

Virtual War Memorial Australia

Researching a Person – WW1

This fact sheet will guide you through researching an individual who served Australia in World War One. The first page points you in the direction of resources that will give you basic details about the individual and their service. The second page helps you to take your research further and locate more detailed information.

1 AIF PROJECT

Lists individuals by name, service number, location and regiment. You can use the service number and this site to ensure the person you are researching is the one you want.

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/search>

The AIF Project

Search

Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Restrict search to surname Eg: <i>BAKER Robert, Abbey, Harold Humphries</i>
Regimental Number	<input type="text"/>	
Address	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Restrict search to suburb/town/state <input type="checkbox"/> Include next of kin's address
<input type="button" value="Search"/>		

2 AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

Search for a Person will search the Roll of Honour, the Nominal and Embarkation roles, records of Honours and Awards, and the Red Cross Wounded or Missing records.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search>

Search for a person

If you are looking for a family member, friend or relative who served, this will guide you to the relevant areas of our website that contain information.

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Service number:	<input type="text"/>
Unit name:	<input type="text"/>
Conflict:	<input type="text" value="First World War, 1914-1918"/>
<input type="button" value="Search"/>	

3 THE COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

Use the **Find War Dead** search for those who were died during World War One.

<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead.aspx>

Find War Dead

Find a Cemetery

Casualty name

[Advanced Search](#)

4 THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA

Click on the **Name Search** tab at the top of the page, select Australian Defence Force personnel records from the drop-down menu for **Category of records**. After you click **Search**, refine the search using first name or the service number.

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au>

NameSearch

Family name	<input type="text"/>
Category of records	<input type="text" value="Australian Defence Forces personnel records"/>
Use exact spelling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/>	

5 TROVE AUSTRALIA

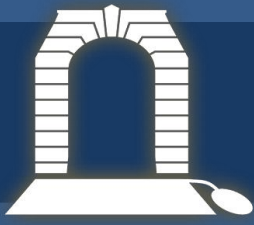
A searchable collection of newspapers. Use **Advanced Search**, type the person's name into **Keywords**. Under **Limit your results** select a range of years to make your search easier.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/?q&adv=y>

Advanced search

Enter search terms in at least one of the fields below

Keyword:	<input type="text"/>	All of the words	<input type="text"/>
Title:	<input type="text"/>	All of the words	<input type="text"/>
Creator:	<input type="text"/>	All of the words	<input type="text"/>
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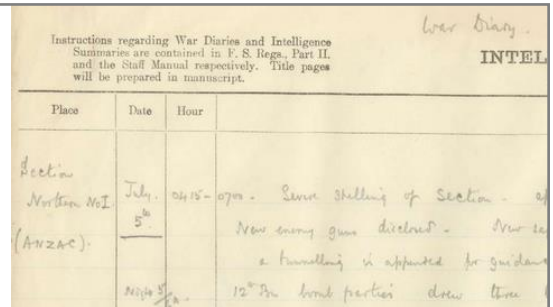
Extending Your Research

This page is for those who want to take their research to the next level. The following resources will help you to develop a better understanding of the experiences of your serviceman or servicewoman.

6 AWM – UNIT DIARIES

These record the daily activities of headquarters, formations and units. You will need to know the unit and class (eg. Infantry) in which your individual served.

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/awm4/>



7 AWM – COLLECTIONS

The AWM holds thousands of sources including photographs, letters and personal diaries. Even if your person did not leave a record, there may still be evidence about them in the records of others. Check records linked to their unit

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection>



8 STATE LIBRARY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The State Library holds a large collection of books, digital resources and private collections. Use the advanced search to find out more about the unit and perhaps uncover a personal collection

<http://www.catalog.slsa.sa.gov.au/search/X>

State Library of South Australia

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[Advanced keyword search](#)

Enter search terms

Need More Help?

The Virtual War Memorial website has a range of links to help you research individuals and the units in which they served – www.vwma.org.au

Other Useful Links

AWM Research Guide – https://www.awm.gov.au/research/infosheets/served_ww1/

Red Cross Missing and Wounded - https://www.awm.gov.au/people/roll-search/wounded_and_missing/

AWM Memorial Glossary – <https://www.awm.gov.au/glossary/>

State Records of South Australia –government records and photographs of South Australian soldiers, sailors and nurses from World War One - <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au/content/our-catalogue>