

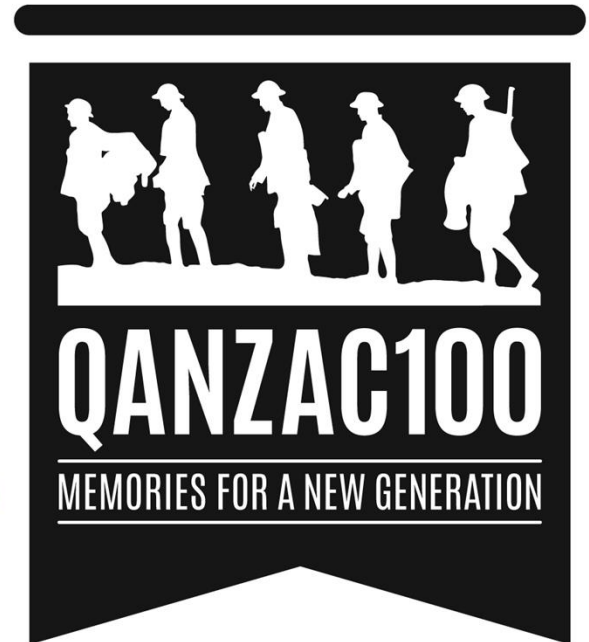


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**Soldier portraits in
The Queenslander :
Aboriginal servicemen
of the First World War**

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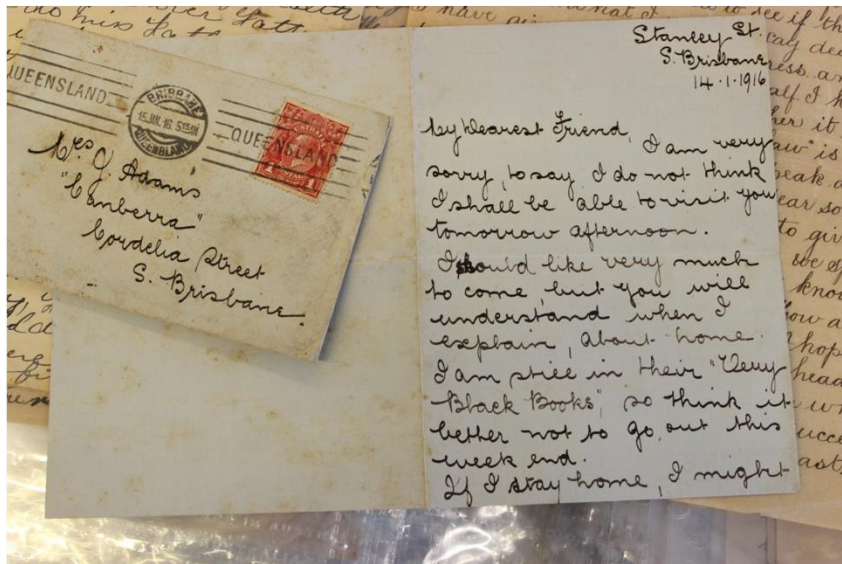
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- Digital memorial
- Leaders, connectors, co-creators
- Stories rediscovered
- Memory makers



Family portrait taken prior to Vivian and Cecil Auchterlonie of Gympie leaving for service in the first World War, Enoggera Camp, June 1915, Neg. 130187

