

## WORLD WAR I - FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

KIA	Killed in Action	
TOS	Taken on Strength	Transferred to another unit
AWOL	Absent Without Leave	Individual away from unit outside of approved leave
NOK	Next of Kin	Closest living relative, eg. Father, Wife
Inf	Infantry	Soldiers marching and fighting on foot
Btn/BN	Battalion	A unit with a strength of 550 to 1000, made up of 4 companies
Ref	Reinforcements	More contingents raised and sent to support the unit
FLD/FD	Field	Used to designate the role. For example Field Companies of Engineers could be attached to an infantry brigade to provide engineering support in the field,
COY	Company	A sub-unit with a strength of 100 – 225, made up of 4 platoons, commanded by a Major or Captain
CO	Commanding Officer	An officer of any rank who controls a group or operation. The unit COs
AIF	Australian Imperial Force	The military force provided by Australia to support Britain in World War One
BEF	British Expeditionary Force	The force that fought in Western Europe
MEF	Mediterranean Expeditionary Force	The force controlled from Salonika and assembled to fight the Ottomans in the Mediterranean including the Dardanelles and Gallipoli campaigns

### Helpful Links

Memorial Glossary - Australian War Memorial - <https://www.awm.gov.au/glossary/>

Virtual War Memorial Australia - School Resources - [www.vwma.org.au/education/school-resources](http://www.vwma.org.au/education/school-resources)