



# Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander WW1 Soldiers from Queensland Communities

## About this Guide

This guide is designed to provide support and advice for IKC Coordinators to research Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers who have connections to their communities. It should be used in conjunction with the State Library Guide *Resources for Researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in War*.

The Defence Act initially excluded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from enlisting – resulting in many Indigenous people enlisting under assumed ethnicity/cultural backgrounds. Some even changed their names, place of birth and other personal details to enlist! Fortunately, there are some historical sources and recent research activities that can help communities uncover their Indigenous soldiers.

## Ideas for IKCs and Communities

IKC Coordinators are encouraged to research and celebrate the stories of soldiers from their communities and showcase the contributions of community members and their ancestors to the defence of Australia. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement in Australia's Defence Forces are untold stories; the challenge for you is to uncover these stories to share with others.

- Are there known stories or histories of people from your community going away to war?
- Do families have memorabilia and other artefacts that are still within the family, e.g. Service Records, Photos, Diaries, Medals, etc. Can these be copied and digitised for the IKC?
- Are there families who would like to share these stories in a display at the IKC; on the IKC or State Library Blogs or via a digital story?

## Displays

Use space in your community organisation, IKC, Library, School, Noticeboard, etc.

- Create a community Wall of Honour to recognise the contribution of community members in the defence forces.
- Display photos/images relating to community contribution in wars
- Show any videos, digital stories, etc. relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement in wars

## Research

Encourage local community members to find out more about the local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander men and women who served in Australia's Defence Forces.

- Find materials relating to your community or families connected to your community
- Use online sources and records available through the [Australian War Memorial](#); [National Archives of Australia](#); [Trove/NLA Newspapers](#), etc.
- Identify existing community/family knowledge in your community
- Bring community members together to share their knowledge, stories and histories of war – document and record these sessions

## Australian Light Horse

When WW1 broke out, many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men were working on properties, particularly as stockmen. Due to their horsemanship, many Indigenous soldiers worked with Australian Light Horse Regiments, either as Troopers or Remount to look after the horses.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment is well known for the significant numbers of Aboriginal soldiers – the 20<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements were known as the “Queensland Black Watch” as all but 2 of the unit were Aboriginal!

- Are there any Light Horse soldiers from your community or region?
- Some may have been sent away from the community for work contracts on pastoral properties and may have enlisted at the nearest centre, e.g. Charleville, Charters Towers, etc.

## Enlistment Vs Service

Many Indigenous men volunteered for WW1 – not all were allowed to enlist or serve. This was often at the discretion of the Enlistment Officers or Medical Staff who could deem that a volunteer was not suitable. Many Indigenous enlistments were assigned to a Depot until a final decision was made; during this time they undertook support or ancillary duties up to a period of 6 months. Some were returned to their communities with a note on their Attestation Form ‘discharged having been irregularly enlisted’.

## Where to start

Attached is a list of known Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who enlisted and/or served in WW1 who may have connections to your communities. This list may be a good starting point to researching involvement in WW1 by people with connections to your community.

Where known, I have included their Service Number as well as the Regimental Unit they were assigned to; this enables further research using the online service records at the [Australian War Memorial](#) or [National Archives of Australia](#) websites. In addition, where known, personal details including place of birth, place of enlistment, marriage, etc. are also noted.

## List of known WW1 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers from Queensland Communities

The following is an alphabetical listing by geographical locations and identifies soldiers, both enlistments and volunteers, and the name of the town, community or locality they have connections. The majority of these soldiers were Aboriginal; however during WW2 there were significant numbers of Torres Strait Islanders, including those who served in the Torres Strait Light Infantry.

Note: this listing refers primarily to those soldiers with connections to Queensland Aboriginal Settlements, Aboriginal Stations, Aboriginal Communities as well as Torres Strait Islands. A comprehensive listing of all 'known' Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers is currently being compiled. It is believed that approximately 300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers from Queensland volunteered for WW1.

If you have further information on these soldiers or other Indigenous soldiers, please contact the State Library.

### Angledool, NSW [Aboriginal Station, later Mission; located near Qld/NSW Border approximately 20km from Hebel – many families with connections to Qld]

- Thomas BOWEN [Service No 6522: 18<sup>th</sup> Bn] Thomas Bowen was born in 1875 at Charters Towers, and enlisted as a 45 year old in Narrabri, NSW on New Year's Day 1917. At the time of the war, Thomas was working as a shearer – his wife Mary Ann Bowen lived at New Angledool Aboriginal Station and was listed as his next of kin. After a brief training period, Thomas embarked on HMAT *Wiltshire* on 8 February 1917 as a member of the 19<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements for the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion. During battle on the Western Front, Thomas was killed in action on 20 September 1917, Belgium. Thomas' name is recorded on the Menin Gate Memorial. After the war, Mary Ann Bowen stayed in the district with family connections to Angledool, NSW.
- Jack Harry NORMAN [Service No 64373: 1 Fld Sqn] Born at Croydon, enlisted in Bundaberg. Family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg and later Angledool.

### Atherton

- Douglas GRANT [Service No. 6020: 13<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born near Atherton, enlisted at Sydney.
- William 'Willie' LOGAN [Service No Q19966 / 3509: Depot] Born near Atherton, enlisted at Cairns. [**Note:** Discharged from 5<sup>th</sup> LHR before disembarking.]
- Jack POLLARD [Service No 2441: 11 LHR] Enlisted at Cairns.
- Tommy PURCELL (aka Tommy LEE) [Service No 7813A: 15th Bn] Enlisted at Cairns.

### Barambah Aboriginal Settlement [Later renamed as Cherbourg Aboriginal Mission]

- George Robert AITKEN [Service No 2367: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] George was born at Walloon Station, via Taroom in 1894 and later enlisted in Cloncurry at the age of 22 years 5 months. George was a Stockman when he enlisted on 5 April 1916. George served with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and was killed in action on 19 October 1917 in Belgium. George's adoptive parents were the Hampsons who lived in Eidsvold; however NAA Service Records indicate that his mother 'Princess' lived on Barambah Mission.
- Harry BAKER [Service No Q19600: 5 LHR/Depot] Harry Baker was born near Coen in 1896; however at the time of enlistment Harry was living at Barambah Aboriginal Settlement. Harry enlisted on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1917, however after a short period at the Training Depot was discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'. Harry was one of a group of 17 volunteers from Barambah who travelled to Brisbane for enlistment only to be discharged. In 1918 Harry married Florrie Walters at Barambah.

## Barambah Aboriginal Settlement (continued)

- Bertie BECKETT [Service No Q19608: Depot LHR] Bertie was born near Barambah and was working as a stockman at the time of enlistment. Bertie was one of a group of 'boys from Barambah' who travelled down to Brisbane for enlistment only to be discharged after a month at the training Depot as 'having been irregularly enlisted'.
- Alfred John BLACKMAN [Service No 3173: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn]. Alfred was born in Tiaro in 1890 and was aged 26 years 4 months when he enlisted at Maryborough on 6 January 1917. Alfred listed his mother Emily Deshong, Childers as his next of kin. Following training Alfred was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements for the 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion and saw service on the Western Front. Alfred died of wounds on 8 October, 1917 and was buried at Etaples, France. Alfred was the brother of Charles and Thomas Blackman who also served in WW1.
- Charles Tednee BLACKMAN [Service No 2584A: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Charles was born at Pine Tree Creek, via Gayndah. At the age of 19 years 9 months, he enlisted at Brisbane on 18 August 1915 and initially assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion. After arriving on the Western Front, Charles was reassigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion and saw service in France being promoted to Lance Corporal. Charles was on the Western Front and suffered gassing requiring hospitalization. On completion of the war, Charles returned to Australia aboard the *Suffolk* in April 1919. Upon his return, Charles spent time in North Queensland, living in Tully. By the 1950's, Charles has changed his name by deed poll to Charles Thomas Graham. He was the brother of Alfred and Thomas Blackman.
- Thomas BLACKMAN [Service No 2174: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Thomas was born at Boompa via Gayndah. At the time of WW1, Thomas was working as a stockman when he enlisted at Bundaberg in December 1915. After basic training, Thomas was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion and embarked aboard the HMAT *Wiltshire*. After suffering a gunshot wound to the foot, Thomas spent some time at the Military Hospital before returning to Australia aboard the *Argyleshire* in December 1918. He was the brother of Alfred and Charles Blackman.
- Martin BLIGH (attestation form uses 'BLYTH') [Service No 64321: ANZAC Mounted Divisional Train] Martin was born on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1893 at Kilkivan. At the onset of WW1, Martin was working as a stockman when he enlisted at Brisbane in August 1918. Following basic training in Brisbane, Martin embarked for Suez as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to Egypt. Martin returned to Australia in September 1919.
- Robert BOND [Service No Q20518: Depot] Robert was born in May 1891 at Gayndah and was working as a stockman at Hawkwood Station, Mundubbera when he enlisted at Maryborough on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Robert was attached to the No 1 Depot for a period of one month before being discharged as 'having been irregularly enlisted' with 'not substantially of European origin' also noted on his attestation form.
- William Bert BROWN [Service No 2422: 11 LHR] Brown was born at Boompa, via Gayndah, on 5 May 1899 and was working as a stockman when he enlisted at Maryborough in 1917. Ettie Mataquil, his mother, was listed as his next of kin on the attestation form. William was assigned to the 11 LHR as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements which included a number of Aboriginal troopers. On 19 December 1917, Brown embarked on the HMAT *Ulysses* for the Suez. After service in Egypt, William returned to Australia in August 1919. After the war, William married Daisy Malone and lived on Barambah Mission with family connections continuing today.
- Daniel COBBO [Service No Q19612: Depot] Born in Gayndah, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** listed as 'Gabbo'; discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- John COBBO (War Records have name misspelt as 'Cubbo') [Service No 3121A: Depot] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Charters Towers. [**Note:** originally discharged in August 1917; then reenlisted in June 1918 and assigned to 5 LHR Remount.] Family connections to Gayndah and Barambah/Cherbourg.