Collections and Digitisation



Foot Family Papers 1914-1925, Acc. 3147



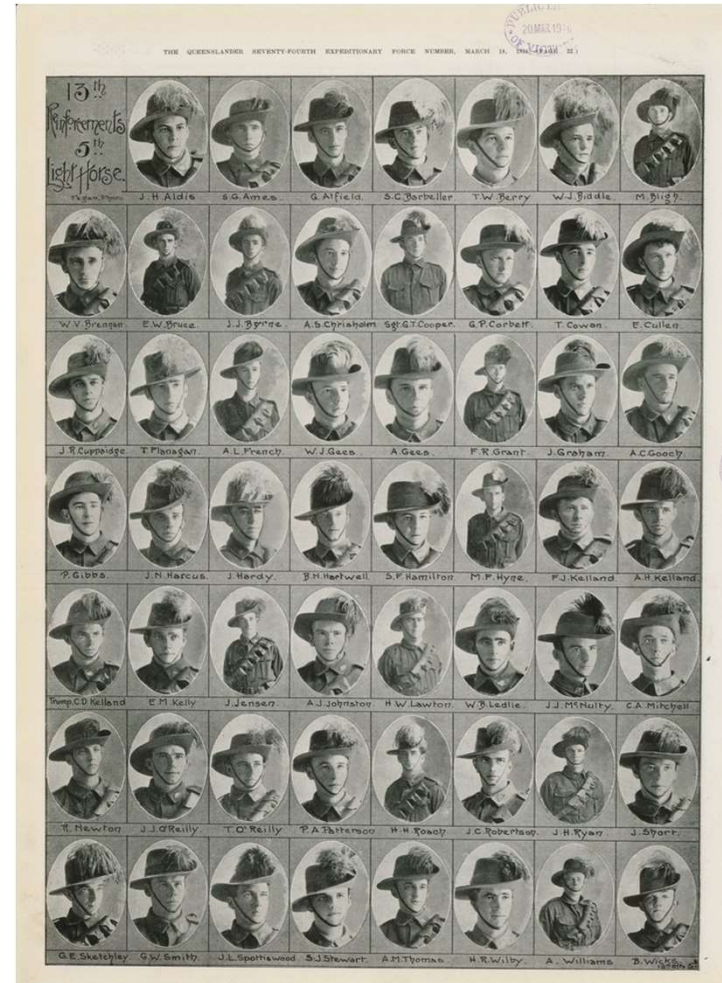
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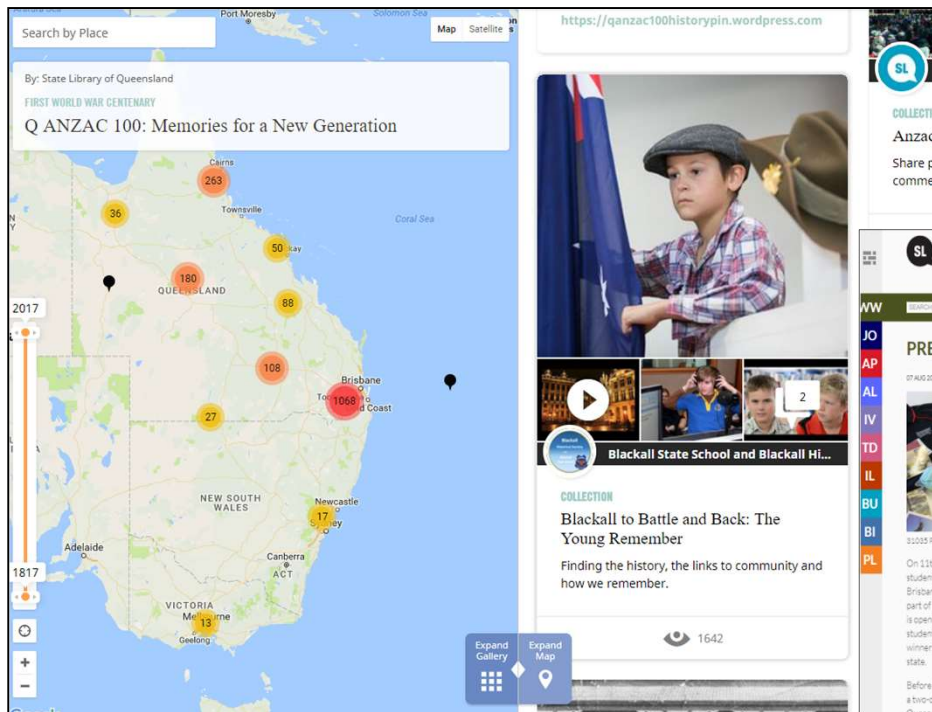
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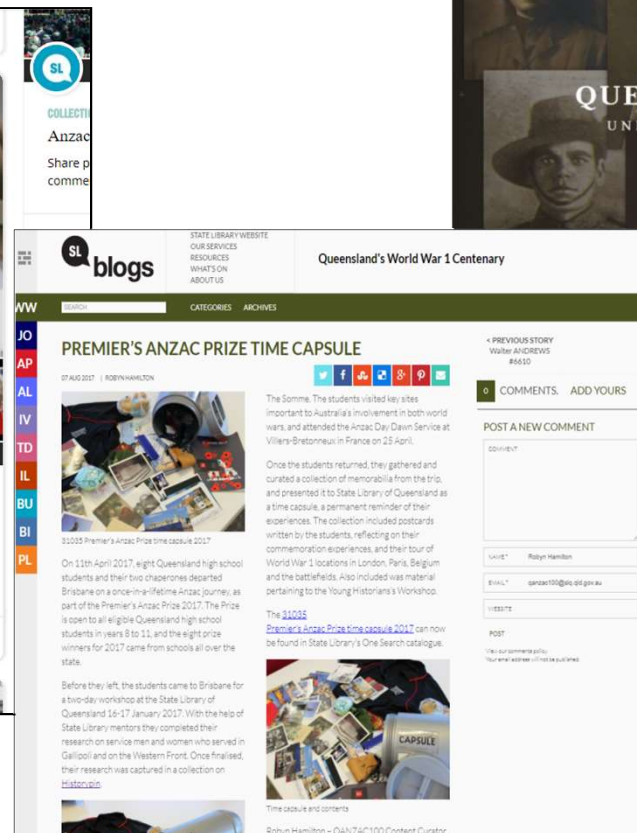
T. O'Reilly, one of the soldiers photographed in The Queenslander Pictorial, supplement to The Queenslander, 1916. Image 702692-19160318-s0022-042



