

Evelyn Marguerita Yeatman

Service: WW1 Staff Nurse



*Figure 1: Nursing
Staff, 7th
Australian General
Hospital -
Cropped Photo of
Evelyn Marguerita
Yeatman (Virtual
War Memorial,
2018)*

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Auburn residents in South Australia contributed to war efforts to assist their allies in WW1, a prominent family that displayed patriotic values and the characteristics of the Anzac Spirit were the Yeatman family of Dr John Walter Yeatman and Katherine Maude nee Brown (appendix 4). A dedicated and established member of the Auburn community, Dr John Walter Yeatman (also a Police Magistrate) assisted in local fundraisers for the Great War and was described as an influential and responsible citizen. Being the single Auburn individual to volunteer as a nurse for WW1, one of Dr John Walter Yeatman's daughters served overseas. Her name was Evelyn Marguerita Yeatman and this is her story...



Figure 2: An Auburn Public School class photo with Evelyn somewhere amongst the students.

Evelyn Marguerita (Madge) Yeatman was born on the 8th of June, 1891 in Auburn South Australia to Dr John Walter Yeatman and Katherine Maude nee Brown. The fifth of a total of eight children (appendix 8), Evelyn was educated through home tuition and enrolled at the Auburn Public school on the 10th of June 1904 at 13 years of age (figure 2).

Evelyn gained nursing qualifications and experience through exhaustive training at the Adelaide Children's Hospital (figure 3), including external examinations and an accredited nursing program. Receiving a pass in Invalid Cookery

(appendix 10) and the Australasian Trained Nurses Association Examination (appendix 11), she was admitted a member of the Australian Trained Nursing Association at the completion of her training. Nurtured in a considerably large family surrounded by pillars of dedication, conscientiousness, and other strong qualities and with her brothers already serving the nation overseas, Evelyn was also keen to fulfill her obligation through her achievements in the Australian Trained Nursing Association. Evelyn's brother, Lieutenant Charleton Yeatman OBE, served in the Australian Medical Corps which perhaps further inspired her to heroically serve overseas in the war also (State Library of South Australia, 2022). Immediately following the success of qualifying for the duty, she volunteered for the Australian Army Nursing Service (AANS) enabling direct participation in the war effort (appendix 5). The active service comprised "trained nurses who are qualified and willing to serve with stationary field hospitals and base hospitals when required upon national emergency" (Lambert, Kay, 2018).



Figure 3: An early photograph of the Adelaide Children's Hospital (State Library of South Australia, 1876).

Inoculated on New Year's Day in 1916, Evelyn was not required for duty until that same year on the 21st of December which was when she had become a staff nurse. On the 18th of April in 1917, she happily enlisted and signed a declaration agreeing to serve in the AANS for the duration of the war. Travelling to Melbourne aged 25, Evelyn joined the Hospital ship HMAT A63 Karoola (figure 4) which set sail on the 21st of April arriving in Avonmouth England on the 17th of June. After less than three weeks in England, Evelyn sailed for France on the 5th of July 1917 where she was assigned to the British Army 25th General Hospital. Evelyn was among the 100 nurses sent to the 25th British General Hospital which was housed in tents and a former hotel in coastal sandhills at Hardelet. The hospital specialised in dermatological diseases with wounded men later sent there (Lambert, Kay, 2018).

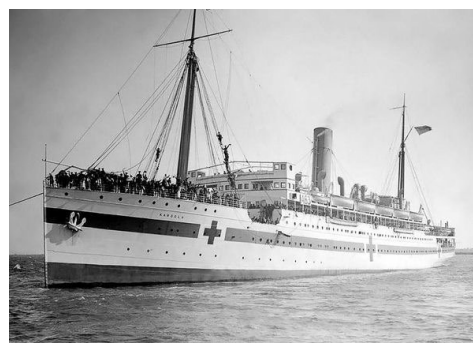


Figure 4: The HMAT A63 Karoola Hospital ship (BirtwistleWiki, 2021).

By 1917, medical treatment within the Army had drastically improved in clinical aspects, resulting in efficient patient and hospital management. Evelyn supported the idea of ensuring the effort had been made to treat sick men within France rather than sending them to Britain to be diagnosed and treated.