## Barambah Aboriginal Settlement (continued)

- John COLEMAN [aka Jeffrey LAW] [Service No 7049A: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Jeffrey Law was born in Gayndah abt 1890 and was working as a Jockey when he enlisted as John Coleman in Brisbane on 17 December 1917. Following 4 months at the Depot in Brisbane, Jeffrey was assigned to the 49<sup>th</sup> Bn serving on the Western Front. Jeffrey returned to Australia aboard the Ormonde in November 1919. After the war, Jeffrey lived at Barambah/Cherbourg; however not much is known about his story until his death and burial in Maryborough as John Coleman.
- Benjamin COMBO [Service No 6977: 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn] Born at Burns Downs Station, via Dalby; enlisted Bendigo, Vic. [**Note:** originally discharged having been irregularly enlisted'. Later re-enlisted. Died of illness (pneumonia), 29 December 1916, United Kingdom.] Family later connected with Cherbourg.
- Edmond COUCHY (aka COOCHEY on some war records) [Service No Q20597: Depot] Born in Gayndah, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Walter COUCHY [Service No 2420: 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion]. Born in Gayndah enlisted at Barambah.
- William CHRISTIE [Service No Q19606: Depot] Born in Charters Towers, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- John COBBO (War Records have name misspelt as 'Cubbo') [Service No 3121A: Depot] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Charters Towers. [**Note:** originally discharged in August 1917; then reenlisted in June 1918 and assigned to 5 LHR Remount]. Family connections to Gayndah and Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Willie CUMMINGS [63989: 5 LHR] Born at Stanley Hills Station, via Mareeba; enlisted at Brisbane. Family connection to Cherbourg.
- Ossie DICK [Service No Q19609: Depot] Born in Roma, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Frederick DODD [Service No 20409: Depot] Born in Goomeri, enlisted at Maryborough. [**Note:** discharged as 'medically unfit'.] Family connection to Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Myrtle DOUGLAS [Service No Q19614: Depot] Born in Laura, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Frank FISHER [Service No 2428: 11 LHR] Born in Clermont, enlisted at Brisbane. Family later lived at Barambah/Cherbourg.
- James FISHER [Service No Q19615: Depot] Place of birth unknown, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Curtis FORD [Service No 4784: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Southport; enlisted at Brisbane. [Originally enlisted in August 1915 and discharged; reenlisted in January 1916.] Family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Valentine HARE [Service No 3297: 2 LHR] Born at Burdekin; enlisted in Townsville. Family connected to Heggarty family at Cherbourg. [**Note:** wounded in action 16 April, 1918, Egypt.]
- Christie HILL [Service No Q19610: Depot LHR] Born in Bundaberg, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Robert HUBBARD [Service No Q196013: Depot] Born in Thargomindah; enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Fred JOHNSON [Service No Q19607: Depot] Born in Banana, enlisted at Maryborough. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted']. Family connection to Tyson family at Cherbourg.
- Albert JONES [Service No 64364: Driver ANZAC Mounted Divisional Train] Born in Gympie; enlisted at Gayndah. Family connections to Cherbourg.
- Douglas [aka Douglas] Edward LAW [Service No 63998: 2 LHR] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Gayndah – family later lived at Cherbourg.
- Vincent LAW [Service No 63999: 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements] Born in Gayndah and enlisted in Brisbane – family later lived at Cherbourg.

## Barambah Aboriginal Settlement (continued)

- Archibald MARSHALL [Service No 3402: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born in Bollon, enlisted in Maryborough. Killed in action, 24 April 1918, France.
- Bismark MITCHELL [Service No Q19601: Depot] Born in Mitchell, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Henry MONSELL [Service No Q19604: Depot] Born at Strathmore Station via Georgetown, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Charles MORGAN [Service No Q19605 / 3679: Depot] Born in Ipswich, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted']. Reenlisted as Charlie Morgan at Maryborough.
- Sunny MOSS [Service No Q19611: Depot] Born at Cloyna, enlisted in Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Arthur MURDOCK [Service No 3466: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born in Hughenden, enlisted at Charters Towers. **[Note:** mother/family at Barambah.] Later removed to Palm Island.
- Jack Harry NORMAN [Service No 64373: 1 Fld Sqn] Born at Croydon, enlisted in Bundaberg. Family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg and later Angledool.
- William PAGEL [Service No Q19602: Depot] Born in Port Douglas, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Arthur RILEY [Service No Q19613: Depot] Born at Gayndah, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Gale SIMPSON [Service No 3732A: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Wondai and enlisted at Maryborough – family later lived at Cherbourg.
- Alexander STANLEY [Service No 50280: 11 LHR] Born in Ballina; Working at Wongongra Station via Chinchilla when he enlisted in Brisbane. Family connections to Cherbourg and Moree. [Later enlisted in WW2.]
- Albert WILLIAMS [Service No 75887: Depot] Born at Mungindi, enlisted in Moree. **[Note:** Originally discharged 'medically unfit'; reenlisted Light Horse Reinforcements.] Later lived in Red Hill, via Kingaroy with connections to Barambah/Cherbourg.

**Note:** Ongoing research has indicated that the Franks Brothers Leslie and Walter were non-Aboriginal with their father being from India; they lived and worked in the region and married Aboriginal women.

## Beaudesert

- William Stanley BROWN [Service No. 56235: 2<sup>nd</sup> LHR] Born in Ipswich; enlisted in Beaudesert. [Photo on page 25 Qldr 6 July 1918.]
- Walter PAGE [Service No 2442: 11 LHR] Born at Coraki, NSW; enlisted in Lismore, NSW – trained at Brisbane. Family connections to Beaudesert.
- Herbert ROBERTS [Service No 50265: Depot] Born in Beaudesert, enlisted at Brisbane. **[Note:** discharged medically unfit (sprained ankle)]

## Brisbane [links to many communities]

- William AHSEE (aka AH SEE) [Service No 113: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Charles ALLEY (aka ALLIE) [Service No 50270: 11 LHR] Born at Charters Towers; enlisted in Brisbane. **[Note:** also served in WW2 Q186382.] Later lived in Mitchell area.
- Percy ANDERSON [Service No 6704: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Stanthorpe, enlisted at Chermside (Brisbane).
- Robert ANDERSON [Service No Q22911: Depot] Born in Rockhampton, enlisted at Brisbane.
- Thomas Leslie ANDREWS [Service No. 2124: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born in Termeil, NSW; enlisted at Brisbane.

## Brisbane (continued)

- John Henry BAKER [Service No. 2002: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Tweed River, NSW, enlisted at Brisbane. [**Note:** killed in action 27 June 1917, Belgium.]
- Frank BALSER [Service No 3469: 5 LHR] Born at Lakefield Station, via Laura; enlisted at Brisbane. [**Note:** received exemption from Protection Act in 1913.]
- Martin BLIGH (attestation form uses 'BLYTH') [Service No 64321: ANZAC Mounted Divisional Train] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Brisbane.
- William Stanley BROWN [Service No 52635: 2nd Reinforcements Egypt] Born Ipswich; enlisted Brisbane. Family lived at Deebing Creek.
- James BUDSWORTH [Service No. 2465: 2<sup>nd</sup> Remount] Born in Narrabri, NSW, enlisted at Brisbane.
- Frederick Arthur BURNETT [Service No. 2423: 11 LHR] Born in Brisbane; enlisted at Brisbane.
- James COOTERMAN / CAIRNCROSS [Service No. 3610A: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born on Stradbroke Island, enlisted at Brisbane. [Attestation form indicated Birthplace of Brisbane; however he grew up with his family on Stradbroke Island – enlisted under the assumed name of Cairncross after the Doctor who was looking after him – source 'Stradbroke 100'.]
- Thomas CARRISSEY [Service No Q21121: Depot] Born in Blackall, enlisted at Enoggera (Brisbane). [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted']. Father – Aboriginal, Mother Australian South Sea Islander.
- Frederick COOLWELL [Service No. 56907: 11 LHR] Born at Brisbane, enlisted at Brisbane.
- Willie CUMMINGS [63989: 5 LHR] Born at Stanley Hills Station, via Mareeba; enlisted at Brisbane. Family connection to Cherbourg – Next of Kin Florrie Carbine, Barambah Settlement; later removed from Gayndah to Barambah (1920).
- Horace Thomas DALTON [Service No 57247: 11 LHR] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Augustus DAVIES [Service No 3282: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Port Douglas, enlisted in Brisbane. [**Note:** Park at Bald Hills named after Gus Davies.]
- John James DELANEY [Service No Q9503: 11<sup>th</sup> Depot] Born in Longreach; enlisted at Brisbane. [Died of illness (measles and pneumonia), 4 September 1916, Brisbane.]
- Bertie DIXON [Service No. 7052: 25<sup>th</sup> BN] Born in Springsure, enlisted in Brisbane.
- William Edward EASTEN [Service No 2068: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born Southport, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Jack Murray ELLA [Service No 138: 11 LHR] Born in Sydney, NSW; enlisted at Beaudesert.
- Evelyn ELLIS [Service No 554: 7 Machine Gun Company] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane.
- William Thomas EXTON [Service No 3162: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born Lismore, NSW; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Francis Walter FIRTH [Service No 1162: Driver, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div Motor Transport Company] Born in Pilliga, NSW; enlisted at Brisbane.
- Charles William FOLEY [Service No 3753: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Stradbroke Island; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Curtis FORD [Service No 4784: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Southport; enlisted at Brisbane. [Originally enlisted in August 1915 and discharged; reenlisted in January 1916.] Family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Charles Aubrey FOX [Service No 3635: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born at Cooktown; enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 24 April 1918, France.]
- Walter FRANKS [Service No 263 / 598: Depot] Born at Paddington, NSW; enlisted in Brisbane. [Discharged prior to embarking.] Family connections to Gayndah and Cherbourg.
- Charles Patrick GALLAHER [Service No 5023: 26<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Murphy's Creek; enlisted in Brisbane.

