiet little dinner together last March. Wouldn't mind having it right now. Could you possible send a tin of "Bully" occasionally. Kindest regards to he of the hugh moustache, to wit:- Sgt. Masters,

Ever your sincere chum,

Sgd: Roy."

Base Records wrote to Mrs E. White on 10th April, 1917 advising that "*information has been received by post dated London, 23rd January, 1917, to the effect that No. 364, Corporal R. N. White, 10th Battalion, now "officially" reported prisoner of war, Germany, is interned at Coy. 37, Group 3, Gefangenenlager, Dulmen i Westf, Germany.*"

Sergeant Roy Neville White was transferred to Holland from Prisoner of War Camp on 12th October, 1918.

Sergeant Roy Neville White arrived in England on 18th November, 1918. He reported to Headquarters on 20th November, 1918.

Sergeant Roy Neville White was granted leave & was to report back to Headquarters on 20th December, 1918.

A message was sent on 11th December, 1918 to Mrs Eliza White, Alison Street, Glenelg, South Australia advising "*Temporary Sergeant Roy White dangerously ill at Residence of Mr Gill Mokeaton England. Further progress report expected.*"

Sergeant Roy Neville White died on 6th December, 1918 at 7 Gladstone Avenue, Monkseaton, Northumberland, England from Septic Pneumonia.

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A death for Roy N. White, aged 29, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Tynemouth, Northumberland, England.

Sergeant Roy Neville White was buried on 11th December, 1918 in Whitley Bay Cemetery, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear – Plot number C. C. 979 and has a shared Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of T/ Sergeant Roy Neville White - Coffin was Oak. *The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by several beautiful wreaths sent by:- Mr & Mrs Gill, Mr, Mrs & Miss White, Mr L. W, White & Miss Gill, Mr & Mrs P. Kerr, Mr & Mrs Atkinhead, Mr & Mrs Philips, Mr & Mrs Brown. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev. H. Griffiths officiated. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Names of Relatives & Friends present at the funeral – *Brother – Mr L. White, Mr, Mrs & Miss Gill, Mr & Mrs Atkinhead, Mrs Smith, Mr J. Phillips, Mr H. Davidson and Mr T. Brown.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Sergeant Roy Neville White contains several documents on the location of Sergeant Roy Neville White while a Prisoner of War. According to the documents Sergeant Roy Neville White was:

- Interned as Gef. Dulmen Westf. Company 37 Group III (Certified by card from man to Hqrs 20/9/16)
- Transferred Gef Dulmen to Minden (Certified by German List date 2/6/17)
- Transferred Soltau (information from Postcard received from Man dated 28/8/17)
- Transferred Hameln (Bureau de Secours List 24/10/17)
- Exchanged to Holland 13th October, 1918 (certified by telephone message from H.Q. 15/10/18)
- Arrived ex Holland at Ripon 18th November, 1918. Arrived in London 20th November 1918

Sergeant Roy Neville White was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Sergeant White's father - Mr W. H. White, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Sergeant Roy Neville White – service number 364, aged 28, of 10th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Walter Herbert and Elizabeth Frances White, of "Elesley" 20 Alison Street. St. Leonards, Glenelg, South Australia.

Private R. N. White is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 61.