Families situated within the Auburn suburb received letters from serving family members during their time recuperating or in hospitalisation in England before being repatriated to Australia or back to the war front in France. In an unfortunate circumstance, Evelyn was admitted to hospital due to scarlet fever receiving initial treatment in France and then transferring to a hospital suited for nurses in London. After an extensive recovery period, Evelyn managed to return to France also joining the 1st Australian General Hospital (figure 5) at the Race-Course Camp in Rouen on the 27th of February, 1918.



Figure 5: View of some of the wards at the 1st Australian General Hospital in Rouen (Lambert, Kay, 2018).

By the 9th of December in 1918, the Hospital discharged any remaining patients prior to its return to England between 8-10 January 1919. Evelyn was recorded as an “invalid” nurse when embarking on the HMAT A14 Euripides to return to Australia. Administrators recorded her as demobilised and unfit as she was yet to recover from Scarlet Fever imposing her arrival in Adelaide with 143 South Australians required to spend 7 days at Torrens Island Quarantine Station (Lambert, Kay, 2018).

On the 25th of May 1919, parents and children gathered at the Auburn Showground for a Peace Day celebration. Returned Service Personnel and parents of those who had fallen in the war were presented with gold medals in honour of the individuals that proudly served Australia and showcased a courageous attitude whilst going through the traumatic experience involved. A member of the Local Soldiers Comfort Fund presented the Auburn Institute with a framed photograph of Evelyn while her brother Lieutenant John Yeatman gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the recipients. Presumably, Evelyn was unable to attend this joyous occasion, however, later, she and along with many others were awarded British War and Victory Medals.



Figure 6: Evelyn and her husband, Roland at the WW1 Memorial in Auburn.

Evelyn returned to England on the 5th of November in 1921 and married Lieutenant Roland Hugh Hart Davies in London which led to her reference as Evelyn Marguerita Hart-Davies (figure 6) (The Register, 1921). Roland Hugh Hart Davies was a British Artillery Officer who while flying as a Royal Flying Corps observer, was shot down over Belgium in 1917 and critically wounded spending the remaining war as a German prisoner. Evelyn visited her family at Auburn alongside Roland during early 1922 but returned to England to live where a British publication recorded the birth of their son in July 1923.

Unfortunately, the marriage did not endure and came to an end in 1939 in an uncontested divorce on the grounds of her husband's adultery.

Believing in responsibility, the outbreak of the Second World War in 1945 provoked Evelyn in joining a munitions factory which entailed the engagement and dismissal of women employees within welfare work. Shortly afterwards, the Imperial Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen's Help Society (originally formed during the Boer War and acronymised as ISSAHS) called for 40 women welfare workers to travel to Burma (News, 1947). Evelyn attended this duty necessitating the strenuous work of rehabilitation, re-settlement, and maintenance of soldiers' domestic troubles. Between June 1945 and 1947, she travelled through Malaya, Singapore, India, and Burma for the philanthropic purpose of helping soldiers. In various accounts, Evelyn was injured by a bomb blast in Birmingham during the Blitz and contracted Malaria in Burma with the results of serious illnesses on

two occasions. In March 1947, following her engagement in welfare work with British troops in Singapore, Burma, Malaya, and India, Evelyn reunited with her sisters; Constance Ethel and Audrey Joan after an absence of 25 years (figure 7). On the 26th of April, Evelyn and other former nursing colleagues participated in Anzac Day Commemorations wearing the captain's uniform of the Imperial Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen's Help Society.

Evelyn Marguerita Yeatman embodied diverse Anzac Spirit characteristics including sacrifice, mateship, perseverance, endurance, heroism, and devotion to duty. Joining the Australian Army Nursing Service forced courageous and dedicated women to work in overwhelming, apprehensive, difficult, terrifying conditions and with the expectation of sustaining their composure to care for patients in military clinics and hospitals near battlefields and casualty clearing stations close to the front line (Anzac Portal, 2020). In the face of adversity, Australian nurses were established to be enthusiastic, diligent, and resilient. Poor facilities, a shortage of staff, sickness, and a severe climate were among the challenges they faced. Remarkably, Evelyn had exceeded these substantial expectations, conquered these challenges and continued to do so after WW1 whilst partaking in a crucial responsibility in the ISSAHS.