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- Ernest Alexander GALLAHER [Service No 5839: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Laidley; enlisted in Brisbane. Also enlisted in WW2.
- Victor Musgrave JACKSON [Service No 379B: 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Company] Born at Christmas Creek, Via Rathdowney; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Wallie JOHNSON [Service No 2444: 47<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at St George; enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 11 April 1917, France.] **Note:** also known as Wally COWLEY as he was fostered into the Cowley Family at Hebel when the father Phillip Cowley was the Police Constable there in the early 1900's.
- Towney KELLY [Service No 2176: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn / 10 LHR] Born at Goondiwindi; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Andrew LAURIE [Service No Q21325: Depot] Born at Comet Downs Station, via Springsure; enlisted at Brisbane. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- George LAURIE [Service No 599: Depot] Born at Comet Downs Station, via Springsure; enlisted at Brisbane. [Killed in action, 13 August 1918, France.]
- Henry Thomas LEA [Service No 242: 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Coy] Born at Dunwich; enlisted at Brisbane.
- Henry LEE [Service No N/A: Depot] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane. **[Note:** Discharged 'services no longer required'.]
- Henry LLOYD [Service No 5597: 17<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Brisbane; enlisted at Cootamundra, NSW.
- Peter LONG [Service No N/A: Depot] Born at Fassifern, enlisted in Brisbane. **[Note:** Discharged 'services no longer required'.]
- Maitland MADGE [Service No 3483: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Cooktown, enlisted in Brisbane. Received DSO Medal August 1916. Enlisted in WW2 and died as a POW 7 June 1944.
- Frederick MALTHOUSE [Service No 2187: 47<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in South Australia (possibly Peak Station, Warrina via Oodnadatta); enlisted in Brisbane. **[Note:** Discharged due to gunshot wound to arm/medically unfit; 28 November 1918.]
- Benjamin James MANAGER [Service No N/A: Depot] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane. **[Note:** Discharged 'services no longer required'.]
- Richard MARTIN [Service No 1359: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Dunwich (Stradbroke Island); enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 28 March 1918, France.]
- James MCBRIDE [Service No 2438: 11<sup>th</sup> LHR] Born in Sydney; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Niney MCDONALD [Service No 4441: 11<sup>th</sup> LHR] Born at St George; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Edward MCGREGOR [Service No 65101: 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Brisbane. Removed to Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home in 1904. Later family connections to Cherbourg. **Note:** Also served in WW2 Q14160.
- Frederick MEREDITH [Service No 3340: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Georgetown, Qld; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Cyril Hylton MURRAY [Service No. 1197: 11 LHR] Born at Cleveland; enlisted in Brisbane. [Brother of Percival Murray.]
- James MURRAY [Service No 724: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion] Born in Bundaberg; enlisted in Brisbane. Mother was Aboriginal and father was South Sea Islander.
- Percival Henry MURRAY [Service No. 1948: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Cleveland; enlisted in Brisbane. [Brother of Cyril Murray.]
- Jack OLIFFE [Service No 2440: 11 LHR] Born at Claverton Station, via Wyandra, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Andrew OLSEN [Service No 736: 5 LHR] Born Brisbane, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Clarence OLSEN [Service No 1724: 2 LHR] Born Brisbane, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Ivan OLSEN [Service No 52655: 5 LHR] Born Brisbane, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Thomas PEHOW [Service No 2667: 12<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Gayndah; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Arthur PERFECT [Service No 7757: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted at Brisbane. **[Note:** discharged 2 January 1919 – medically unfit due to gunshot wounds suffered in France.]



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- Joseph PERFECT [Service No 200: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted at Brisbane. [Note: discharged 10 May 1916 – medically unfit due to bomb and gunshot wounds suffered at Gallipoli.]
- Norman PRIESTLEY [Service No 2786: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn then transferred to 47<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Gordonbrook Station, via Grafton (NSW); enlisted in Brisbane. [Note: Killed in action, 16 June, 1917, Belgium.]
- Alex 'Alick' RILEY [Service No 7122: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Winton, enlisted in Brisbane. [Note: worked as cane cutter, Bundaberg. Originally rejected at enlistment then reenlisted.]
- Harry ROBERTS [Service No 50278: 9<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements] Born in Clermont, enlisted at Brisbane.
- Herbert ROBERTS [Service No 50265: Depot] Born in Beaudesert, enlisted at Brisbane. [Note: discharged medically unfit (sprained ankle)]
- William ROBERTS [Service No 5398: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Zillmere, enlisted at Brisbane.
- Ewan ROSE [Service No 3132: 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born in Brisbane, enlisted at Liverpool, NSW. Note: Awarded the Croix de Guerre, Belgium, 12 July 1918.
- George Henry SIMS [Service No 57915: 26<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Windsor, NSW; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Alexander STANLEY [Service No 50280: 11 LHR] Born in Ballina; Working at Wongongra Station via Chinchilla when he enlisted in Brisbane. Family connections to Cherbourg and Moree. [Later enlisted in WW2.]
- George WATEGO [Service No 5934: 26<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Sydney, NSW; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Murray WATEGO [Service No 2178: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born in Sydney, NSW; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Norman Alfred Henry WATTS [Service No. 2667] born Rockhampton, enlisted in Brisbane. [Mother from Torres Strait, possibly Waria Island?]
- Arthur Edward WILLIAMS [Service No N/A: Depot] Born in Sydney NSW, enlisted at Brisbane. [Note: Enlisted 23 September 1915; discharged 13 November 1915 'services no longer required' Note on attestation form indicates 'this man being a half-caste has been discharged'.]
- Ernest Williams [Service No 3399: 33<sup>rd</sup> Bn] Born Coonamble, NSW; enlisted Narrabri, NSW. Trained in Brisbane.
- Joe WHITE [Service No 2447: 11 LHR] Born at Morven, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Alfred WRIGHT [Service No 2017: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Nyngan, NSW; enlisted in Brisbane.

## Burketown

- Alan 'Clem' MURRAY [Service No N/A: Depot] Enlisted at Blackboy Hill, WA. [Note: discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted – not substantially of European Descent'].

## Cairns [connections to Yarrabah, Mona Mona, etc.]

- Norman BAIRD [Service No 7685A: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born near Cooktown in 1887, Norman enlisted in Cairns in August 1917. Initially assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Norman also served in the Australian Veterinary Hospital in France, prior to his return to Australia in April 1919. Norman is the brother of Charles Baird. Kathleen Denigan wrote a book on Norman and his life 'Norman Baird: A spark within.'
- Carl John 'Jack' BAKER [Service No 7744: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Innisfail, enlisted at Cairns. [Note: died of wounds 13 August 1918, France.]
- Percy DIXON [Service No. 30106: 9<sup>th</sup> FAB] Born in Springsure, enlisted in Cairns. [Note: also served in WW2.]
- Harry DOYLE [Service No 2426: 11 LHR] Born Charters Towers, enlisted in Cairns.

## Cairns (continued)

- William LORRAINE [Service No 3658: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born Hambledon, via Cairns, enlisted in Cairns. [**Note:** initially refused enlistment in 1916 due to 'being half-caste'; re-enlisted in June 1917 – discharged June 1918 due to medical condition (Anaemia).]
- William 'Willie' LOGAN [Service No Q19966 / 3509: Depot] Born near Atherton, enlisted at Cairns. [**Note:** Discharged from 5<sup>th</sup> LHR before disembarking.]
- David MOLLOY [Service No 2437: 11 LHR] Born near Mt Molloy, enlisted at Cairns.
- William NICHOLLD [Service No 2439: 11 LHR] Born near Coen, enlisted at Cairns. Married Florrie Ball – family lived at Yarrabah and Mona Mona.
- Jack POLLARD [Service No 2442: 11 LHR] Born in Atherton; enlisted in Cairns
- Tommy PURCELL (aka Tommy LEE) [Service No 7813A: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Atherton, enlisted at Cairns.
- William PERROTT [Service No 3704: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born near Herberton, enlisted at Cairns. [Died from illness (bronchitis), 1 November 1918.]

## Camooweal

- Jack COSTELLO [Service No 2425: 11 LHR] Born in Camooweal; enlisted at Longreach.
- John LEE [Service No 730: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born in Camooweal; enlisted at Maryborough. [**Note:** Initially discharged in January 1916 'unlikely to be an efficient soldier'; re-enlisted in 1917 and served on Western Front.]

