

1914-1918 Memorial Plaque, Scroll and Royal Letter

A Memorial Scroll, Plaque and message from the King were presented to the next of kin of those soldiers, sailors and nurses who died while serving in the Australian Imperial Force or the Royal Australian Navy during WW1.



The Memorial Scroll bears the Royal Coat of Arms and a message paying tribute to the soldiers who gave up "their own lives that others might live in freedom".

The round bronze Memorial Plaque is 120mm in diameter. It shows Britannia and a lion on the front and bears the inscription: "He died for freedom and honour". The full name of the dead soldier is engraved on the right hand side of the plaque.

The plaque was sent out to relatives in an "On His Majesty's Service" white envelope with a printed "Official Paid" stamp. Inside this outer envelope there was another white envelope with the Royal Crest embossed on the reverse enclosing a letter with a copy of King George V's signature.



HE whom this scroll commemorates was numbered among those who, at the call of King and Country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom. Let those who come after see to it that his name be not forgotten.

Lieutenant Colonel James Joachim Nicholas
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I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War.

George R. I.