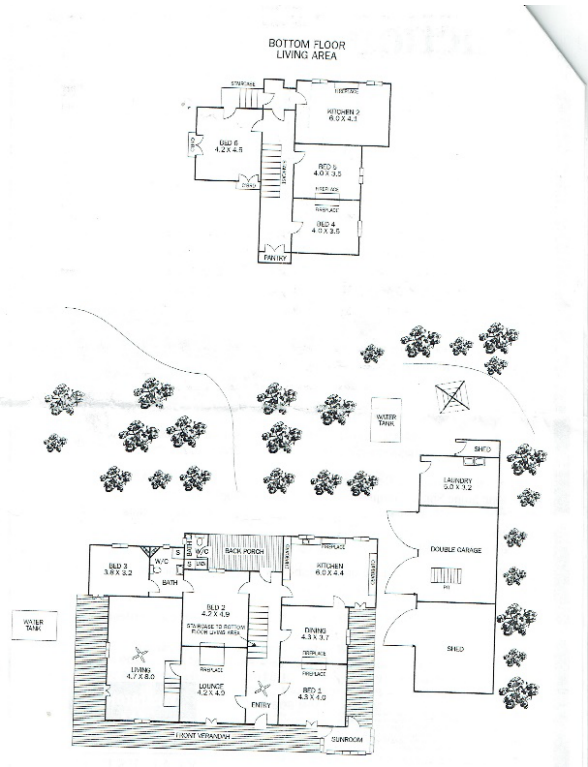
Traumatising confronted with soldiers' fatalities and agitative surroundings, Evelyn initiatively acted to treat wounded individuals and remained resourceful when exposed to the devastating events of war. This required a strong mental capacity – to be caring for patients whilst in terrifying conditions. Often, soldiers and nurses disappear from active service after a couple of years due to traumatic experiences and memories. However, Evelyn patriotically continued to serve during the Second World War knowing she was the single person from her hometown to be doing this. Initiating a mission unaccompanied requires great courage and confidence in one's capabilities.

Details of Evelyn's life remain unidentified after 1947. With the cause of death residing unknown, she passed away on the 25th of June in 1986 in Victoria with her remains scattered in Springvale Botanical Cemetery in Melbourne (Virtual War Memorial Australia, n.d). Local historians within Evelyn's hometown in Auburn are privileged and proud of Evelyn's committed service also providing an exemplary model of the Anzac Spirit in WW1. She will always be remembered as an extraordinary woman, inspiring leader, and authoritative representation of the Anzac Spirit as historians understand her to be their only resident in Auburn to have nursed overseas in either of the World Wars.



Figure 7: Evelyn (right) reuniting with her two sisters, Audrey (left) and Ethel in Adelaide (News, 1947).

APPENDICES



Appendix 3 (above): Dr Yeatman’s house plan (two levels) on Port Road, Auburn. Evelyn’s mother taught Sunday school in the front downstairs bedroom.



Appendix 4: Evelyn’s parents, Katherine Maude Yeatman nee Brown and Dr John Walter Yeatman.



Appendix 1: A photo of Dr Yeatman’s house in Auburn where Evelyn spent her childhood taken in November 2018.

Appendix 2 (below): An early photo of Dr Yeatman’s home in Port Road. As shown in appendix 2, the singled roof is now covered with iron.



