

Staff Sergeant Garland Kent Brown

The Life of a Soldier who served



- Born 17 September 1885 at New Norfolk, Tasmania
- Service Number: 220
- Embarked 1914
- Returned 1916
- Died 30 August 1954 in Redfern New South Wales

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Casualty Form-Active Service.

Regiment or Corps C Section No 3 of Amblee

Regimental No. 220 Rank Sif Sgt Name Brown Garland Kent

Enlisted (a) 20/5/14 Terms of Service (a) War and 4 months. Service reckons from (a) 20/5/14

Date of promotion to present rank 20.8.14 Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

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Date	From whom received				
		<i>Proceeds to Jan M.F.C.</i>	<i>Lalipoli</i>	<i>25/15</i>	
		Promoted Sif Sgt	Brighton Camp Jassauca	20/8/14	
3	<i>of 3rd</i> 24/7-15 F Sub	Rejoined unit from H.M.T. Newmarket	Lalipoli	22-7-15	D.O. $\frac{29}{267}$
4	<i>of</i> 7-8-15 3F Amb	Admitted Clearing Hospital	Amoyae	7-8-15	D.O. $\frac{29}{268}$ Dysentery.
5	11.8.15 H.S. "delta"	Disembarked at ex H.S. "delta"	Alexandria	11.8.15	A.2764 D.O. $\frac{29}{365}$
6	14.8.15 <i>of No</i> 2 Gen Amb	Admitted No 2 Gen Hospital	Chywil	12.8.15	C.2822 D.O. $\frac{29}{366}$
7	23/8/15 "	Admitted Luna Park Hosp	Lairo	23/8/15	(3016 Dysentery D.O. $\frac{29}{367}$)
8	17/9/15 No 1 Gen Amb	Transferred No 1 Amb P	Helipolis	7/9/15	C.3323

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This is the story of Staff Sargent Garland Kent Brown.

Garland was born in New Norfolk Tasmania to the storekeeper Julian George Brown and his wife Elizabeth Mary Brown (nee Smith)

Garland was one of eight children and was the 7th of the eight children. Garland had six brothers and one sister.

A chemist by profession, Garland enlisted as a single man on the 20 August 1914, just one month shy of his aged 29th birthday.

With his medical background in pharmacy Garland was assigned to the 3rd Field Ambulance Unit and was shipped to Gallipoli to serve.

20 August 1914	Promoted to Staff Sergeant
20 October 1914	Depart Australia on HMAT Katuna from Hobart to Fremantle
2 November 1914	Depart Fremantle for Gallipoli
7 August 1915	Sent to Anzac Clearing Hospital with Dysentery
11 August 1915	Moved to the 2nd General Hospital, Chezireh
23 August 1915	Transferred to Luna Park hospital in Cairo
7 September 1915	Transferred to No1 Auxiliary Hospital, Heliopolis
15 September 1915	Transferred to 4th Auxiliary hospital, Abbasia
1 April 1916	Transferred to Ras-el-Tin convalescent Depot
8 April 1916	Discharged to Duty
23 June 1916	Transport Duty, Heliopolis Egypt
27 June 1916	Transport nursing duties on HMS 'Port Sydney' to Australia
14 February 1917	Discharged from service
15 February 1917	Re-enlisted in Home Services. Worked in Base Depot Medical Stores

Garland's Unit – 3rd Field Ambulance

Field Ambulance Dressing Station—Gallipoli



The 3rd Field Ambulance was the Field Ambulance Company that belonged to the Third Brigade of the First Division, comprised of 9th 10th 11th and 12th Battalions, all of which were drawn from the "outer States", namely Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania respectively.

The 3rd Brigade were the first to land at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915 as the covering force and the Field Ambulances were soon in action being established near the beach.

Perhaps the most famous members of the 3rd Field Ambulance was Private John Kirkpatrick Simpson and his donkey.

The Field Ambulance Company was responsible for 'Second Line' casualty evacuation from 'First Line' Regimental Aid Posts (RAP) in each battalion.

It is hard for us to imagine in the middle of the chaos of war unit stretcher bearers, trying to administer First Aid sufficient to clear airways, staunch bleeding and

perhaps splint fractures so that casualties could be evacuated to the Battalion RAP. Casualties would be hand carried - requiring at least four men but more like eight over any distance for each casualty. Hand carts were also used but rough ground generally meant stretchers, when mass casualties occurred, such as through major shelling or an enemy attack.

For those men in the company in the field, they faced the truly unenviable task of assessing casualties in the midst of battle to decide whether they were to be evacuated and with what priority.

Grievous wounds with little chance of survival would generally not be evacuated.

Other field Ambulance personnel were deployed forward to retrieve casualties from the RAP, taking casualties to the Field Ambulance Advanced Dressing Station and then to a Casualty Clearing Station (CCS).

The RAP men would follow up the units and were thus exposed to enemy direct fire (rifles and machine guns) and indirect fire (artillery mortar fire and even gas).

