

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



Lest We Forget

World War 1



4315 PRIVATE

G. P. WHITE

AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

10TH AUGUST, 1916

George Phillip WHITE

George Phillip White was born at Beaufort, Victoria in 1887 to parents George and Rosina Elizabeth White (nee Parsons).

George Phillip White & his brother Herbert James White attended the Ballarat Orphanage from 1893. George White left in 1903 & his younger brother in 1906.

George Phillip White was a 28 year old, single, Tramway Employee from (care of) Mrs W. H. Davey, "The Willows" Donald, Victoria when he enlisted on 15th April, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4315 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his Aunt- Mrs W. H. Davey, of Noble Street, Geelong, Victoria.

Private George Phillip White was posted to No. 10 Company on 15th April, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 1st Reinforcements of 24th Battalion on 5th May, 1915. Pte White was transferred to Clearing Hospital, A.A>M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) on 22nd May, 1915. He was transferred to 2nd Reinforcements of 6th Field Ambulance on 26th August, 1915.

Private George Phillip White embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Anchises (A68)* on 26th August, 1915 with the 6th Infantry Brigade, 6th Field Ambulance, 3rd Reinforcements.

Private George Phillip White proceeded to join M.E.F. (Mediterranean Expeditionary Force) at Gallipoli (no date recorded).

Private George Phillip White reported for duty at No. 3 Ambulance General Hospital at Mudros on 7th December, 1915.

Private George Phillip White disembarked at Alexandria from Mudros on 27th January, 1916.

Private George Phillip White was taken on strength of 1st Field Ambulance at Serapeum on 12th March, 1916 from No. 3 Australian General Hospital.

Private George Phillip White proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on *Simla* on 23rd March, 1916. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 30th March, 1916.

Private George Phillip White was admitted to 1st Australian Casualty Clearing Station in France on 16th April, 1916 with Gastritis. He was transferred to Divisional Rest Station on 17th April, 1916 & was discharged to duty on 23rd April, 1916. Pte White rejoined his Unit - 1st Field Ambulance from Hospital on 24th April, 1916.

Private George Phillip White was wounded in action in France on 25th July, 1916. He was admitted to 1st Field Ambulance on 25th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to back & Shell Shock. Pte White was transferred to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station then transferred to 21st Ambulance Train on 26th July, 1916. Pte White was admitted to 9th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 27th July, 1916 then transferred to Hospital Ship for England on 30th July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to back & shell shock.

Private George Phillip White was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England on 31st July, 1916 with gunshot wounds to back – severe. The Hospital Admissions form recorded "*G.S.W. of back, fractured spine & injury to cord*". His condition was listed as "*on admission was in a helpless condition, paraplegia*" Pte White was reported as seriously ill on 4th August, 1916 & a telegram was unable to be sent to Pte White's aunt- Mrs Davey of The "Willmah" Donald, Victoria due to "no trace can be found".

Private George Phillip White died on 10th August, 1916 at Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, Hampshire, England from wounds received in action in France – gunshot wounds to back.

A death for George P. White, aged 28, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of South Stoneham, Hampshire, England.



Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley

Private George Phillip White was buried at 2.30 pm on 12th August, 1916 in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England – Plot number C.E. 1836 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

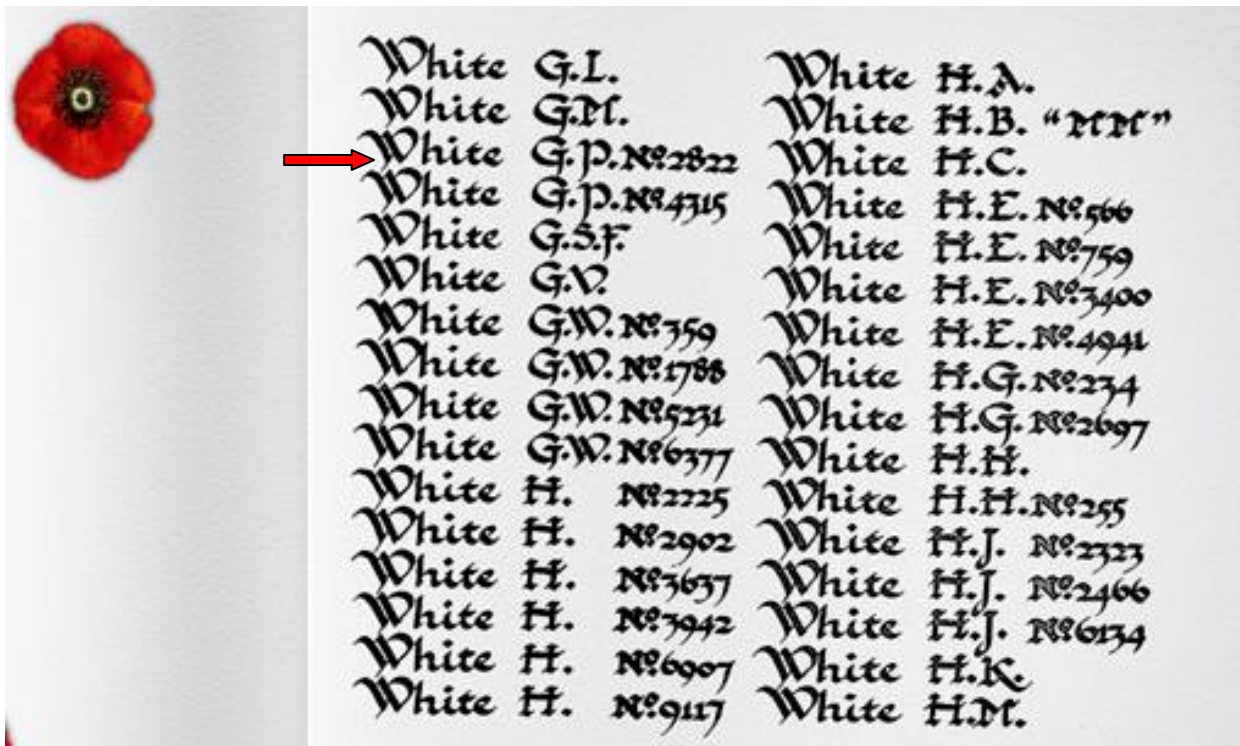
The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private George Phillip White contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain details of his time in Hospital & if he left any messages for relatives. Major C. Bremhall, R.A.M.C. Registrar, Royal Victoria Hospital replied “ *With reference to your letter of the 9th inst. regarding the late No. 4315 Pte G. P. White, A.A.M.C., the deceased was admitted to this Hospital on the 1st August, 1916, and died on the 10th of the same month. He did not suffer any pain and died quite peacefully. He left no messages for friends or relatives, but they were written to by the Sister i/c of the war. A photograph of the grave can be obtained if desired.*”