Auburn Public School

Register Number	Date of Admission	Name of Child	Date of Birth	Name of Parent or Guardian	Occupation	Residence	Last School	When Left
511	17.01.1898	Ward Percy Sidney	12.01.1891	Ward Arthur	Labourer	Auburn	None	
567	24.10.1899	Whellum Amelia E	09.03.1894	Whellum John T	Engine Driver	Auburn	None	
703	16.01.1905	Whellum Amelia E	09.03.1894	Whellum John T	Engine Driver	Auburn	Black Springs	Dec-04
638	07.04.1902	Whellum Jessie ME	20.03.1897	Whellum John T	Engine Driver	Auburn	None	
704	16.01.1905	Whellum Jessie ME	20.03.1897	Whellum John T	Engine Driver	Auburn	Black Springs	Dec-04
469	29.07.1896	Whitehead Elsie Ada	06.05.1891	Whitehead Robert	Mason	Auburn	None	
629	28.01.1902	Whitehead Gertrude E	05.06.1896	Whitehead Robert	Mason	Auburn	None	
705	16.01.1905	Whitehead Harley H	28.03.1899	Whitehead Robert	Mason	Auburn	None	
558	03.07.1899	Whitehead Sarah A	15.01.1894	Whitehead Robert	Mason	Auburn	None	
670	06.07.1903	Williams Donald E	14.01.1897	Williams Harry	Farmer	Auburn	None	
372	22.01.1900	Williams Glen Myra	21.11.1893	Williams Harry	Labourer	Auburn	None	
596	21.01.1901	Williams Glen Myra	21.11.1893	Williams Harry	Labourer	Auburn	None	
617	04.10.1901	Willis Adelbert A	17.07.1895	Willis Edward	Labourer	Auburn	None	
607	01.04.1901	Willis Cecil W	14.03.1890	Willis Edward	Labourer	Auburn	Rices Creek	Feb-01
609	15.04.1901	Willis John	28.02.1888	Willis Edward	Labourer	Auburn	Rices Creek	Dec-00
608	01.04.1901	Willis Lucy AH	18.07.1893	Willis Edward	Labourer	Auburn	None	
606	01.04.1901	Willis Vincent Andrew	14.11.1890	Willis Edward	Labourer	Auburn	Rices Creek	Feb-01
484	20.01.1897	Wood Maurice	16.12.1886	Wood James A	Labourer	Auburn	Private	
697	10.10.1904	Yeatman Evelyn M	08.06.1891	Yeatman John W	Doctor	Auburn	Home teaching	
698	10.10.1904	Yeatman Katharine M	04.08.1893	Yeatman John W	Doctor	Auburn	Home teaching	

Appendix 5 (above): A transcribed school admission record with Evelyn and her sister’s details for enrolment.

Appendix 6: A photograph of what students wore to Auburn Public School and what the building had looked like. The school building has a shingled roof covered with galvanised iron.

Appendix 7: Dr Yeatman's picnic basket which was donated to the Auburn National Trust. Evelyn was most likely to have been involved in family picnics.



Appendix 8 (above): A sibling photo of the Yeatman family. From left to right: Katherine Mary, Edward Pemble, Audrey Joan, Evelyn Marguerita, John Digby, Helen Maude, Charleton, and Constance

Appendix 9 (right): A photo of John Walter (father) and Evelyn Yeatman in the driver's seat with Edward Kelson (Grandfather) and Dorothea Eliza in the back seat. Taken at Auburn in SA.



Appendix 10 (below): An article from *The Daily Herald* (23 June, 1915) listing the results of the Invalid Cookery Examination. Evelyn received a first class pass.

Appendix 11 (bottom right): An article from *The Register* (29 December, 1915) containing the pass list for the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association Examination.

SCHOOL OF MINES AND INDUSTRIES

COOKERY EXAMINATIONS.

The following are the results of the invalid cookery examination held in June:—

First Class.—Goode, Edna Kathleen Millicent; Perry, Mary Francesca; Mitchell, Marion; Uncle, Lillian Bowden; Abbott, Helena Jane Lockyer; von Bertouch, Gertrude; Lillian; Bowen, Adelaide Lila; Blackeby, Dorcas Haynes; Buttfeld, Elizabeth Felicitus; Yeatman, Evelyn Marguerita; Harvey, Jessie Dunkley; Pettitt, Ellen Margaret; Kinnear, Edith Winifred Mary.

Second Class.—Pearce, Gladys Hill; Powell, Edith Mabel; Hines, E. Doris; Branford, Grace Eva; Manning, Constance Mary; Kennedy, Jess Cameron; Thomas, Susan Winifred; Hollett, Nina Prudence.

Third Class.—Kinnaird, Florence Frances; Ashworth, Ursula.

NURSES' EXAMINATION.