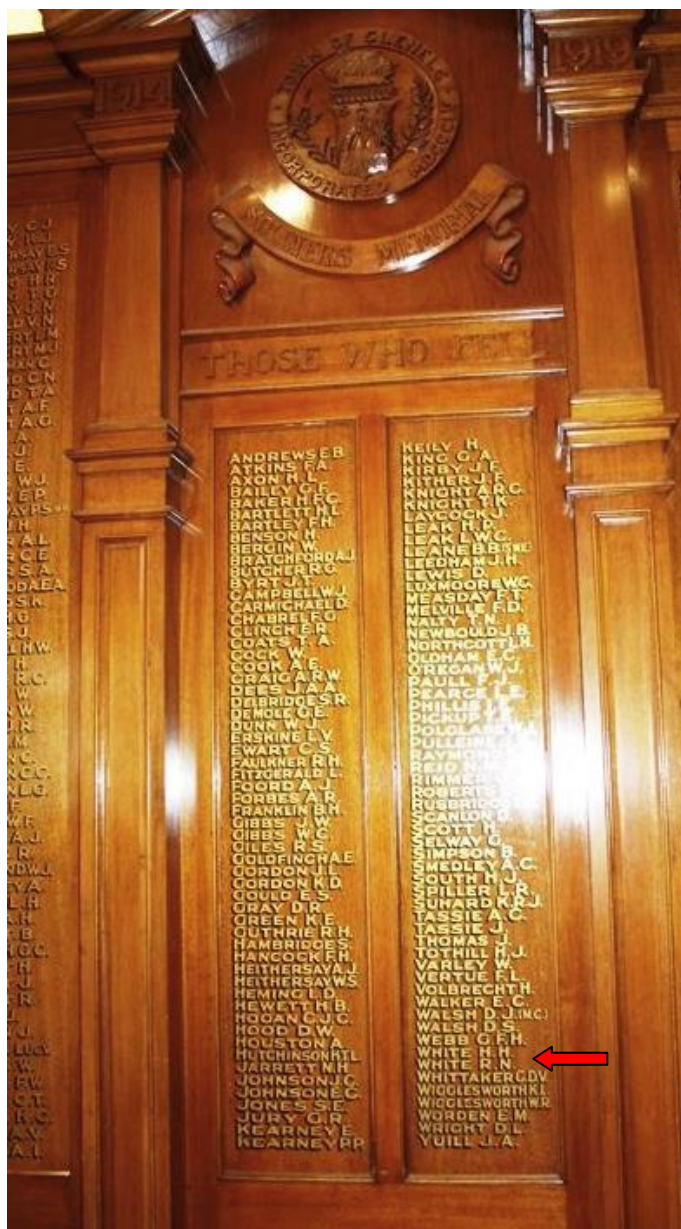


Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

R. N. White is remembered on the Glenelg Soldiers' Memorial Honour Board, located in the Town Hall foyer, Jetty Road, Glenelg, South Australia.



Glenelg Soldiers' Memorial Honour Board (Photos from Monument Australia)



R. N. White 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)

R. N. White is remembered on the South Australian Railways Honour Board, located at Adelaide Railway Station concourse north end, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia.



South Australian Railways Honour Board

R. N. White is remembered on The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, located in Ballarat Botanical Gardens at Ballarat, Victoria. The Memorial contains the names of 36,000 plus names Australian Ex- Prisoners of War.



The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, Ballarat
(Photos from *The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial* website)



The Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial, Ballarat

(71 pages of Sergeant Roy Neville White'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, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



[Connected to Sergeant Roy Neville White:](#)

Older Brother – Sergeant Herbert Hurtle White, 255, 10th Battalion. Killed in action at Ypres on 28th September, 1916. Buried at Railway Dugouts (Transport Farm) Burial Ground, Belgium. Entitled to the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

Older Brother - Bombardier Leslie Walter White, 12232, 18th Battery, 6th Field Artillery. Embarked from Melbourne on 28th January, 1916. Wounded in action on 15th November, 1916. Returned to Australia 29th September, 1919. Entitled to the British War Medal & the Victory Medal.



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIANS IN ACTION

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

FOURTY-FIFTH CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Wounded

Private R. N. White, 10th Battalion, Glenelg (Manchester)

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 3 July, 1915)

THE AUSTRALIANS

216th CASUALTY LIST

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WOUNDED

Lce-Cpl. R. N. WHITE, Glenelg (2nd occn.)

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

CASUALTY LISTS

SOUTH ASUTRALIAN LOSSES

229th LIST

Killed in Action

364, Cpl. R. N. WHITE, Glenelg (killed Aug. 22), p.r. wounded, 2nd occasion

(*Chronicle*, Adelaide, South Australia – 14 October, 1916)

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

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THE AUSTRALIANS

239th CASUALTY LIST

PRISONERS OF WAR

Sgt. R. N. WHITE, Glenelg (prev. rep. Killed)

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 November, 1916)

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

WHITE – On the 6th December, at Monkseaton, England, of pneumonia, No. 364, Sgt. Roy Neville White, dearly loved youngest son of W. H. and F. White, Alison street, Glenelg, aged 28 years.

(Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 21 December, 1918)

DIED FOR HIS COUNTRY

Sgt. R. N. White

Sgt. Roy Neville White, of the 10th Battalion, whose death occurred (of septic pneumonia) at Monkseaton, England, on December 6, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White of Alison Street, Glenelg. He enlisted in August, 1914, and took part in the famous landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25, 1915, where he was wounded, and was invalided to England. After spending four months there, he returned to the Peninsula, and was there until the evacuation. He proceeded to France, and was wounded again there, but not seriously. On August 22, 1916, he was reported killed, but afterwards news was received that he was wounded and a prisoner of war in Germany. He was in various camps in Germany; and early in 1918 he and another N.C.O. escaped, but after eight days were recaptured, being within ten miles of the Dutch frontier. The punishment was four weeks in cells on black bread. However, throughout the late soldier's letters were most cheerful. Although the ordeals he went through were not pleasant, he always wrote so cheerfully to his relatives. After spending two years and two months in Germany with many disappointments, he was repatriated to Holland, and on November 18 arrived in England. Therefore it was a great shock to his many friends to hear on December 14 that he was dangerously ill. On Monday, December 16, the sad news was received of his death. At the time of enlisting he was employed in the offices of the S.A.R. He played for the North Adelaide and Holdfast Bay Lacrosse Clubs. For many years he was a chorister at St. Peter's Church, Glenelg. The deceased's eldest brother, Hurtle, who enlisted with him, was killed at Ypres on September 28, 1916. Cpl. Leslie W. White, another brother, of the 18th Battery, is still serving.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 December, 1918) & (The Register, Adelaide, South Australia – 25 December, 1918) & (Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 January, 1919) & (Observer, Adelaide, South Australia – 4 January, 1919) & (Glenelg Guardian, South Australia – 9 January, 1919)

HOW THE GREAT SILENCE WAS OBSERVED

Impressive Scenes Witnessed in the District

WREATHS FOR AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER'S GRAVE

Ceremony at Whitley Bay New Cemetery

There was an impressive ceremony in Whitley Bay New Cemetery this afternoon when wreaths were placed on the grave of an Australian soldier, Roy Neville White, 29, of the 10th Australian Infantry, who died on December 8, 1918, and was buried, at Whitley Bay.