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3	<u>of 3rd F Sub</u>	<u>Rejoined unit from H.M.T. Newmarket</u>	<u>Lalibela</u>	<u>22.7.15</u>	<u>Do 29/267</u>
4	<u>of 3rd F Amb</u>	<u>Admitted Clearing Hospital</u>	<u>Amoyae</u>	<u>7-8-15</u>	<u>Do 29/268</u>
5	<u>H.S. 'delta'</u>	<u>Disembarked at ex H.S. 'delta'</u>	<u>Alexandria</u>	<u>11.8.15</u>	<u>A.276 Do 29/365</u>
6	<u>of No 1 Gen Hos</u>	<u>Admitted No 2 Gen Hos</u>	<u>Chyuzil</u>	<u>12.8.15</u>	<u>C.2822 Do 29/366</u>
7	<u>of No 1 Gen Hos</u>	<u>Admitted Luna Park Hospl</u>	<u>Lairo</u>	<u>23/8/15</u>	<u>(3016) Dysentery Do 29/367</u>
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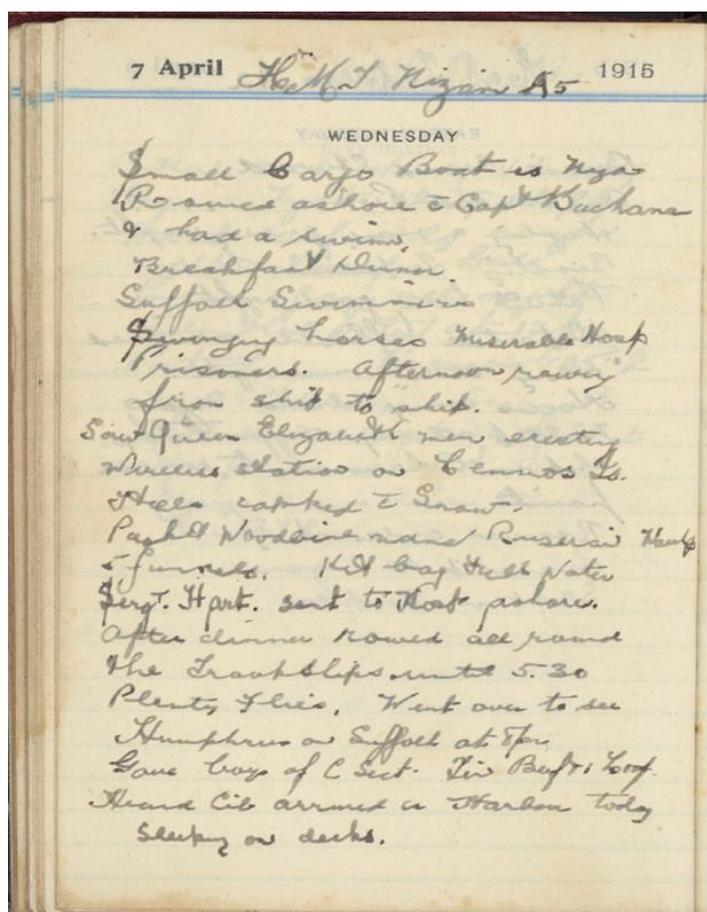
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Sergeant Brown's War Diary

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra holds the war diary of Garland Brown. The diary is 200 pages long and offers remarkable insights into his day-to-day movements and experiences during the war.

Below is just one of the many pages.



Below are some entries taken from the diary.

- 28 March 1915 –Palm Sunday 'several 3FA boys went for row around harbour and visited the Invincible and Queen Elizabeth, when the Invincible was hit, hole 25ft has alone watertight doors trapped 30 sailors, 22 drowned'
- Monday 12 July 1915 – HMS Newmarket -Left at 4.30 with 500 men for a rest. Arrived Lemnos 9.30. Surrendering Turks ?? officers, mens clothing ?? broke into ships. Effo & Breder shot two spies on Lemnos. Went for swim
- Friday 13 August 1915— Had a very bad night with pain in legs & Stomach. Has sleepy draughts & brandy. Spent an easy day, simply starving.

The Brown family and life after war

Garland's eldest brother, Thomas Fedrick Brown, a doctor, also enlisted in 1915 and was assigned to the Medical Corps. He achieved the rank of Captain and by his return on 3rd March 1919, was the rank of Temporary Major. Thomas was awarded the 'Distinguished Service Order'.

Garland's younger brother Sydney, a tailor enlisted in 1916 and served in the 40th Infantry Battalion serving in France until 1919 before returning home.

Garland later settled in New South Wales and was registered by the NSW Pharmacy Registration Board in 1922. He married and had children.

His daughter Lillian May Brown, named after his only sister who passed away aged 32, enlisted 1942 in World War Two and was discharged in 1945.

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 220 666 Name Brown Garland Kent
Unit A.A.M.C. NO 3 FA.
Joined on 20th August 1914.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? 1. Garland Kent Brown
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. Is the Parish of New Norfolk in or near the Town of New Norfolk in the County of Tasmania.
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? 3. Yes. B.S.
4. What is your age? 4. 28
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Chemist G.P.S. Dan to P.S. T. Ass.
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? 6. Yes. (see 5)
7. Are you married? 7. No.
8. Who is your next of kin? 8. (Mother) Mrs G.L. Brown New Norfolk
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. No.
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces... 10. No.
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army... 11. No.
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. Yes.
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? 13. No.
14. (For married men and widowers with children) Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you... 14. /

I, Garland Kent Brown do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia...
And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.
Date 20/8/14 G.K.B.
Signature of person enlisted.

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The Weekly Courier—Thursday July 22 1915 The Empires Call



The Empire's Call.
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 2—SERGEANT OLIVER LEE CHICKEN
 3—CORPORAL J. HICKS, (Illinois)
 4—SERGEANT CLARENCE TWYLER (Illinois)
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Tasmanian Soldiers who have Answered the Empire's Call to Arms.

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