The following is the pass list in connection with the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association examination, held this month:—General Nursing—Adelaide Hospital—M. Hussein, E. M. Arthur, and A. M. Rodighiero. Children's Hospital—M. Mitchell, E. M. Powell, W. Kentish, E. M. Yeatman, M. T. Ferry, H. J. L. Abbott, E. K. M. Goode, G. F. L. Randell, and D. H. Blakeby. Wakefield Street Private Hospital—H. Stanton and L. W. Smith. North Adelaide Private Hospital—O. O. von der Borch and E. D. Hines. Burra Hospital—L. B. F. McWaters and L. Armstrong. Kapunda Hospital—R. Dunkley and H. Siebert. Obstetric Nursing, Queen's Home—G. E. Brandford, M. McKnight, J. Homann, M. T. Bignell, Jessie Fraser, D. Driscoll, M. F. Lappin, Lily Stewart, and M. E. Stephens. If necessary there will be another examination for A.T.N.A. membership held at the University in March, 1916.

Appendix 14: Australian Imperial Force WW1 Embarkation Roll. Evelyn's name is listed under the NURSES category.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE NOMINAL ROLL - continued.																	
Ssn.	Regt. Name	Rank or Rate	Rank	Age	Trade or Calling	Marital Status	R.D.	Address at Date of Enlistment	Enlistment Date	Date of Discharge	Pay.					Daily Rate of Pay, 1st to 31st Dec. 1914	Remarks
											Before Enlistment	After Enlistment	1st to 31st Dec. 1914	1st to 31st Dec. 1914	1st to 31st Dec. 1914		
NURSES - continued.																	
	CARR, Myrtle Emma ...	Staff Nurse	28	Nurse	S.	4th		Glenlogie, South Australia	Pres.	18.4.17	7.10	7.10	7.10				
	COKKING, Kathleen May		28		S.	4th		Waverley, N.S.W.	Pres.		7.10	7.10	7.10				
	TRAYMAN, Evelyn Margaret		28		S.	4th		Adelaide, South Australia	C of R.		7.10	7.10	7.10				
(REMARKED AT SYDNEY, NEW SOUTH WALES, PER H.M.A.T. ASS. "ULYSSES," 9th MAY, 1917)																	
	CORSWELL, Edna	Matron	44	Nurse	S.			Northcote, Victoria	Pres.	27.6.17	13.4	2.0	10.4				
	OYHEA, Mary Agnes	Staff	23		S.			Seabury, Victoria	R.C.	1.9.17	10.4	2.0	7.4				
	TAYLOR, Ruth Stewart		28		S.			Torvalga, Tasmania	C of R.	26.3.18	10.4	4.0	6.4				
	NOBLELAND, Elsie Kate		28		S.			East Melbourne, Victoria	Comp.	27.4.17	10.4	2.0	7.4				
	SCHRAEDER, Mary Elizabeth Walsh		29		S.			Melbourne, Victoria	C of R.		10.4	2.0	7.4				
	SIMONS, Ethel	Staff Nurse	34		S.			Melbourne, Victoria	C of R.	8.3.17	7.10	1.6	4.0				
	LEE, Ruth Linda		27	Trained Nurse	S.			Waverley, N.S.W.	C of R.	29.10.16	7.10	4.0	3.10				
	HOGUARD, Annie Elsie		30		S.			Stockton, N.S.W.	C of R.	29.10.16	7.10	2.0	4.10				
	EDMONDSON, Margaret Esther		27		S.			Adelaide, N.S.W.	Pres.	7.10.16	1.10	3.0	4.10				
	BURNS, Jessie Kathleen		28		S.			Melbourne, N.S.W.	R.C.	27.11.16	7.10	4.0	3.10				
	MELROSE, Maude Christine Wilson, Lena Mary		29		S.			Bay, N.S.W.	C of R.	27.11.16	7.10	2.0	4.10				
	SEAY, Adelaide Margaret		24		S.			Torvalga, Queensland	C of R.	27.11.16	1.10	2.0	4.10				
	WILLIAMS, Margaret		30		S.			Woolahra, N.S.W.	R.C.	28.10.16	7.10	3.0	7.10				
	ROYSTON, Frances Effie Marion		30		S.			Cairns, East Midland, N.S.W.	C of R.	2.12.16	7.10	2.0	5.10				
	HOWLAND, Pearl Mildred		30		S.			Mareeba, N.S.W.	C of R.	21.12.16	7.10	3.0	4.10				
	Cox, Mary Maude		28		S.			Way Way, N.S.W.	C of R.	21.12.16	7.10	3.0	4.10				
	SMITH, Isobel Rose		25		S.			Pathe, N.S.W.	C of R.	21.12.16	7.10	3.0	4.10				
	AULD, Florence Mary		23		S.			Armidale, N.S.W.	Math.	8.10.18	7.10	4.0	3.10				
	DARBAGH, Alice Josephine		28		S.			Lewisham, N.S.W.	B.C.	4.12.16	7.10	2.2	4.7				
	WATKINS, Ethel Adelaide		28		S.			Lewisham, N.S.W.	B.C.	4.3.25	7.10	4.0	3.10				
	ADAMS, Dorothy Mary		25		S.			Rockhampton, Queensland	Math.	12.12.19	7.10	4.0	3.10				
	THEIRLOU, Grace Doring		25		S.			Rockhampton, Queensland	Math.	27.12.19	7.10	4.0	3.10				
	GRANT, Ada Maud		27	Nurse	S.			Melbourne, Victoria	C of R.	18.10.16	7.10	1.0	10.0				
	FRICHARD, Florence Mary		27		S.			Melbourne, Victoria	Pres.	27.4.17	7.10	2.0	7.10				
	MCDONALD, Ida Ruth		28		S.			Melbourne, Victoria	C of R.		7.10	2.0	4.10				