Mr White was on leave from the Front and was staying with Mr Gill, retired station master of Cullercoats, and his wife, at 7 Gladstone Avenue, Monkseaton, when he became ill with influenza and died.

The women's section of the British Legion, Seaton Sluice and Old Hartley Branch were asked by the Imperial War Graves Commission to place a wreath on the grave and accordingly this was done this afternoon.

Mrs R Davies, President of the ladies' section and wife of the Vicar of Delaval, placed a wreath (cross) on the grave and two others were deposited by the chairman, Mrs Dakers and the secretary, Mrs T. Gibson.

The Whitley Council was represented by Coun. J. W. Hill and Coun. A. W. Dakers.

There were two standard bearers present, E. Milburn, women's section, and Mr A. Wren, of the men's branch. Those present included the chairman of the British Legion Women's section, Mrs. D. Dakers; chairman of the men's branch. Mr J. G. Thompson, vice chairman of the ladies' section, Mrs H. Wynn and Mr J. Dixon of the men's branch; Mrs J. Gibson, secretary of the ladies' section and Mrs A. N. Thompson, treasurer.

(The Shields Daily News, Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, England – 11 November, 1935)

Whitley Bay Cemetery, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear, England

Whitley Bay Cemetery contains 67 Commonwealth War Graves – 22 from World War 1 & 49 from World War 2, 4 of which are unidentified seamen of the Merchant Navy.

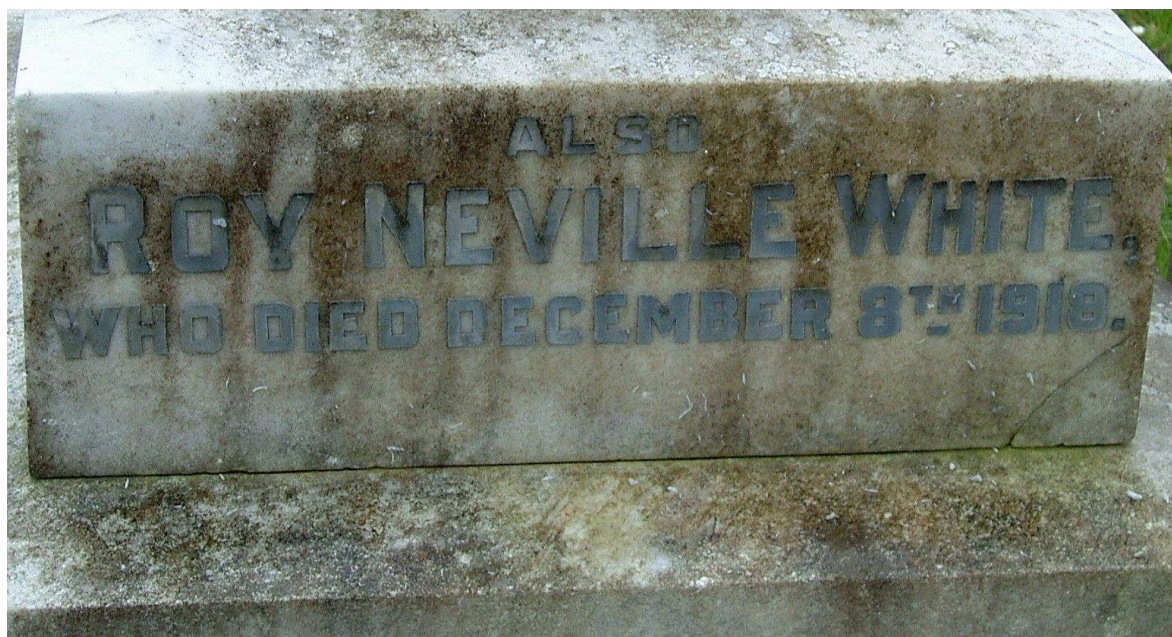


Entrance to Whitley Bay Cemetery (Photo by R. J. McNaughton)



Whitley Bay Cemetery (Photo by Bill Boaden)

Photo of Sergeant Roy Neville White's shared Private Headstone with Gill Family members in Whitley Bay Cemetery, North Tyneside, Tyne and Wear, England.



WHITLEY BAY CEMETERY



Please Note:
 Car Parking in Lay-by
 Access to Cemetery
 for Funeral Corteges
 and Disabled
 Parking Only

