Finding Connections – World War I
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Year 9 – History
Students investigate key aspects of World War I and the Australian experience of the war, including the nature and significance of the war in world and Australian history.
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James Holmes Fleming

Complete these details using the official record.

Service/Reference Number: 3107
Branch of Armed Forces or Service: Army / Flying Corps
Unit: 57th Australian Infantry Battalion
Brigade: Unknown
Rank: Lance Corporal

To select multiple units, brigades and ranks, hold the ctrl or shift key on your keyboard and select your options.

Age at enlistment World War I: Unknown
Age at enlistment Boer War: Unknown

Service Occupation: Unknown
Civil Occupation: Plumber
Name of Horse: Unknown
Cause of Death: Unknown

Medals, Honours, Awards:
- Military Medal (MM)
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal
- Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)

Officier record

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Related records

There are no related records.

Relationships

George Fleming: Father
Places

Click on the map to view the places of birth and enlistment of the individuals who served in the Boer War and World War I.
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Paris, France

- Total Birth: 38

Birth
- Frederick James Evans
- Gaston Clark
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Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

East Brisbane, QLD, Australia
- Total Address: 5
- Total Birth: 11

Address
- Archibald Horace Bezant
- George Walter Emanuel Jaggs
Attestation paper for James Holmes Fleming

National Archives of Australia: B2455, FLEMING J H
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17 June 1916
Commanding Officer 57th Battalion
Embarked to join the British Expeditionary Force
By means of the Hired Transport ship ‘Transylvania’
From Alexandria, Egypt
Abbreviations

Abbreviations used in World War I and World War II service records

Type: Absent without leave
Title:
Start date
E.g. 31/01/1940
End date
Location
Enter an address
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Life events researched and contributed by students from Telopea Park School.
Prosper Magescas, service number 1877
Prosper Magescas, Man at War  Posted by lhalliday, Thursday, 13 November 2014

Prosper Magescas was born in Bordeaux, France. After being naturalised, he worked at Mort's Dock for Engineer's Coy. He enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) in February 1915 in Sydney, New South Wales at the age of 27 years. His first deployment was to Gallipoli, for which he earned a 1914-1915 Star Medal. He received a gun wound to his right knee, and in consequence, he returned to Australia, where he was discharged for being medically unfit. He worked in the Small Arms Factory at Lithgow. In May 1917, Magescas re-enlisted in the AIF, lying about his personal information in his attestation papers, including his age, saying he was 26 years old. His second enlistment was approved, however after four months, he was discharged due to his injured knee, once again deemed medically unfit.
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Slide along the timeline to learn about key events in wartime history.
Conscription

By the third year of the war, high casualty rates and a steady flow of injured soldiers returning home discouraged Australian men from enlisting. At the same time Britain was requesting more troops be made available for service. On 28 October 1916 Australian Prime Minister William Morris ‘Billy’ Hughes called an advisory referendum (or plebiscite) on conscription, hoping to make overseas military service compulsory. Australians narrowly rejected the proposal and Hughes called a second referendum in November 1917, which was also rejected.
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