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Appendix 15: Evelyn's War Service Record.

4/10/03 France
22/3/18
100365

Statement of Service ~~for~~ Staff Nurse Name Evelyn Marguerita YEATMAN

Unit in which served	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of Service in each Rank		Remarks
		From	To	
A.A.N.S. Staff Nurse		21.12.16	14.4.17	
A.A.N.S. Staff Nurse		18.4.17		
	Embarked Melbourne 21.4.17			
	No 1 H.S. Detached Avonmouth 17.6.17			
	Avonmouth L.R. 4.7.17			
	Motion to Red Cross 4.7.17			
	ex. Hosp. Ship "Katoomba"	14.6.17		L.R. 4.4.16 25.22/1324 ⁵
	Sp. Provided to France for duty with Imperial Hosp.	5.4.17		20.5.16 25.22/1414 ⁵ 25.4.17
	Sp. Posted for duty to No 25 Sea Hosp.	France 4.9.17		25.2/305 4.9.17
	Sp. To Hosp. Sick ex 25 Sea Hosp.	France 1.12.17		10.12/424 13.12.17
	Sp. Adm. 12 Southwell St. Remington. Debility etc.	Eng. 14.1.18		H.R. 303 204/265 28.1.18
	Sp. France to Eng. from 14 Sea Hosp. (Debility after 3 weeks)	France 14.1.18		20.5 235 29.1.18
	Sp. Posted for duty to 104 Sea Hosp.	" 24.2.18		20.5 14.5.18
				20.5/1006 (1918) 20.5/246 (1918)
	Discharged on leave to Sea Hosp.	2/3/19		4196.113
	Sp. Returned to Australia on "Empress" from England 3.3.19			15.4459 102.656 5.6.19
	Officer for R.F.D. ex Southwell St. with Gardens attached	5.3.19		L.R. 3449 80.5/1054 ^{1/2}

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

Emile at Melb. (Harrold) 25-4-17

A.A.N.S.N. Discharged 4 M.L.M.O. 13-9-19

Appendix 16: WW1 Nominal Roll.