Digital content platforms

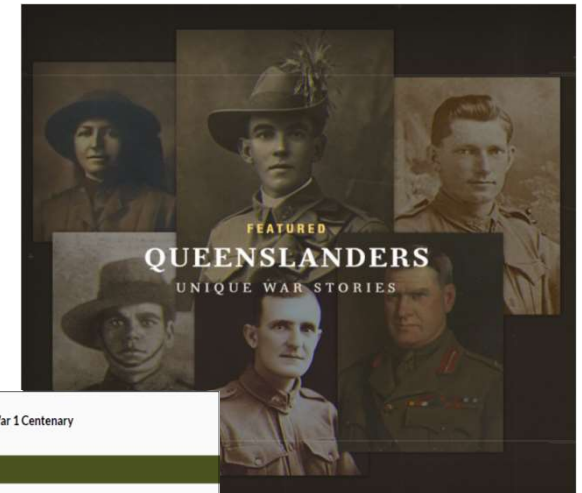


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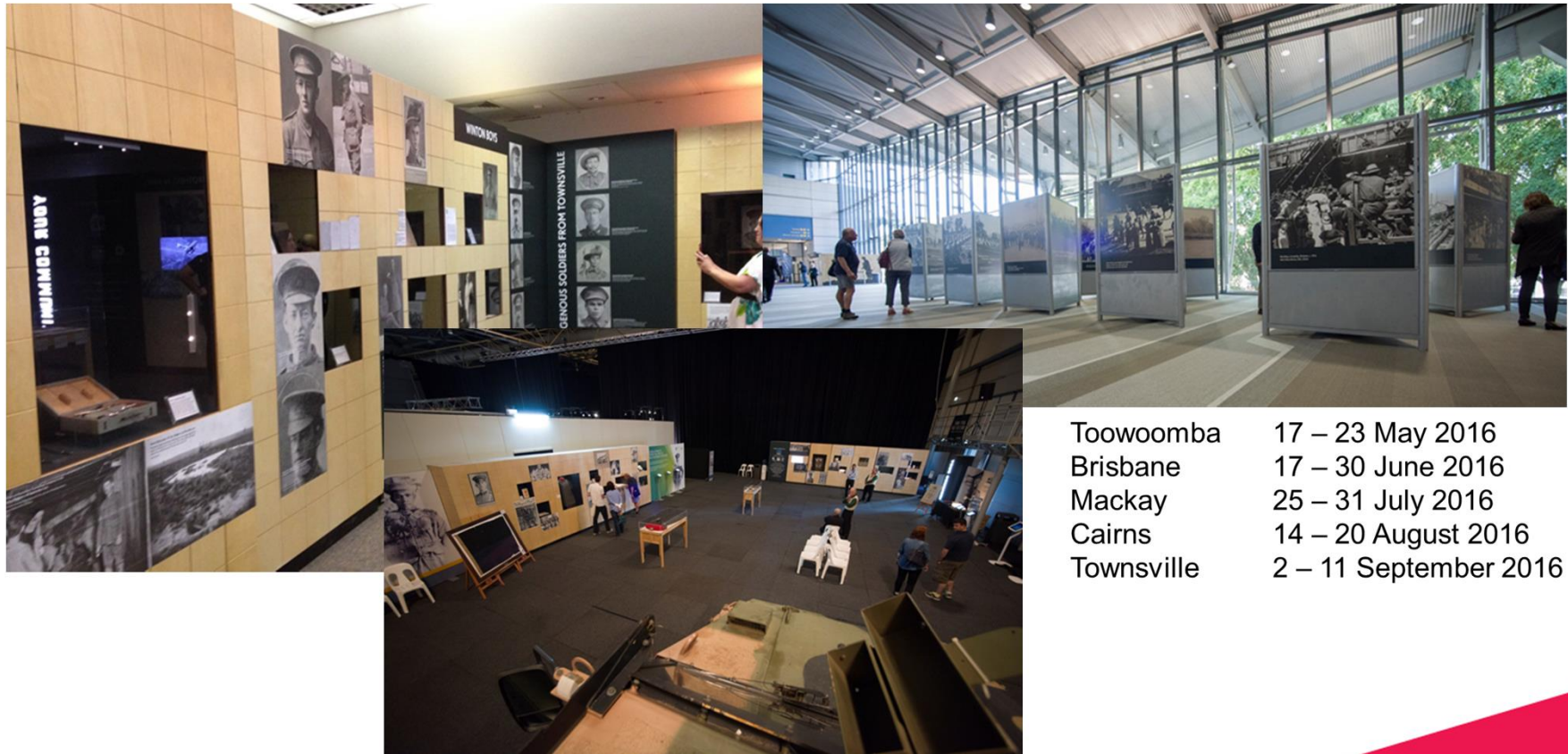
Exhibitions