Base Records contacted Mrs A. E. Davey, of The Avenue, Western Beach, Geelong, Victoria, listed as the next-of-kin, in April, 1920 asking for information on living relatives. Mrs A. E. Davey replied to Base Records stating that she was the only living relative of the late Private George Phillip White.

Private George Phillip White was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte White’s aunt – Mrs A. E. Davey, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent September, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private George Phillip White – service number 4315, of 1st Field Ambulance, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of the late George and Rosina White, of Beaufort, Victoria, Australia.

G. P. White is remembered in the Book of Remembrance at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, Victoria.

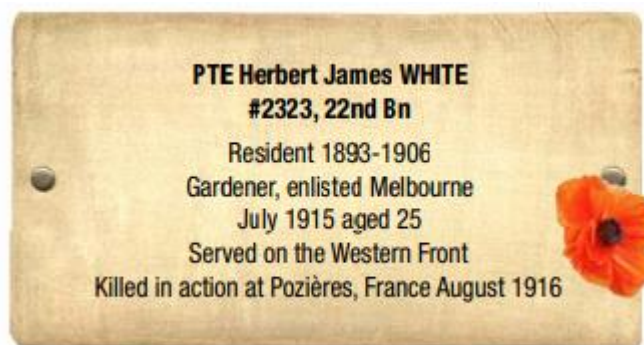
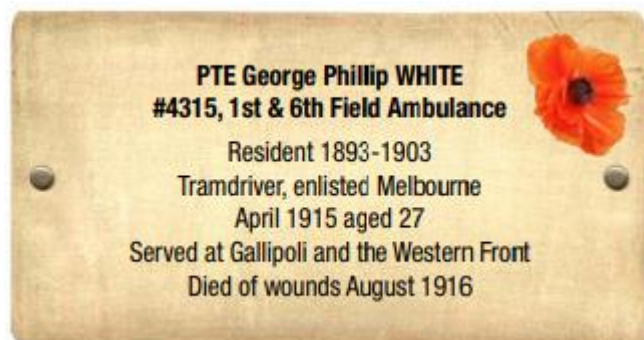


Private G. P. White is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 184.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Private George Phillip White & his brother Private Herbert James White are both remembered by the Child & Family Service, Ballarat honouring The Orphanage Old Boys who served in World War 1.



(50 pages of Private George Phillip 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 Private George Phillip White:

Younger brother Pte Herbert James White – 2323, 22nd Battalion. Enlisted 10th July, 1915, aged 25. Killed in action 5th August, 1916. Remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.



Pte Herbert James White

Studio portrait of 2323 Private (Pte) Herbert James White, 4th Reinforcements, 22nd Battalion, of Hawthorn, Vic. Pte White enlisted on 10 July 1915 and embarked from Melbourne aboard HMAT Hororata on 27 September 1915. He was killed in action on 5 August 1916 in France. His brother, 4315 Pte George Phillip White, 1st Field Ambulance, was wounded in Pozieres, France, and died on 10 August 1916. His cousin, 631 Pte Henry Austin Davey, 31st Battalion, was wounded at Bullecourt, France, and died on 20 May 1917.



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

197th LIST

WOUNDED AND SERIOUSLY ILL

VICTORIA

Pte G. P. WHITE. Donald

(*The Argus*, Melbourne, Victoria – 22 August, 1916)

AUSTRALIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

THE CASUALTY LISTS

BENDIGO AND NORTEHRN DISTRICT MEN

WOUNDED

Pte G. P. WHITE, Donald (seriously ill)

(*Bendigonian*, Bendigo, Victoria – 24 August, 1916)

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 G. P. White does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England

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

(Information & photos from CWGC)



Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire



NETLEY MILITARY CEMETERY

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

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

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

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OF THESE GRAVES

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



Photo of Private G. P. White's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Netley Military Cemetery, Hampshire, England.





Original Cross markers – Netley Military Cemetery