

## HARRY HAMILTON JONSTON

Harry Hamilton Jonston was born in Walhalla in 1897, the oldest child of Harry Hamilton Jonston and his wife Caroline (nee Hodgson). He was the oldest of their 8 children, with the rest born in Traralgon. The latest child was born in 1916 and Caroline passed away on 28 May 1919 (aged 41) leaving those 8 children. Harry Hamilton Snr was a labourer and continued to live in Traralgon until the 30's when he moved to Brown Coal Mine, Yallourn. Harry Jnr enlisted an 18 year old labourer and named his father as next of kin. Harry had been in the cadets for 3 years.

Service Number	4448
Enlisted	16 October 1915 in Melbourne as a Private
Embarked	21 March 1916 from Melbourne on the RMS <i>Malwa</i>
Unit on Enlistment	24 <sup>th</sup> Battalion, 11 <sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Harry Hamilton Jonston was admitted to hospital in Egypt on the 14 May 1916 with measles. He wrote home (GFJ 29 Aug 1916) about his explorations around Egypt and expressed that he was pleased that he had been moved onto training camp at Rolleston in England.

He was then transported to France on the 10 September 1916 with the 6<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion and went on to Belgium with the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1916. The next note about him shows he was back in France in 1917 and noted as missing in action at Bullecourt, France. On 14 December 1917, he was declared killed in action on 3 May 1917 and his name has been recorded on the Australian National Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux.

There is no known grave there, but his death has been recorded at Traralgon Cemetery where his mother is buried. They appear to be the only members of the family buried in Traralgon. His father died in 1942 at age of 94, at one of his daughter's home in Brunswick and was buried/cremated at Faulkner Memorial Park on 7 February 1942. His mother was granted a pension of £1 pf.

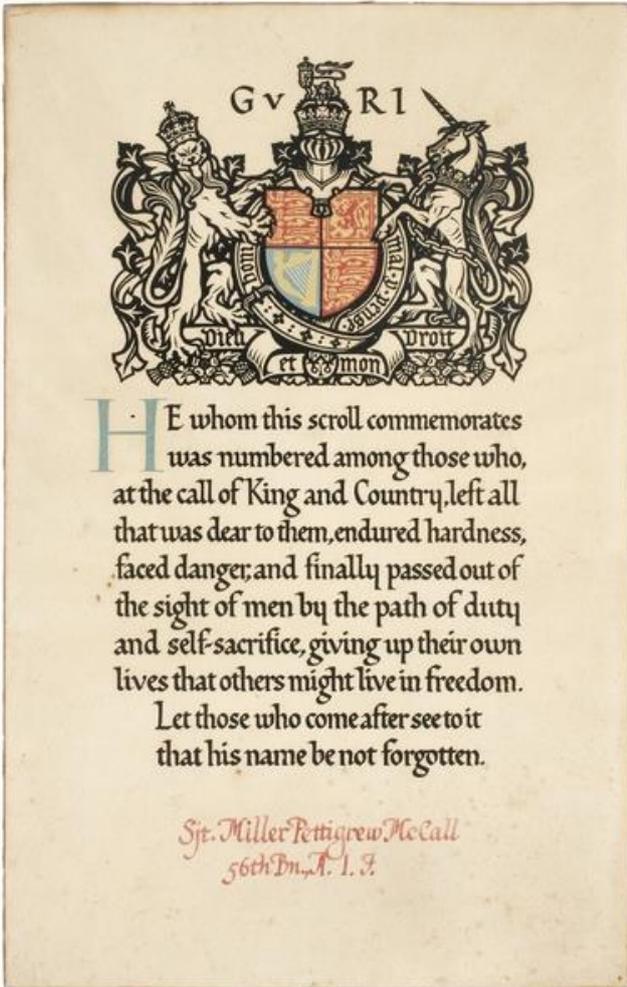


**Australian National Memorial**  
Villers-Bretonneux



### WW1 Memorial Scroll

In 1922 a Memorial Scroll was presented to the next of kin of those soldiers, sailors, and nurses who died while serving in the Australian Imperial Force or Royal Australian Navy during the First World War.



### WW1 Memorial Plaque

Reverse: "He died for freedom and honour".



The Victory Medal



The British War Medal





