



ARTHUR RICHARD NICHOLL

(23/7/1886 – 22/1/1917)

AUSTRALIA / TURKEY / EGYPT

{Dick}

Parents

William Nicholl (Jr)

Sarah Jane Nicholl
(nee McCluskey)

Birth and Death

B – 23rd July 1886
Quirindi NSW Australia,
Henry St Quirindi. (1st sibling born in Quirindi)

D – 22nd January 1917 Cairo Egypt
Died of Wounds.
Principle memorial, family plot Quirindi
General Cemetery Russell Street Quirindi
NSW Australia.

Religion

Anglican



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<u>Siblings</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Children</u>
Margaret Jane (the younger) Minnie John William (ANZAC) Thomas Robert Herbert Anglesey Australia SELF (ANZAC) Percy (ANZAC) Pearl Selina Maud Mary Nina Violet Elsie Eva William Albert (ANZAC) Claude	Not Married	Nil

OCCUPATIONS; In his younger years he worked as a flour mill attendant and carter in Quirindi. He played football. Rugby Union was the game of choice for the Nicholl family when it came to football. He may have attempted some droving, in his father's footsteps, however appears to have moved to Sydney, probably to look for better work. Whilst in Sydney he enlisted in the 1st AIF.

SOLDIER (ANZAC). Arthur was one of four brothers who enlisted in the 1st AIF. Light horseman (1st light horse 5th reinforcement). He enlisted at Liverpool Sydney on the 6th January 1915. Arthur was fighting the Turks, firstly at Gallipoli before being moved to the middle east, Egypt where he died.

The 1st Light Horse Regiment was raised, from recruits from New South Wales, at Rosebury Park in Sydney in August 1914. It was one of three regiments of the 1st Light Horse Brigade - the first mounted formation committed by Australia to the First World War. The regiment sailed from Sydney on 19 October and disembarked in Egypt on 8 December.

The light horse were initially considered unsuitable for the Gallipoli operation, but were soon deployed without their horses to reinforce the infantry. The 1st Light Horse Regiment landed on 12 May 1915 and was attached to the New Zealand and Australian Division. It played a defensive role for most of the campaign but mounted an attack on the Turkish position known as "the Chessboard" as part of the August Offensive on 7 August - 200 men were involved, 147 became casualties. The regiment left Gallipoli on 21 December 1915.

Back in Egypt, the 1st Light Horse Regiment joined the ANZAC Mounted Division. Between January and May 1916, it was deployed to protect the Nile valley from bands of pro-Turkish Senussi Arabs. On 14 May, it redeployed with its parent brigade to join the forces defending the Suez Canal. The 1st Light Horse Brigade played a significant role in turning back the Turkish advance on the canal at the battle of Romani on 4 August. In ensuing days the regiments of the Brigade participated in the immediate follow-up of the defeated Turks, but were soon withdrawn to rest.

The 1st Light Horse Regiment rejoined the Allied advance across the Sinai in November 1916 and was subsequently involved in the fighting to secure the Turkish outposts on the Palestine frontier - Maghdaba on 23 December 1916 and Rafa on 9 January 1917. A stint of protective duty along the line of communications through the Sinai followed. The 1st Light Horse Regiment's next major engagement was the abortive second battle of Gaza on 19 April. Gaza finally fell on 7 November, after a wide outflanking move via Beersheba, in which the regiments of the 1st Light Horse Brigade played a part.

With the capture of Gaza, the Turkish position in southern Palestine collapsed. The 1st Light Horse

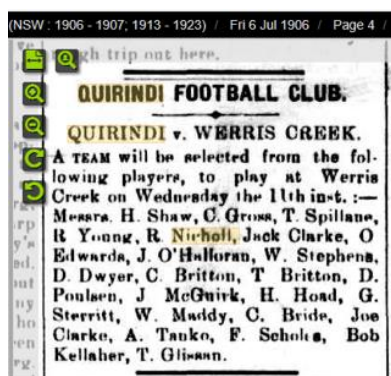
Regiment participated in the advance to Jaffa that followed, and was then committed to operations to clear and occupy the west bank of the Jordan River. It was involved in the Amman (24-27 February) and Es Salt (30 April-4 May) raids and the repulse of a major German and Turkish attack on 14 July 1918.

The final British offensive of the campaign was launched along the Mediterranean coast on 19 September 1918, with the ANZAC Mounted Division taking part in a subsidiary effort east of the Jordan aimed at Amman. Turkey surrendered on 30 October 1918. The 1st Light Horse Regiment sailed for Australia on 12 March 1919 without their horses, which were either shot or transferred to Indian cavalry units.

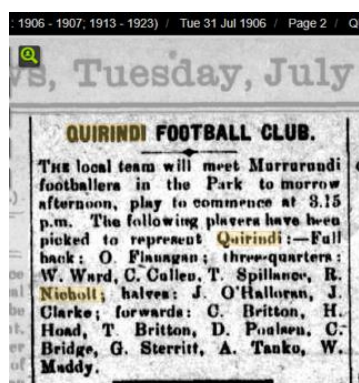
Quirindi Herald

3-5-1904 Wm Nicholl is butcher and also Poundkeeper.
3-10-1905 Arthur Richard Nicholl was a flour mill assistant.