## China Camp [Wujal Wujal]

- Charles BAIRD [Service No 1234: 11 LHR] Charles Baird was born at China Camp near Cooktown and later enlisted in Cooktown in May 1915. After a short service overseas in the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Horse, Charles returned to Australia with Enteric Fever. After a period of 3 months Charles returned to service with the Light Horse. In January 1919, Charles Baird returned home to Australia. Brother of Norman Baird.
- Norman BAIRD [Service No 7685A: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born near Cooktown in 1887, Norman enlisted in Cairns in August 1917. Initially assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Norman also served in the Australian Veterinary Hospital in France, prior to his return to Australia in April 1919. Norman is the brother of Charles Baird. Kathleen Denigan wrote a book on Norman and his life 'Norman Baird: A spark within.'

## Coen

- Harry BAKER [Service No Q19600: 5 LHR] Born in Coen, enlisted at Barambah.
- William NICHOLLD [Service No 2439: 11 LHR] Born Coen, enlisted at Cairns.

## Cooktown

- Charles Aubrey FOX [Service No 3635: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born at Cooktown; enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 24 April 1918, France.]
- Maitland MADGE [Service No 3483: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Enlisted in Brisbane – received Military Medal, April 1917.

## Deebing Creek Aboriginal Settlement

- William AHSEE (aka AH SEE) [Service No 113: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Brisbane on 5 November 1915. William was aged 24 years 11 months and working as a carpenter when he enlisted in Brisbane. On his attestation form, William listed his mother Margaret Ah See who was at the Deebing Creek Mission, via Ipswich. Following his training at Bell's Paddock, Brisbane; William proceeded overseas on 29 January 1916 for France as part of the 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion. William served on the Western Front; however his service was interrupted with a series of bronchial asthma attacks which required periods of hospitalisation. On 15 September 1917, William returned to Australia and was later discharged due to his asthma. He later remarried and moved to Toowoomba.
- William Stanley BROWN [Service No 52635: 2nd Reinforcements Egypt] Born Ipswich; enlisted Brisbane. Family lived at Deebing Creek.
- Edward MCGREGOR [Service No 65101: 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Brisbane. Removed to Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home in 1904. Later family connections to Cherbourg. Also served in WW2 Q14160.
- Charles 'Charley' MORGAN [Service No Q19605 / 3679: Depot] Born at Deebing Creek Mission via Ipswich abt 1896 to Bella Collins and Jack Morgan. Charley was involved in pedestrianism (professional foot running) while at Deebing Creek. Charley was later expelled from Deebing Creek and sent to Taroom Mission and later Barambah where he enlisted. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted']. Reenlisted as Charlie Morgan at Maryborough. After the war he married Lavinia Slockee and lived in the Tweed Region. Charley applied for a War Gratuity.

## Eidsvold

- George Robert AITKEN [Service No 2367: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Cloncurry. Killed in action, 19 October 1917, Belgium. Adoptive mother lived in Eidsvold, with family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Thomas JARO [Service No 4083: 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Bn] Born at Eidsvold; enlisted in Maryborough.

## Euraba Aboriginal Station, Via Boomi, NSW [Closed 1926 – removed to Toomelah] [Located near Qld/NSW Border – many families with connections to Qld]

- George BENNETT [Service No 4243: 29<sup>th</sup> Bn] George was born near Mungindi on the Queensland NSW border and was one of three men from the Euraba Aboriginal Station [aka Old Toomelah Mission] to serve in WW1. George enlisted at Armidale, NSW on 29 April 1916 and listed his next of kin as his brother Ernest who lived on Terry Hie Hie via Moree. George Bennett served on the Western Front initially with the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion before being reassigned to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. George was wounded several times before returning to Australia aboard the HMAT *Orita* on 23 June 1919. There was a special welcome home at Euraba for the three Aboriginal soldiers – George Bennett, Charles Bird and Jack Stacy. A memorial plaque was later erected in their honour at Toomelah Mission. [**Note:** The Bennett family lived in Mungindi/Nindigully area of South-West Queensland after the war. George is the Grandfather of Len Waters, WW2 Pilot.]
- Charles Turner BIRD [Service No 6709: 8<sup>th</sup> Bn] Charles was born at Goondiwindi on the Queensland-NSW border to parents Harry and Lennie Bird. At the time of WW1, he was working at a property near Moree and enlisted at Cootamundra, NSW. Upon his return, Charles Turner Bird alongside George Bennett and Jack Stacey were given a welcome home at Euraba Aboriginal Station. [**Note:** The family lived in Mungindi and Talwood area following war.]
- Jack STACY [Service No. 2156: 5LHR] Born at Boomi, NSW; enlisted at Narrabri, NSW.

## Gayndah

- Alfred John BLACKMAN [Service No 3173: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn]. Alfred was born in Tiaro in 1890 and was aged 26 years 4 months when he enlisted at Maryborough on 6 January 1917. Alfred listed his mother Emily Deshong, Childers as his next of kin. Following training Alfred was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements for the 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion and saw service on the Western Front. Alfred died of wounds on 8 October, 1917 and was buried at Etaples, France. Alfred was the brother of Charles and Thomas Blackman who also served in WW1.
- Charles Tednee BLACKMAN [Service No 2584A: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Charles was born at Pine Tree Creek, via Gayndah. At the age of 19 years 9 months, he enlisted at Brisbane on 18 August 1915 and initially assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion. After arriving on the Western Front, Charles was reassigned to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion and saw service in France being promoted to Lance Corporal. Charles was on the Western Front and suffered gassing requiring hospitalization. On completion of the war, Charles returned to Australia aboard the *Suffolk* in April 1919. Upon his return, Charles spent time in North Queensland, living in Tully. By the 1950's, Charles has changed his name by deed poll to Charles Thomas Graham. He was the brother of Alfred and Thomas Blackman.
- Thomas BLACKMAN [Service No 2174: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Thomas was born at Boompa via Gayndah. At the time of WW1, Thomas was working as a stockman when he enlisted at Bundaberg in December 1915. After basic training, Thomas was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion and embarked aboard the HMAT *Wiltshire*. After suffering a gunshot wound to the foot, Thomas spent some time at the Military Hospital before returning to Australia aboard the *Argyleshire* in December 1918. He was the brother of Alfred and Charles Blackman.
- Robert BOND [Service No Q20518: Depot] Robert was born in May 1891 at Gayndah and was working as a stockman at Hawkwood Station, Mundubbera when he enlisted at Maryborough on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1917. Robert was attached to the No 1 Depot for a period of one month before being discharged as 'having been irregularly enlisted' with 'not substantially of European origin' also noted on his attestation form.
- William Bert BROWN [Service No 2422: 11 LHR] Born at Boompa, via Gayndah, enlisted at Maryborough. Family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg. Some war records list Brown as born at Kilkivan.
- Daniel COBBO [Service No Q19612: Depot] Born in Gayndah, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- John COBBO (War Records have name misspelt as 'Cubbo') [Service No 3121A: Depot] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Charters Towers. **[Note:** originally discharged in August 1917; then reenlisted in June 1918 and assigned to 5 LHR Remount]. Family connections to Gayndah and Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Edmond COUCHY (War Records have name misspelt as 'Coochey') [Service No Q20597: Depot] Born in Gayndah, enlisted at Barambah. **[Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Walter COUCHY [Service No 2420: 7<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion]. Born in Gayndah enlisted at Barambah.
- Willie CUMMINGS [63989: 5 LHR] Born at Stanley Hills Station, via Mareeba; enlisted at Brisbane. Family connection to Cherbourg – Next of Kin Florrie Carbine, Barambah Settlement; later removed from Gayndah to Barambah (1920).
- Albert JONES [Service No 64364: Driver ANZAC Mounted Divisional Train] Born in Gympie; enlisted at Gayndah. Family connections to Cherbourg.

## Gayndah (continued)

- Jeffrey LAW [aka John COLEMAN] [Service No 7049A: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Jeffrey Law was born in Gayndah abt 1890 and was working as a Jockey when he enlisted as John Coleman in Brisbane on 17 December 1917. Following 4 months at the Depot in Brisbane, Jeffrey was assigned to the 49<sup>th</sup> Bn serving on the Western Front. Jeffrey returned to Australia aboard the Ormonde in November 1919. After the war, Jeffrey lived at Barambah/Cherbourg; however not much is known about his story until his death and burial in Maryborough as John Coleman.
- Vincent LAW [Service No 63999: 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements] Born in Gayndah and enlisted in Brisbane – family later lived at Cherbourg.
- Harold MCCALLUM [Service No 1084: 5<sup>th</sup> LHR] Born in Gayndah; enlisted in Emerald.
- Thomas PEHOW [Service No 2667: 12<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Gayndah; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Arthur RILEY [Service No Q19613: Depot] Born at Gayndah, enlisted at Barambah. [Note: discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].

## Georgetown

- Frederick MEREDITH [Service No 3340: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Georgetown, Qld; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Henry MONSELL [Service No Q19604: Depot] Born at Strathmore Station via Georgetown, enlisted at Barambah. [Note: discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- George SPOONER [Service No Q19932: Depot] Born at Georgetown; enlisted at Charleville.
- Sandy WILLIE (aka Sandye) [Service No Q23125: Depot] born Croydon; enlisted Townsville. Sandy listed his father Jack as next of kin. According to Tindale, Sandy's father was a Malay cook on a station, while his mother was an Aboriginal woman from Georgetown. Sandy was at the Depot in Townsville for a short period before being discharged due to 'poor physique'. After his discharge, Sandy returned to the Gulf and worked on properties in the district. In 1920, Willie was removed from Dagworth Station near Georgetown and sent to Palm Island. At Palm Island Sandy married Minnie Hudson an Aboriginal woman also from Georgetown. Sandy and Minnie did not have any children and later lived in the Kuranda district and were granted exemption from the Protection Act in 1957.