				YEATMAN.	
20356	Pte.	YEATMAN	Vernon Charles	4th SIG. Trp. E. Engrs. 31.5.17	R.T.A. 20.7.19
Lieut.	YEATMAN	William		2nd Battalion	K.I.A. 4.5.17
2834	Pte.	YEATMAN	Wm. Henry	5th M.G.B.	17.7.15 R.T.A. 29.8.19
2708	Pte.	YEATMAN	Walter Thomas	A.M.C. Dtl.	10.7.15 Disch: 18.11.15
1793	Pte.	YEATMAN	Andrew William	14th Battalion	30.8.15 D.O.W. 29.3.18
Lieut. Col.	YEATMAN	Charleston "BOB"	A.A.M.C.		R.T.A. 21.5.19
5/Ince.	YEATMAN	Evelyn Marguerita	A.A.N.S.	25.4.17	R.T.A. 2.5.19
2478	Cpl.	YEATMAN	Edward Pemble	9th L.H.	31.1.15 R.T.A. 26.7.19
Lieut.	YEATMAN	John Digby "JIM"	50th Battalion	16.8.14	R.T.A. 9.12.18
4856	Gnr.	YEATMAN	Leslie Noel	2nd Fld. Arty.	12.7.15 R.T.A. 12.4.19
759	Pte.	YEATMAN	Patrick Allen	9th Battalion	31.8.14 K.I.A. 26.4.15
4766	Pte.	YEATMAN	William Henry	25th Battalion	18.11.15 R.T.A. 6.4.18
29475	Cpl.	YEATMAN	Charles James	3rd A.M.S. I.F.A.	4.5.16 R.T.A. 15.5.19
58898	Pte.	YEATMAN	George Clavis	25th Battalion	17.5.16
5475	Pte.	YEATMAN	George John	56th Battalion	12.12.15 R.T.A. 2.6.19
329	Sgt.	YEATMAN	James	1st Tunn. Ops.	16.9.15 R.T.A. 20.4.19
2/Lieut.	YEATMAN	Leo	10th F.A.B.	24.8.14	R.T.A. 19.2.19
Lieut.	YEATMAN	William	2nd Battalion	20.5.15	R.T.A. 4.5.17
754	L/Cpl.	YEATMAN	William	18th Battalion	20.5.15 R.T.A. 27.5.19
2845	Pte.	YEATMAN	William	56th Battalion	27.7.15 D.O.W. 28.9.17
549	Pte.	YEATMAN	Wallace Leo	21st Battalion	27.1.15 R.T.A. 21.5.16
6999	Pte.	YEATMAN	Alfred Harold	12th Battalion	10.12.14 R.T.A. 9.2.19
6600	S/Sgt.	YEATMAN	Charles Alexander	10th Battalion	14.6.15 R.T.A. 16.7.19
28202	Gnr.	YEATMAN	George Henry	2nd D.A.C.	13.5.15 R.T.A. 22.7.19
2304	Pte.	YEATMAN	Herbert Horace.	27th Battalion	16.5.15 R.T.A. 3.1.19
2671	L/Cpl.	YEATMAN	Herbert John	24th Battalion	23.7.15 R.T.A. 13.4.19
3526	Pte.	YEATMAN	Harry Leonard	50th Battalion	10.6.15 R.T.A. 10.7.16
2285	Sgt.	YEATMAN	Norman Hector	17th Battalion	2.7.15 Disch: 11.9.18
2828	Pte.	YEATMAN	Richard Ellis	25th M.G.C.	3.7.15 R.T.A. 9.12.18
4950	Pte.	YEATMAN	William	4th Battalion	29.11.15 R.T.A. 24.6.16
18162	Gnr.	YEATMAN	William Benjamin	3rd D.A.C.	13.9.15 R.T.A. 2.5.19
12445	Pte.	YEATMAN	Thomas Alexander	1st A.S.B.	26.5.15 R.T.A. 28.6.19
4018	Pte.	YEATMAN	Douglas	7th Battalion	1.6.15 R.T.A. 5.4.18
1191	Pte.	YEATMAN	Bertir	9th Battalion	4.9.14 R.T.A. 5.7.16
911	Pte.	YEATMAN	Robald Archibald	26th Battalion	19.3.15 R.T.A. 21.7.17
1580	Pte.	YEATMAN	R.C.	16th Battalion	19.3.15 R.T.A. 24.6.16
2266	Pte.	YEATMAN	Stanley Darwin "M"	55th Battalion	9.1.16 R.T.A. 2.3.19
3665	Pte.	YEATMAN	David Aubrey	41st Battalion	17.12.17 R.T.A. 5.9.19
1750	Pte.	YEATMAN	Albert	56th Battalion	1.12.15 K.I.A. 30.9.17
Capt.	YEATMAN	Ernest		42nd Battalion	19.8.14 R.T.A. 22.3.19
2/Lieut.	YEATMAN	Ernest Ray.		Div. Engrs.	