Distant Lines: Queensland voices of the First World War, 2015



Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience



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Brisbane	17 – 30 June 2016
Mackay	25 – 31 July 2016
Cairns	14 – 20 August 2016
Townsville	2 – 11 September 2016

Workshops and Symposia



On the Home Front
history symposium
May 2016



Research & Learning

- Fellowships
- Toolkit
- Resources for students and teachers



Regional Workshops



Conservation Clinic,
Ipswich



White Gloves Experience,
Normanton

Promote and Share Workshop (HistoryPin), Cleveland

Aboriginal servicemen



First reinforcements of the 5th Light Horse Regiment to Egypt, 1918, Neg. 12532

Aboriginal servicemen



Harry Doyle and Albert Burke Photograph 1917, Acc. 29395

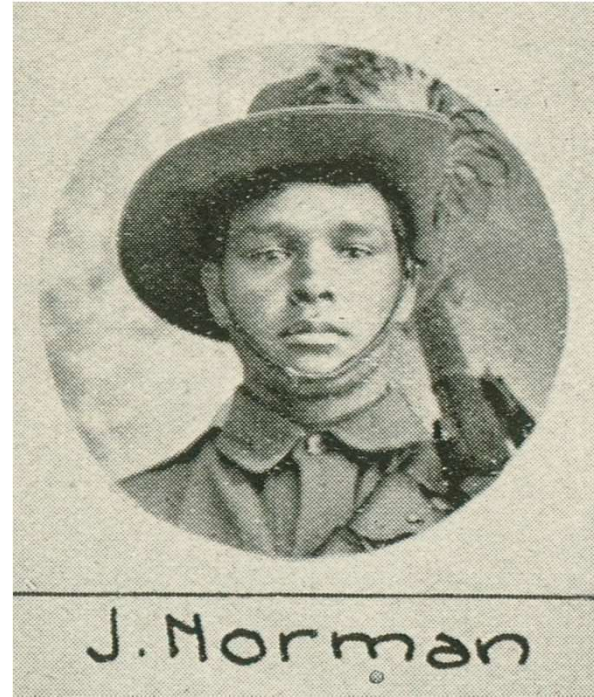
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A.H. Davies, one of the soldiers photographed in The Queenslander Pictorial, supplement to The Queenslander, 1917.
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J. Norman, one of the soldiers photographed in The Queenslander Pictorial, supplement to The Queenslander, 1918.
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Indigenous Australian, Private Curtis FORD, 15th Infantry Battalion.

Curtis Ford was born at Southport, QLD in 1888 to Arthur Ford and Julia Sandy. Records show that after the death of his mother in 1896, Curtis and several of his siblings attended the Deebing Creek Aboriginal School.

Curtis Ford was working as a stockman when he first enlisted in August 1915 aged 27 years, he named his eldest sister Lena Bostock (nee Ford) as



at Rifle Range Camp, Enoggera which left him with a cough and pains in the left side of his chest.

He embarked for overseas in April 1916 but on arriving in Egypt in May he contracted Bronchitis and was admitted to No. 2 Australian General Hospital, Alexandria. After several months, he was admitted to Ras-el-tin Convalescent Hospital and diagnosed with suspected Tuberculosis.

It was then decided that he should be returned to Australia in October 1916 and be medically discharged. Curtis later succumbed to the influenza epidemic in 1919, and died in June 1919, he is buried at Gayndah Cemetery.

Read more:

- Service record: [FORD, Curtis](#)
- Embarkation roll: [15th Reinf. 15th Infantry Battalion](#)
- Roll of honour
- Image: [The Queenslander Pictorial, 1 July 1916](#)
- One of the soldiers featured in SLQ's [HistoryPin Collection](#)
- View the whole Collection: [Indigenous enlistment](#)
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Percy Alfred French

- Born 1894 in Scone, New South Wales
- Came to Brisbane
- Trained at Enoggera Army Camp
- Embarked Sydney 9 May 1917 for Egypt
- Transferred to the Australian Army Medical Corps
- 7th Sanitary Section of the Anzac Mounted Division
- Succumbed to malaria and sandfly fever
- Admitted to hospital several times in Cairo
- Convalesced in camp at Port Said
- Returned to the 7th Sanitary in June 1918
- Relapsed with malaria
- Invalided home December 1918

P.A. French 27-2, one of the soldiers photographed in The Queenslander Pictorial, supplement to The Queenslander, 1917. Image number: 702692-19170616-s0023-0074



Further reading

QANZAC100: Memories for a New Generation

<http://qanzac100.slq.qld.gov.au>

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Questions?



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