## Goodooga (NSW) Border community with connections to Queensland.

- Percy HILL [Service No 139: 42<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born Goodooga, NSW; enlisted at Charters Towers. After the war lived in Townsville.
- Archibald 'Archie' MURPHY [Service No 3727: 6<sup>th</sup> LHR] Born in Wyandra in Western Queensland; Archie was working as a Police Tracker at Deniliquin when he enlisted at Hay, NSW. In 1917, Archie married Daisy Lewis at Narrandera. After the war, Archie 'Digger' Murphy received a soldier settlement block. Archie worked as a Police Tracker at Deniliquin for 18 years – there was much indignation from the people of Deniliquin when the Police Department notified him in June 1928 that his services were no longer required. Tracker Murphy was involved in many searches, flood rescues and other deeds during his time there. Archie later served as a Tracker at the Orange Police Station from 1930-31. Archie also enlisted in WW2 at the age of 52! Not much is known of his story after this; however Archie and his family later had connections to Walgett and Goodooga, NSW.

## Goomeri

- Frederick DODD [Service No 20409: Depot] Born in Goomeri, enlisted at Maryborough. [Note: discharged as 'medically unfit'.] Family connection to Barambah/Cherbourg.

## Goondiwindi [links to Queensland Communities as well as Toomelah/Boggabilla]

- Charles Turner BIRD [Service No 6709: 8<sup>th</sup> Bn] Charles was born at Goondiwindi on the Queensland-NSW border to parents Harry and Lennie Bird. At the time of WW1, he was working at a property near Moree and enlisted at Cootamundra, NSW. Upon his return, Charles Turner Bird alongside George Bennett and Jack Stacey were given a welcome home at Euraba Aboriginal Station. [**Note:** The family lived in Mungindi and Talwood area following war.]
- Sydney CLARKE [Service No 3762: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in St George, enlisted in Toowoomba. Foster family – Mrs Chris Noud lived in Goondiwindi. [Died of illness (pneumonia), 21 June 1918, United Kingdom.]
- Edward HILL [Service No 3238: 15 LHR] Born at Goondiwindi, Qld; enlisted at Narrabri, NSW.
- Anthony 'Towney' KELLY [Service No 2176: 25<sup>th</sup> BN / 10 LHR] 'Towney' as he was usually known was born at Goondiwindi abt 1891 and was working as a Stockman when he enlisted in Brisbane on 17 June 1915. This was quite an early enlistment for Aboriginal volunteers; however Towney had his exemption from the Protection Act in 1912. No parents are noted on his attestation form with Mr Archie Robinson, Friend listed as his next of kin. Towney served with the 10<sup>th</sup> LHR in the Middle East. In November 1917, Towney contracted pleurisy require hospitalisation before being declared medical unfit and returning home to Australia in March 1918. After the war, he resumed his work as a stockman in the Goondiwindi district; however not much of his post-war life is known until his death in August 1952. His death certificate identifies his parents as James and Louisa. There are several notices in newspapers during 1953 relating to his will and estate – these refer to Anthony Kelly better known as 'Towney'. Towney Kelly is buried in the Goondiwindi Cemetery.
- Alf ROBERTS [Service No 3758: 45<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Goondiwindi; enlisted in Moree (NSW). [**Note:** also served in WW2 – service records amalgamated with NAA N281674]
- William THOMPSON [Service No N10786: Depot] Born at Goondiwindi, Qld; enlisted at Narrabri, NSW. [**Note:** Family lived in Mungindi and Talwood area following war.]
- Frank WOODS [Service No N74182: Depot] Frank was born at Goondiwindi, Qld in about 1891. His step-father Charles Dennison is listed as his next of kin, when Frank enlisted in Moree, NSW. However, Frank was discharged for being 'not of substantial European origin' while another note on the attestation form indicates 'full-blooded Aboriginal'. After his discharge, it seems that Frank lived in the Boomi district until his death in 1941. An interview with Len Waters, the Aboriginal fighter pilot in WW2 gives an account of Len meeting Frank at Euraba Aboriginal Station and watching Frank carve emu eggs.

## Hebel [South-West Queensland]

- Arthur Robert CHAPMAN [Service No. 2989: 6LHR], born Hebel Queensland, enlisted at Manilla (via Armidale) NSW.
- Wallie JOHNSON [Service No 2444: 47<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at St George; enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 11 April 1917, France.] **Note:** also known as Wally COWLEY as he was fostered into the Cowley Family at Hebel when the father Phillip Cowley was the Police Constable there in the early 1900's.

## Herberton

- William PERROTT [Service No 3704: 49th Bn] Enlisted at Cairns. Killed in action, 1 November 1918, France.

## Kilkivan

- Martin BLIGH (attestation form uses 'BLYTH') [Service No 64321: ANZAC Mounted Divisional Train] Martin was born on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1893 at Kilkivan. At the onset of WW1, Martin was working as a stockman when he enlisted at Brisbane in August 1918. Following basic training in Brisbane, Martin embarked for Suez as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements to Egypt. Martin returned to Australia in September 1919. Family connections to Barambah.
- William Bert BROWN [Service No 2422: 11 LHR] Born at Boompa, via Gayndah, enlisted at Maryborough. Family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg. Some war records list Brown as born at Kilkivan.
- John COBBO (War Records have name misspelt as 'Cubbo') [Service No 3121A: Depot] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Charters Towers. [**Note:** originally discharged in August 1917; then reenlisted in June 1918 and assigned to 5 LHR Remount]. Family connections to Gayndah and Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Douglas [aka Douglas] Edward LAW [Service No 63998: 2 LHR] Born in Kilkivan, enlisted at Gayndah – family later lived at Cherbourg.

## Lakefield Station (via Laura)

- Frank BALSER [Service No 3469: 5 LHR] Frank was born at Lakefield Station, via Laura on Cape York. Around 1912, Frank was working as a farm labourer on the Sunshine Coast. Shortly after, Frank Balsler was successful in his application for exemption from Protection of Aborigines Act in 1913. At the time of enlistment, Frank's occupation as a coach driver backed up his preference for the Light Horse when he enlisted at Brisbane on 3 October 1917. Frank saw duty with the 5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse in the Middle East prior to returning to Australia aboard the Madras. In 1921, Frank married Jane Mary Beckett and later moved to Benarkin working in State Forestry. Frank and family were living in Wilston, Brisbane when he also enlisted in WW2.

## Laura

- Myrtle DOUGLAS [Service No Q19614: Depot] Born in Laura, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].

## Lockhart River

- Willie CUMMINGS [63989: 5 LHR] Born at Stanley Hills Station, via Lockhart River; enlisted at Brisbane. Family connection to Cherbourg.

## Mitchell

- Charles ALLEY (aka ALLIE) [Service No 50270: 11 LHR] Born at Charters Towers; enlisted in Brisbane. [Note: also served in WW2 Q186382.] Later lived in Mitchell area.
- James Richard BREWHOUSE [Service No 4208: 31<sup>st</sup> Bn] James was born in Coonabarabran, NSW in 1869 to an Ellen Brewhouse who was identified in a newspaper article as being 'the last of the old Warrumbungle Aborigines'. At the time of WW1, he was aged 44 years and working on *The Peaks* station via Mitchell when he enlisted in Roma, Qld on 5 July 1916. His next of kin was listed as John Charles Moore, *The Peaks*. Moore was a pastoralist originally from Narrabri who worked for the Australian Pastoral Company in the Mitchell district before acquiring the property in 1911. James saw 18 months service, including 8 months in France before being evacuated with Rheumatism and returning to Australia. After the war, James returned to his droving and pastoral work in the Mitchell region, primarily working for Moore or the Australian Pastoral Company. At some stage James has acquired property and was given a rates reduction in 1926 due to infestation of prickly pear. James did not marry or have children and upon his death in 1935, the probate for his estate was John Charles Moore.
- Albert BURKE [Service No. 3620: 29<sup>th</sup> BN] Albert was born at Mitchell in 1894 and at the age of 23 enlisted in Roma on 15 June 1917. Albert listed his sister Alice as his next of kin. Following his basic training in Brisbane, Albert was assigned to the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion and served on the Western Front. Albert required several periods of hospitalisation after suffering gunshot wounds before returning to Australia aboard the HMAT Karmala in March 1919. After the war, Albert returned home to the Mitchell district. In 1921 Albert was receiving a War Gratuity.
- Edward COLLINS [Service No. 2424: 11 LHR] Born at Tomoo Station, via Mitchell; enlisted in Mitchell.
- Fred COLLINS [Service No. 2459: 11 LHR] Born at Bonus Downs Station, via Mitchell; enlisted in Mitchell.
- Joseph 'Joe' FITZROY [Service No 2427: 11 LHR] Joe was born at Dynevore Downs Station, via Eulo in 1896 – his parents were Charlie and Jenny who are listed on Tindale genealogical materials as being Kalali people. Joe was working as a stockman when enlisted in Mitchell in 1917. Having a background in horses meant Joe was a strong candidate for the Light Horse. After basic training he was assigned to the 20<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 11 LHR and served in Palestine. After the war, Joe returned to Australia with other members of the 11 LHR on the HMAT Morvada. Joe Fitzroy returned to Western Queensland and continued to work on properties in the region as a stockman.
- George FOSTER [Service No 3641: 11 LHR] Born at Bollon; enlisted in Mitchell.
- Harry HARPER [Service No Q20358: Depot] Harry was born at Albany Downs, via Mitchell to parents Harry Harper and Alice Corrigan. Harry was working as a stockman on Aberglassie Station when he enlisted in Mitchell in July 1917. After a few months at the Depot in Brisbane where he was assigned to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Harry was discharged as being 'medically unfit' with no further explanation on his attestation form. Harry returned to the Mitchell District and applied for an exemption from the Protection Act in October 1917. Not much is known of Harry's post-war life; it appears he worked on several properties between Mitchell and Bollon. There are discrepancies around his actual age in later correspondence – his Attestation Form indicates 2 September 1891; while an application for Repatriation Funeral Benefit states 21 June 1885. Harry was a cousin to George Foster, another 11LHR trooper from Mitchell. Harry passed away in 1963.
- Jack KEARNS [Service No 2431: 11 LHR] Born at Dirranbandi; enlisted at Charleville. Family had connections to Mitchell.