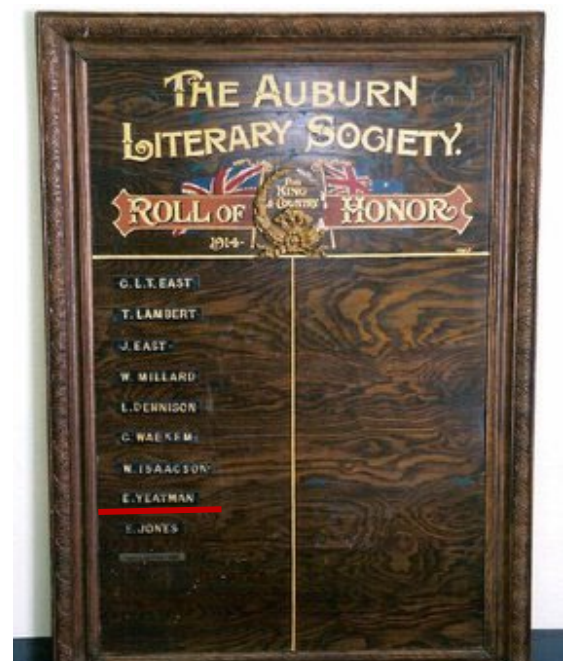


Appendix 17 (above): An un-cropped photo of figure 1 (Nursing Staff from the 7th Australian General Hospital).

Appendix 18 (top Left): An un-cropped photo of figure 6. (WW1 Memorial at Auburn).



Appendix 19 (above): Auburn Public School WW1 Memorial with list of serving personnel in the school library.



Appendix 20 (above): The Auburn Literary Society Roll of Honor.



Appendix 21: The South Australian Army Nurses Roll of Honor. On the right, a cropped photo is shown with Evelyn's name listed.

PART B

I unquestionably decided to base the subject of my essay on a servicewoman rather than a serviceman as females are usually ignored and their significant services and dedication to war efforts are normally not issued to considerable appreciation.

Our teacher recommended that we would browse through the Virtual War Memorial site and explore different people from WW1 and/or WW2 that enlisted in South Australia. Initially, I had no success with the Virtual War Memorial website so I resorted to Veterans SA and read through multiple stories from veterans. I was struck by Thelma Zimmerman's story and began collating possible resources and noting these in a Word document. I emailed various facilities and organisations that had connections with Thelma – I was fortunate enough to receive a reply from Jan Milham (the president of War Widows SA). We eventually had a phone call in which I detailed intentions and requirements for the essay. However, I discovered that Thelma Zimmerman was a telephonist and therefore was not an appropriate subject for the essay.

I immediately emailed my teacher to inform her of this casualty and she suggested that I should base the essay on Evelyn Marguerita Yeatman. With only four weeks left before the competition deadline, I returned to the Virtual War Memorial site to view Evelyn's brief profile which supplied limited pieces of information but was still somewhat useful in commencing my research process. I browsed the internet and encountered an article written by the Auburn Community Development Committee which featured a history column about Evelyn with valuable information ranging from her childhood to her contribution to WW1 as a staff nurse. I used this as the foundation for my research. The article also featured organisation contacts in Auburn (Evelyn's hometown) which I emailed and received a multitude of sources including scanned photographs, local memorials, and permission to confidential documents relating to Yeatman family history. My teacher provided me with a photograph of John Charleton and Evelyn Yeatman in the driver's seat of a car which was coincidentally part of a collection at our college. I also used Trove which greatly assisted my research due to its nature as an online library database and managed to collate several digitised newspaper articles regarding Evelyn's welfare service across Asia, reunions, and information relating to her life after WW1. Knowing Evelyn's last name was changed to "Hart-Davies" upon marriage and that her family referred to her as "Madge" provided a substantial advantage in gathering research.

Following the extensive investigation, I created a document separate from the one I was using to assemble research notes and sources to develop the main body of 1500 words. Throughout the process of undertaking comprehensive and definitive research, uncovering additional chambers of knowledge, sacrifices, sleepless nights, and downfalls, I ultimately felt a sense of happiness and admiration. Moreover, I had an epiphany that through this competition, I was revering the diligence, assiduity, and fortitude that Evelyn Marguerita Yeatman displayed through her committed service also continuing after WW1.

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