

Thomas & Ann Stone
"Descendants"
Reunion 200 (1819-2019)
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"Countdown - 170 Days remaining"

WW1 Descendants Honour Roll (Part 1) 1914

Alexander Hepburn Stone has spent many hours of Thomas and Ann Stone who have stonefamilytasmania.com. in time for progress and any amendments or additional Alex at thestones@antmail.com.au will work. Alex's list is compiled alphabetically the time, whilst this list is compiled according to the date enlisted in 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919.



hours compiling an Honour Roll of descendants who served their country in time of war in WWI ANZAC Day 2019. This is a work in progress and information and photos that can be sent to help further advance this important historical project. The information is compiled according to the information available at the time.

Some War medals either received or entitled to by either soldiers or family are as follows:



(Left) The **1914/15 Star** also **British Medal & Victory Medal**



(Left) The **British Medal & Victory Medal** 1916+



(Left) The **Gallipoli Plaque** for Service in Gallipoli or close offshore, April 1915 until evacuation 1916. The medal was instituted in 1967.



(Left) The **Memorial (Death) Plaque** was issued after World War I (WWI) to the next-of-kin of all British and Empire service personnel who were killed or died as a result of the Great War.



(Left) The **First World War Mothers' and Widows' Badge** was issued to the mothers and/or widows of members of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) or the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force who were killed in action, died of wounds or other causes while on active service, or after discharge died of wounds or sickness directly attributable to their service. The badge was promulgated under Military Order 64 of 1919.

WWI - 1914 & WWII

E.R. Sergeant Adrian Frederick Hope: Trooper Adrian Frederick Hope was the third son of Cornelius and Ella Mary Louise Hope, born 28 June 1894, **New Norfolk, Tasmania** and a 20 year old farmer when he enlisted a month before his older brother, Edward Somerville Hope, joining on 27 August 1914 at **Pontville, Tasmania**. He left Australia on the 22 October 1914 to join the **3rd Light Horse Regiment** in **Egypt** and continued to **Gallipoli** on 13 November 1915 only to return to **Egypt** in the following month when the regiment became part of the **Western Frontier Force**.

He remained in the Middle East with the **3rd Light Horse** but in December 1916 after completing a training course he was detached to the signals service with the rank of Corporal.

In August 1917 he transferred to the **1st Light Horse Training Regiment** at the School of Instruction at Zeitoun (**Cairo, Egypt**). However after another stay in hospital in September – October 1917 he reverted to the ranks at his own request and returned to the **3rd Light Horse**.

On the 31 March 1918 he rejoined the 1st L.H.T.R. at Zeitoun, and was appointed Acting Corporal without pay. On 9 June he was promoted to Extra Regimental Sergeant. Then on 13 October he embarked at Suez for return to Australia per H.T. Devon, arriving in Melbourne on 23 November 1918. He was discharged in Hobart on 24 January 1919.

(Photo—Right) Sergeant Adrian's wife & daughter, Mabel and Wanda Hope

He didn't remain in civilian life for very long. He joined the **Permanent Forces** on 22 August 1919 to serve in the Special School of Instruction with the temporary appointment of Acting Staff Sergeant-Major. He remained in the **permanent army** until he retired in 1951. Sergeant Adrian Frederick Hope's **WWI** records have been amalgamated with his **WWII** records (number N2169). Further WWII medals would have been awarded.

He spent most of this time in New South Wales, living at **Armidale** with his wife and daughter. He married Mabel Heckenberg in Burwood N.S.W on 30 October 1919 and their daughter Wanda was born on 3 September 1925.



Adrian's lineage: Thomas & Ann Stone (nee Withers); James & Emma Hope (nee Stone); Cornelius & Ella Mary Louise Hope (nee Milne).

WWI - 1914

Captain Percival Dixon Nicholas was born 1888, in **Hobart, Tasmania**, the eldest son of William Dixon and Annie Nicholas and the brother of Lieutenant Frank Dixon Nicholas.

He was a 26 year old surveyor when he enlisted on 2 September 1914 and had been a member of the Corps of Australian Engineers for two years. He embarked on HMAT Geelong for **Egypt at Hobart** on 20 October 1914.

He arrived at **Gallipoli** to join the **Mediterranean Expeditionary Force** on 2 March 1915 and by the end of April was back in **Cairo** with a gunshot wound to the chest and right arm. He rejoined his unit at **Gallipoli** in July and was made 2nd Lieutenant on 4 Aug.1915 and Lieutenant on 20 Feb. 1916.

On 13 March 1916 he transferred to the **No. 3 Machine Gun Company** and attended the **11th Machine Gun School** held at Zeitoun near **Cairo**. He left Alexandria for **France** on 29 Mar 1916 and rejoined the **12th Battalion** on 17 April 1916, having been promoted to Captain.

On the morning of 25 July 1916 at **Pozieres** the Battalion were holding the line, having reached their objective the day before. "Capt. Nicholas was sitting in a Trench joking with some men of his company when a shell burst very close, a piece of which struck him on the head killing him instantly. He was **buried in the Military Cemetery at Pozieres** but it is not certain by whom. A cross was erected over his grave." (Official Report)

Unfortunately the area was then subjected to heavy shell fire and fought over and the grave has never been found. He was posthumously awarded the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal, the Victory Medal. The family would have received the Gallipoli Plaque & the Memorial Plaque. **Percival Dixon Nicholas** is commemorated at the **Villers-Bretonneux Memorial**.

***Percival's lineage:** Thomas & Ann Stone (nee Withers); James & Emma Hope (nee Stone); William Dixon & Annie Nicholas (nee Hope).*

Percival's mother Annie Nicholas (1856-1938) was eligible for the First World War Mothers' Badge on the right. Many of us also had Grandfathers & Uncles who fought at Villers-Bretonneux and when we are there, it is good to look for the memorial of Captain Percival Dixon Nicholas.



WWI - 1914

Sergeant Cornelius Hope was born 15 February 1895 in **Barrington, Tasmania**, the son of William Alfred and Maria Sabina Hope. His father was a grandson of Thomas and Ann Stone. At the time he enlisted he was a teacher with the Education Department and had been in the Senior Cadets and served 6 months in the 91st Infantry. He enlisted at **Brighton, Tasmania** on 10 September 1914.

He was appointed to "C" Company in the 12th Battalion and on the 2 March 1915 was embarked on EMT Devanha for the **Gallipoli** Peninsula. Unfortunately his service was interrupted on a number of occasions when he was hospitalized with enteric disease and he returned to Australia on the Kanowna in October 1915.

(Right) The all-Tasmanian 40th Battalion on the Western Front.



On the 22 May 1916 he was appointed a Sergeant in the all Tasmanian 40th Battalion and proceeded overseas to **France** in November 1916. During 1917 he suffered **gas poisoning** on two occasions as well as a gun shot wound to his left leg and the index finger of his right hand.

(Right) Gladys with Marie, Joyce and Barbara.

Cornelius' health was not good during 1918 and he returned to Australia in December 1918. He received the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal & the Gallipoli Plaque.



Cornelius returned to his profession of school teacher and married Gladys Morey in 1921. They had three daughters and lived in Paviour Street, New Town, Tasmania. He died on 24 October 1960.

***Cornelius' lineage:** Thomas & Ann Stone (nee Withers); James & Emma Hope (nee Stone); William Alfred & Maria Sabina Hope (nee Cotton).*