## Mitchell (continued)

- Harry MURRAY [Service No. 2436: 11 LHR] Harry was born at Taroom – his family are believed to be from Hornet Bank Station with his father listed as a non-Aboriginal man George Murray and an unknown Aboriginal woman who died when Harry was young. He applied for an Exemption from the Protection Act in December 1916 and received this on 18 January 1917. Like many Aboriginal recruits, Harry volunteered for WW1 after the May 1917 Military Order which relaxed restrictions on Aboriginal enlistment. At the time of enlistment (2 June 1917), Harry was working as a stockman when he enlisted in Mitchell. Following basic training in Brisbane, Harry was assigned to the 11LHR and embarked on HMAT Ulysses from Sydney on 19 December 1917. Harry's war service was in the Middle East with the 11<sup>th</sup> LHR – his service was interrupted with various bouts of illness (pharyngitis, mumps, etc.) requiring hospitalisation. Following the end of the war, Harry returned to Australia aboard the *Morvada* and was formally discharged from the army in August 1919. Harry returned to the Mitchell district and applied for a War Gratuity Bond in July 1920 when he was working at Wombelbank Station, via Mitchell. Not much else is known of Harry's life – he passed away in 1965.
- Charlie PARKES [Service No 2443: 11 LHR] Born at Charleville; enlisted in Mitchell. [Note: Also recorded as Charlie PARKER.]
- Sid ROBERTS [Service No 3491: 5 LHR] Born at Tongy Station, via Mitchell; enlisted in Mitchell. Sid applied for a War Gratuity Bond in September 1920.
- Edward SMITH [Service No 2445: 11 LHR] Born at Forest Vale Station, via Mitchell, enlisted in Mitchell. Edward applied for a War Gratuity Bond in July 1920. Mother Annie Smith sought a military allotment/soldier settlement in October 1920.
- Thomas Henry SMITH [Service No 3724A: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Isisford, enlisted in Mitchell. Lived at Mitchell after the war.
- Alexander STANLEY [Service No 50280: 11 LHR] Born in Ballina; Working at Wongongra Station via Chinchilla when he enlisted in Brisbane. Family connections to Cherbourg and Moree. Lived for a short time after the war in Mitchell working with George Foster. [Later enlisted in WW2.]

## Mt Molloy

- David MOLLOY [Service No 2437: 11 LHR]

## Mungindi [on Qld/NSW Border – many families with connections to Qld]

- George BENNETT [Service No 4243: 29<sup>th</sup> Bn] George was born near Mungindi on the Queensland NSW border and was one of three men from the Euraba Aboriginal Station [aka Old Toomelah Mission] to serve in WW1. George enlisted at Armidale, NSW on 29 April 1916 and listed his next of kin as his brother Ernest who lived on Terry Hie Hie via Moree. George Bennett served on the Western Front initially with the 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion before being reassigned to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. George was wounded several times before returning to Australia aboard the HMAT *Orita* on 23 June 1919. There was a special welcome home at Euraba for the three Aboriginal soldiers – George Bennett, Charles Bird and Jack Stacy. A memorial plaque was later erected in their honour at Toomelah Mission. [Note: The Bennett family lived in Mungindi/Nindigully area of South-West Queensland after the war. George is the Grandfather of Len Waters, WW2 Pilot.]
- James BLACKLOCK [Service No N/A: Depot] Born at Coonamble, enlisted at Mungindi. [Note: Discharged 'medically unfit' – Family lived in Tingha/Inverell area of NSW after the war.]
- Alfred DALTON [Service No 748: 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn] Born near Mungindi, enlisted at Narrabri, NSW. [Note on attestation form indicates 'very dark Aboriginal blood'.]
- John James 'Jack' DUNN [Service No 5580: 18<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born 'The Border' – most likely from Mungindi; enlisted Cootamundra, NSW.

## Mungindi (continued)

- Daniel MCGOWAN [Service No 6N77946: Depot] Born at Thallon, Qld [misspelt on attestation form as Fallon]; enlisted Nyngan, NSW. [**Note:** Discharged due to deformity of hand caused by fire, 28 May 1917.] Family connections to Mungindi area.
- William THOMPSON [Service No N10786: Depot] Born at Goondiwindi, Qld; enlisted at Narrabri, NSW. An interesting note on his attestation form states “strongly Aboriginal in appearance but states that his brothers and cousin are already at the front”. [**Note:** Family lived in Mungindi and Talwood area following war.]
- Albert WILLIAMS [Service No 75887: Depot] Born at Mungindi, enlisted in Moree. [**Note:** Originally discharged ‘medically unfit’; reenlisted Light Horse Reinforcements.] Later lived in Red Hill, via Kingaroy with connections to Barambah/Cherbourg.

## Normanton

- Dick KIRWIN [Service No 2833: 42nd Bn]

## Palm Island

- Charles ALLEY (aka ALLIE) [Service No 50270: 11 LHR] Charles was born at Charters Towers in 1901 to Charles Alley a Malay and Fanny Palmer an Aboriginal woman from Canobie Station, via Cloncurry. Charles enlisted in Brisbane on 20 December 1917 and served with the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Horse. Following his return to Australia, Charles moved around Queensland and at one stage was sent to Palm Island. Like several members of the 11 LHR, Charles spent some time living in the Mitchell area. [**Note:** Charles Alley also served in WW2 Q186382.] Charles’s family have a strong tradition of serving in the Defence Forces – more of this story can be found at the Indigenous Histories blog: <https://indigenoushistories.com/2015/04/15/charlie-alley-light-horseman-the-service-tradition-of-the-alley-family/>
- Arthur MURDOCK [Service No 3466: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born in Hughenden, enlisted at Charters Towers. [**Note:** mother/family at Barambah.] Later removed to Palm Island.
- Sandy WILLIE (aka Sandye) [Service No Q23125: Depot] born Croydon; enlisted Townsville. Sandy listed his father Jack as next of kin. According to Tindale, Sandy’s father was a Malay cook on a station, while his mother was an Aboriginal woman from Georgetown. Sandy was at the Depot in Townsville for a short period before being discharged due to ‘poor physique’. After his discharge, Sandy returned to the Gulf and worked on properties in the district. In 1920, Willie was removed from Dagworth Station near Georgetown and sent to Palm Island. At Palm Island Sandy married Minnie Hudson an Aboriginal woman also from Georgetown. Sandy and Minnie did not have any children and later lived in the Kuranda district and were granted exemption from the Protection Act in 1957.

## Port Douglas

- Augustus DAVIES [Service No 3282: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Port Douglas, enlisted in Brisbane. [**Note:** park at Bald Hills named after Gus Davies.]
- William PAGEL [Service No Q19602: Depot] Born in Port Douglas, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged ‘having been irregularly enlisted’]. Records indicate that William was the son of Nellie Pagel, of Sandy Creek, via Mackay. Pagel was later removed to Palm Island.

## Rockhampton [many families with connections to Woorabinda]

- Robert ANDERSON [Service No Q22911: Depot] Robert Anderson was born in Rockhampton but working as a blacksmith at Cooroy when he enlisted at Brisbane on 7 February 1918. Robert requested the Light Horse at enlistment also stating that 'his father was a white man and his mother an Aboriginal, having lived all his life with white people'. Such a statement was not unusual for Aboriginal volunteers. Despite his request, Robert was stationed in the Depot for a month until discharged as 'medically unfit' on 18 March 1918 due to a systolic murmur on his heart.
- Charles BINWATER [Service No N/A: Depot] Charles was born at Rockhampton in 1895 and was working in a range of occupations, including Drover, Police Tracker as well as Horse Breaker at the time of WW1. Charles attempted to enlist several times in Western NSW before being accepted at Dubbo on 20 August 1917. His attestation form indicates Charles was 'coloured' and in another section regarding his medical condition is identified as 'a full blood Aboriginal'. Despite passing the medical at Dubbo and undertaking training with the Castlereagh Macquarie Machine Gun Unit, Charles Binwater was discharged after spending 5 days at Victoria Barracks in Sydney.
- Arthur COORA [Service No 1772A: 28<sup>th</sup> Bn and 44<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted at Rockhampton. Aboriginal and South Sea Islander heritage. Family line from Ambryn, Vanuatu.
- Thomas DODD [Service No 5818: 26<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Banana, enlisted at Rockhampton
- James Leo ENRIGHT [Service No Q2636: Depot] Born at Coonamble, NSW; enlisted in Rockhampton. [**Note:** Discharged due to medical condition (rheumatism and back pain); one of three brothers who enlisted in WW1.]
- John William GRAY [Service No 4420: 26<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in Charleville; enlisted at Rockhampton.
- Reginald Francis HAWKINS [Service No 370: 42<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born in Adavale; enlisted at Rockhampton. [**Note:** Prisoner of War 14 February 1917.] Brother of Harry Hawkins – descendants live in Rockhampton region.
- George HILL [Service No 3655: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn / 4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted at Charleville.
- George William MITCHELL [Service No.5386: 31<sup>st</sup> Bn] George Mitchell was born near Bundaberg in 1889 to William Mitchell and Emma Deshong. At the age of 28 George was working as a stockman when he enlisted at Rockhampton in December 1917. On the attestation form, George has listed his sister Selina Hare as next of kin, c/- Alton Downs Hotel, Rockhampton. Following basic training, George embarked on the *Ormonde* as part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements for the 31<sup>st</sup> Battalion. After service on the Western Front, George was assigned to Graves Detachment for several months before returning to Australia in November 1919. After the war, George returned to the Rockhampton area. Not much is known of his later life; however George did enlist in WW2. Following WW2, George lived in Rockhampton before moving to Bundaberg in the 1950's – at the age of 69, George died in Bundaberg in 1958.
- Arthur PERFECT [Service No 7757: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted at Brisbane. [**Note:** discharged 2 January 1919 – medically unfit due to gunshot wounds suffered in France.]
- Joseph PERFECT [Service No 200: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted at Brisbane. [**Note:** discharged 10 May 1916 – medically unfit due to bomb and gunshot wounds suffered at Gallipoli.]
- William PERFECT [Service No 3429: 2<sup>nd</sup> LHR] Born at Rockhampton; enlisted in Maryborough. [**Note:** discharged 13 August 1918 – medically unfit due to infected scar (Hernia Operation) during service.]
- Norman SAMUELS [Service No N76008: Depot] Born in Rockhampton; enlisted in Singleton (NSW). Discharged not sufficient European origin.
- Arthur WALSH [Service No 2050: 4<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Coy] Born at Torella Station, via St Lawrence; enlisted in Rockhampton. Family later lived in Duaranga.

## Rockhampton (continued)

- Charles WALSH [Service No 24222: NA] Born at Torella Station, via St Lawrence; enlisted in Rockhampton. Did not serve overseas due to end of war. Family later lived in Duaringa.
- Harold WALSH [Service No 4447: 11 LHR] Born at Duaringa, enlisted in Rockhampton.
- Norman Alfred Henry WATTS [Service No. 2667: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] born Rockhampton, enlisted in Brisbane. [Mother from Torres Strait, possibly Waria Island?]
- Thomas WILLIAMS [Service No 1760: 50<sup>th</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born in Rockhampton, enlisted in Rockhampton.

## Roma

- James Richard BREWHOUSE [Service No 4208: 31<sup>st</sup> Bn] James was born in Coonabarabran, NSW in 1869 to an Ellen Brewhouse who was identified in a newspaper article as being 'the last of the old Warrumbungle Aborigines'. At the time of WW1, he was aged 44 years and working on *The Peaks* station via Mitchell when he enlisted in Roma, Qld on 5 July 1916. His next of kin was listed as John Charles Moore, *The Peaks*. Moore was a pastoralist originally from Narrabri who worked for the Australian Pastoral Company in the Mitchell district before acquiring the property in 1911. James saw 18 months service, including 8 months in France before being evacuated with Rheumatism and returning to Australia. After the war, James returned to his droving and pastoral work in the Mitchell region, primarily working for Moore or the Australian Pastoral Company. At some stage James has acquired property and was given a rates reduction in 1926 due to infestation of prickly pear. James did not marry or have children and upon his death in 1935, the probate for his estate was John Charles Moore.
- Albert BURKE [Service No. 3620: 29<sup>th</sup> BN] Albert was born at Mitchell in 1894 and at the age of 23 enlisted in Roma on 15 June 1917. Albert listed his sister Alice as his next of kin. Following his basic training in Brisbane, Albert was assigned to the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion and served on the Western Front. Albert required several periods of hospitalisation after suffering gunshot wounds before returning to Australia aboard the HMAT Karmala in March 1919. After the war, Albert returned home to the Mitchell district. In 1921 Albert was receiving a War Gratuity.
- Ossie DICK [Service No Q19609: Depot] Born in Roma, enlisted at Barambah. [**Note:** discharged 'having been irregularly enlisted'].
- Thomas John HAYNES [Service No 3103: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in St George, enlisted in Roma. [**Note:** killed in action, 15 April 1917, France.]

## St George

- Sydney CLARKE [Service No 3762: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in St George, enlisted in Toowoomba. [Died of illness (pneumonia), 21 June 1918, United Kingdom.]
- Thomas John HAYNES [Service No 3103: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born in St George, enlisted in Roma. [**Note:** killed in action, 15 April 1917, France.]
- Wallie JOHNSON [Service No 2444: 47<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at St George; enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 11 April 1917, France.] **Note:** also known as Wally COWLEY as he was fostered into the Cowley Family at Hebel when the father Phillip Cowley was the Police Constable there in the early 1900's.
- Edward KELLY [Service No 1986: Remount] born St George (Qld) enlisted in St George. Later lived in Dalby area.

## St George (continued)

- Niney MCDONALD [Service No 4441: 11<sup>th</sup> LHR] Niney was born at St George in 1896 to Annie McDonald. At the time of enlistment Niney was working on Gowrie Station via Charleville. Niney enlisted on 14 August 1917 which was the day after his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday - he signed up at a recruiting rally held at the Exhibition Grounds, Brisbane. Following training, Niney was allotted to the 11<sup>th</sup> LHR and served in the Middle East. Following the war, Niney applied for his Exemption in 1919 and after a short stay at Barambah, returned to Western Queensland where he worked as a stockman/boundary rider on stations in the Charleville and Quilpie area. In 1925, Niney married Eileen June Anderson [daughter of Robert Anderson and Eileen Brooks from Deebing Creek]. Niney passed away in 1972 – descendants still live in the Ipswich region.
- John WOODS [Service No N77118: Depot] Born at Balonne, Qld; enlisted in Moree, NSW. [Police Tracker working in NSW at time of war – birthplace is given as Balonne as in the Balonne River? But could be misspelling of Bollon?]

## Stradbroke Island

- James COOTERMAN / CAIRNCROSS [Service No. 3610A: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born on Stradbroke Island, enlisted at Brisbane. [Attestation form indicated Birthplace of Brisbane; however he grew up with his family on Stradbroke Island – enlisted under the assumed name of Cairncross after the Doctor who was looking after him – source 'Stradbroke 100'.]
- Horace Thomas DALTON [Service No 57247: 11 LHR] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Evelyn ELLIS [Service No 554: 7 Machine Gun Company] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane.
- Charles William FOLEY [Service No 3753: 49<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Stradbroke Island; enlisted in Brisbane.
- Albert JONES [Service No 64364: Driver ANZAC Mounted Divisional Train] Born in Gympie; enlisted at Gayndah. Family connections to Cherbourg, Mundubbera and Stradbroke Island.
- Henry Thomas LEA [Service No 242: 2<sup>nd</sup> Machine Gun Coy] Born at Dunwich; enlisted at Brisbane.
- Henry LEE [Service No N/A: Depot] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane. [**Note:** Discharged 'services no longer required'.]
- Benjamin James MANAGER [Service No N/A: Depot] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane. [**Note:** Discharged 'services no longer required'.]
- Richard MARTIN [Service No 1359: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action 28 March 1918, France.]
- Albert TRIPCONY [Service No 5655: 25<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane. [Killed in action, 3 May 1915, France.]
- Vincent TRIPCONY [Service No 470: 3<sup>rd</sup> AMG] Born at Dunwich, enlisted in Brisbane.

## Taroom [community later moved to Woorabinda]

- William AHSEE (aka AH SEE) [Service No 113: 41<sup>st</sup> Bn] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Brisbane on 5 November 1915. William was aged 24 years 11 months and working as a carpenter when he enlisted in Brisbane. On his attestation form, William listed his mother Margaret Ah See who was at the Deebing Creek Mission, via Ipswich. Following his training at Bell's Paddock, Brisbane; William proceeded overseas on 29 January 1916 for France as part of the 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion. William served on the Western Front; however his service was interrupted with a series of bronchial asthma attacks which required periods of hospitalisation. On 15 September 1917, William returned to Australia and was later discharged due to his asthma. He later remarried and moved to Toowoomba.

## Taroom (continued)

- George Robert AITKEN [Service No 2367: 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Cloncurry. Killed in action, 19 October 1917, Belgium. Adoptive mother lived in Eidsvold, with family connections to Barambah/Cherbourg.
- Arthur BUNDIE aka 'Bundi' [Service No Q23572: Depot – Remount Unit] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Dalby.
- Edward MCGREGOR [Service No 65101: 8<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements] Born at Taroom, enlisted in Brisbane. Removed to Deebing Creek Aboriginal Home in 1904. Later family connections to Cherbourg. Also served in WW2 Q14160.
- Harry MURRAY [Service No. 2436: 11 LHR] Harry was born at Taroom – his family are believed to be from Hornet Bank Station with his father listed as a non-Aboriginal man George Murray and an unknown Aboriginal woman who died when Harry was young. He applied for an Exemption from the Protection Act in December 1916 and received this on 18 January 1917. Like many Aboriginal recruits, Harry volunteered for WW1 after the May 1917 Military Order which relaxed restrictions on Aboriginal enlistment. At the time of enlistment (2 June 1917), Harry was working as a stockman when he enlisted in Mitchell. Following basic training in Brisbane, Harry was assigned to the 11LHR and embarked on HMAT Ulysses from Sydney on 19 December 1917. Harry's war service was in the Middle East with the 11<sup>th</sup> LHR – his service was interrupted with various bouts of illness (pharyngitis, mumps, etc.) requiring hospitalisation. Following the end of the war, Harry returned to Australia aboard the *Morvada* and was formally discharged from the army in August 1919. Harry returned to the Mitchell district and applied for a War Gratuity Bond in July 1920 when he was working at Wombelbank Station, via Mitchell. Not much else is known of Harry's life – he passed away in 1965.
- Pompey ROBERTS [Service No 56924: 11 LHR] Born at St Lawrence, enlisted in Dalby. Later lived at Woorabinda.

## Thursday Island

- Daniel Charles HODGES [Service No 1666: 47<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born on Thursday Island; enlisted in Townsville.
- George James SOSAR [Service No 6839: 26<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born on Thursday Island; enlisted in Brisbane. Mother's Aboriginal lineage is from Monaro, NSW.

## Wujal Wujal [China Camp]

- Charles BAIRD [Service No 1234: 11 LHR] Charles Baird was born at China Camp near Cooktown and later enlisted in Cooktown in May 1915. After a short service overseas in the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Horse, Charles returned to Australia with Enteric Fever. After a period of 3 months Charles returned to service with the Light Horse. In January 1919, Charles Baird returned home to Australia. Brother of Norman Baird.
- Norman BAIRD [Service No 7685A: 9<sup>th</sup> Bn] Born near Cooktown in 1887, Norman enlisted in Cairns in August 1917. Initially assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Norman also served in the Australian Veterinary Hospital in France, prior to his return to Australia in April 1919. Norman is the brother of Charles Baird. Kathleen Denigan wrote a book on Norman and his life 'Norman Baird: A spark within.'

## Yarrabah

- Carl John 'Jack' BAKER [Service No 7744: 15<sup>th</sup> Bn] Carl Baker was better known as 'Jack' and was born in 1886 at Innisfail. At some stage Jack has been removed to Yarrabah where he married Ada Lyall in 1908. At the time of the First World War, Jack, Ada and their 2 children were living at Edge Hill, a suburb of Cairns. On 18 August 1917, Jack enlisted at Cairns and following a short training period embarked from Sydney for the Western Front on 31 October 1917 aboard HMAT Euripedes. Jack was assigned to the 26<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements for the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Jack died of wounds on 13<sup>th</sup> August 1918 in France and is commemorated at Villers Brettoneux.
- Harry DOYLE [Service No 2426: 11 LHR] Born Charters Towers, enlisted at Cairns.

The above list represents a starting point for the 'known' Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander men who enlisted or volunteered in WW1; there are no doubt many others whose stories are untold – let's bring their stories to life!

## References and Further Reading

The above listing represents a compilation from several key sources and highlights the work of other researchers who have worked towards identifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men who volunteered for WW1. There has been ongoing research activity on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in war by historians and researchers, including David Huggonson, Philippa Scarlett, Rod Pratt, Robert Hall, Garth O'Connell and others as well as initiatives under the auspices of the Australian War Memorial (AWM) or the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS).

Recent projects under the Q ANZAC 100 Community Grants have uncovered local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men who also volunteered or served in the First World War. Sources include items from the State Library Collections as well as external or online sources – these are listed below:

### State Library of Queensland Collection Items

The State Library holds many of these published texts and they are excellent references for researchers and families alike.

- Care Goondiwindi (2015) *Serving country: centenary & beyond*. **GSA 355.0099433 2014**
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- Jackimos, A. (1993) *Forgotten heroes: Aborigines at war from the Somme to Vietnam*. **Q 940.403 JAC**
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- Photographs of Aborigines at War from State Library Copy Print Collection. **CPC Aborigines at War**
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### Other Sources

- Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum (2014) *Serving country: centenary & beyond*. Online <http://gragm.qld.gov.au/media/1471/arts-naidoc-2014-booklet.pdf>



## SLQ Online Resources

These are accessible through OneSearch using State Library Membership login.

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## Peak Collecting Institutions

Researchers and community members are also encouraged to access collections and materials from other institutions that have an interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their histories and lifestyles.

### Australian War Memorial [[www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)]

The Australian War Memorial has an extensive collection, including online resources to support research into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement in WW1. If you know the person's name, a good starting point is the AWM "search for a person" webpage: [www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/all/](http://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/all/) which allows you to search indexes and nominal rolls for all wars that involved Australian defence forces.

Other useful webpages on their site include:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Defence Forces: [www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/aborigines/](http://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/aborigines/)
- ANZAC Diversity: [www.awm.gov.au/education/schools/resources/anzac-diversity/](http://www.awm.gov.au/education/schools/resources/anzac-diversity/)
- Family History Webpage: [www.awm.gov.au/research/family-history/](http://www.awm.gov.au/research/family-history/)
- Indigenous Australians at War Honour Roll: [www.aiatsis.gov.au/collections/exhibitions/iaaw/honour.html](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/collections/exhibitions/iaaw/honour.html)
- Indigenous Australian Servicemen: [www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/aborigines/indigenous/](http://www.awm.gov.au/encyclopedia/aborigines/indigenous/)
- Too Dark for the Light Horse Education Kit: [www.awm.gov.au/education/schools/memorial-boxes/03-too-dark-for-the-light-horse/](http://www.awm.gov.au/education/schools/memorial-boxes/03-too-dark-for-the-light-horse/)

## National Archives of Australia [[www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au)]

The National Archives of Australia has an extensive online collection of digitised materials, including service records; the Record Search facility allows researchers, community members, etc. to narrow their search to specific Wars. If a person's name is known, the surname details can be used as the search term – generally the full Service Record [Attestation Form; Medical Info; Service Duty, etc.] is accessible via a digitised copy. Service Records for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people may also include a reference to their Aboriginality in their Medical Information – many volunteers were discharged with a note stating 'of Aboriginal descent' or 'insufficient European parentage'.

- National Archives of Australia – Service Records:  
[www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/](http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/)

NAA also hosts the **Discovering ANZACS** website that explores a diverse selection of Government records about Australians and New Zealanders in WW1. The personal stories and soldier profiles include many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander soldiers.

Website: <http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/>

## Q ANZAC 100 Community Projects

- **Black Diggers of Logan** [Logan Regional Library Services]: Logan Library commemorates the Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian South Sea Islanders who fought alongside their comrades despite not being officially counted as people of their own nation during the First World War. Website: <http://www.logan.qld.gov.au/facilities-and-recreation/libraries/library-services/indigenous-services/black-diggers-of-logan>  
HistoryPin Project: <https://www.historypin.org/en/first-world-war-centenary/memories-for-a-new-generation/black-diggers-of-logan/geo/-27.643075,153.104251,4/bounds/-55.177881,126.385501,8.843359,179.823001>
- **Boys from Barambah: The Story of the black diggers of Barambah-Cherbourg of World War 1** [The Ration Shed Museum]: Commemorates the men from Barambah Mission and their involvement in WW1. Website: <http://rationshed.com.au/product/the-boys-from-barambah-book/>
- **Stradbroke 100: North Stradbroke Island's First World War Soldiers and the Homefront** [North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum] Exhibition and accompanying booklet that explored the war experiences and post-war lives of 22 soldiers, including 14 men who were Aboriginal. Website: <http://stradbrokemuseum.com.au/WW1>

## Online External Sources

There are several online collections or websites that are rich in materials for researchers; including the following:

### **Australian Light Horse Studies Centre** [<http://alh-research.tripod.com/>]

This website is a Forum-based platform and covers a range of topics relating to the Australian Light Horse, including a section on [Aboriginal Members of the Light Horse, AIF](#).

### **Mapping Our ANZACs** [<http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/>]

This website has an [interactive map](#) format to find a service person either by place of birth or place of enlistment; it then links to Service Records located in the national Archives of Australia. Other webpages allow for input from registered members, including scrapbooks as well as the capacity to add notes on service persons.

### **Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)** [[www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)]

AIATSIS has an online exhibition '[Indigenous Australians at War](#)' which has a comprehensive overview of the background context for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in the war as well as excellent resources and [further reading](#). A newly created section complements their research activity into Indigenous service persons: [Our Mob Served](#). AIATSIS also has a Family History Unit which has developed a guide to researching Indigenous people in [Military Records](#).

### **Indigenous Histories** [<http://indigenoushistories.com/>]

Indigenous historian Philippa Scarlett has developed a [website/blog](#) which expands on her research work into Indigenous participation in WW1.

### **Trove/NLA Newspapers** [[www.trove.nla.gov.au](http://www.trove.nla.gov.au)]

The [National Library of Australia](#) has facilitated the digitisation of historical newspapers and other items; these materials can be searched using search terms such as 'Aboriginal soldier' 'Aboriginal Digger' etc. The [Queenslander Newspaper](#) which has been digitised features photographs of Queensland men who enlisted in WW1 as well as Regimental Photos before and after the war.

### **Department of Veteran Affairs** [[www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)]

The Australian Government [Department of Veteran Affairs](#) has webpages devoted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans which provides weblinks and other resources.

## Further Details

The State Library would love to hear from relatives and descendants of these men and share their stories.

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**State Library of Queensland – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation in War:** [www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/world-war-1/indigenous-participation-in-war](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/world-war-1/indigenous-participation-in-war)



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