Quirindi Herald 6th July 1906



Quirindi Herald 31st July 1906



Quirindi Herald 9th August 1907

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it is hoped that he will still be a resident amongst us.

FOOTBALL.

THE following have been selected to represent Qairindi against Combined Plains on the local Park on Saturday, August 10th, 1907 :—Full back, T. Spillane; $\frac{3}{4}$, O. Edwards, R. Nicholl, A. Tanko, T. Schrdowski; $\frac{1}{2}$, J. O'Halloran E. McGee; forwards, T. Britton, A. Elsley, C. Britton, H. Hoad, W. Ryan, J. McIntyre, D. Poulsen, and C. Moore. Play to start at 2.30.

1913 electoral roll – note parents would have moved to Westdale Tamworth by this date.

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UPPER HUNTER—QUIRINDI POLLING-PLACE—1913.

No.	Surname of each Elector.	Christian name of each Elector at full length.	Sex.	Residence.	Occupation.
801	Mitchell, J. J.	Hazel, J. J.	F	Redburn	domestic duties
848	Newsham	Walter	M	Hill-street	saddler
849	Nichol	Arthur Richard	M	George-street	carter
850	Nicholl	Margaret Jane	F	George-street	domestic duties
851	Nicholl	Robert Cornelius	M	George-street	storekeeper
852	Nicholson	Mary Ann	F	Hill-street	domestic duties

Arthur Richard Nicholl 1st Light Horse, 5th reinforcement.
Regimental No 954.

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For information on obtaining the service records of an individual listed below, visit the National Archives of Australia website.

Columns (L-R): Regimental number, Rank last held, Surname, First name/s, Enlistment, Date of enlistment, Date of discharge, Date of death.

NICHOLL							
307	L/Cpl	NICHOLL	Walter John	2nd Div.H.Q.	4/2/15	R.E.A.	1
1813	L/Sgt	NICHOLL	William Wren	17th Battalion	22/3/15	R.E.A.	2
10847	Cpl	NICHOLL	William Robert	3rd Div.H.Q.	22/11/15	R.E.A.	1
3100	Pte	NICHOLL	Horace George	14th Battalion	15/7/15	R.E.A.	3
3307	Pte	NICHOLL	Frederick Alfred	33rd Battalion	10/8/15	R.E.A.	2
6702	Pte	NICHOLL	George	34th Battalion	21/8/15	R.E.A.	1
1400	Lieut	NICHOLL	William George	1st L.H.	24/15/14	R.E.A.	1
3450	Pte	NICHOLL	Adrian Frederick	57th Battalion	6/8/17	R.E.A.	8
364	Pte	NICHOLL	Arthur Richard	1st L.H.	7/1/15	R.E.A.	2
3417	Pte	NICHOLL	Geoff	4th L.H.	27/11/15	R.E.A.	1
3446	Pte	NICHOLL	Charles Frederick	5th Battalion	18/8/15	R.E.A.	2
3563	Cmr	NICHOLL	Ernest	15th Battalion	1/8/17	R.E.A.	2
1452	Cvr	NICHOLL	Harry	2nd Am.Sub Park	16/9/15	R.E.A.	1
18814	Pte	NICHOLL	James	5th Div. Amb.	20/8/17	R.E.A.	2
3132	Pte	NICHOLL	John	1st Battalion	17/4/15	R.E.A.	4
2893	Pte	NICHOLL	John	Am.Sub.P.	9/6/15	R.E.A.	2
3587A	Pte	NICHOLL	James Alexander	15th L.H.	16/8/15	R.E.A.	2
		NICHOLL	John William	33rd Battalion	16/8/15	R.E.A.	1

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334	Cvr	NICHOLL	Stanley	3rd Div.H.Q.	21/9/15	R.E.A.	4
17744	Pte	NICHOLL	Gerard James	7th Div. Amb.	9/10/15	R.E.A.	2
1558	Pte	NICHOLL	Ray	6th L.H.	15/8/15	R.E.A.	1
2564	Cmr	NICHOLL	Stanley	3rd Div.H.Q.	17/9/17	R.E.A.	3
5388	Pte	NICHOLL	Thomas Samuel	31st Battalion	26/8/15	R.E.A.	1
2561	Pte	NICHOLL	Thomas Walford	56th Battalion	22/7/15	R.E.A.	1
59799	Pte	NICHOLL	William Albert	14th G.S.R.	14/9/15	R.E.A.	4
3444	L/Cpl	NICHOLL	William Chapman	14th Battalion	6/7/15	R.E.A.	1
2439	Pte	NICHOLL	William	11th L.H.	15/8/17	R.E.A.	2
357	L/Cpl	NICHOLL	Albert	3rd H.Q.Dn.	9/12/15	R.E.A.	6
616	Cpl	NICHOLL	Arthur	15th Army Coy.	1/8/17	R.E.A.	1
1024	Pte	NICHOLL	Arthur	1st L.H.	26/8/15	R.E.A.	1
4350	Pte	NICHOLL	Arthur	27th Battalion	29/9/15	R.E.A.	2
6151	Pte	NICHOLL	Arthur	5th Pioneer	9/11/15	R.E.A.	1
31085	Cmr	NICHOLL	Arthur	14th L.H.Dn.	6/10/15	R.E.A.	2
2269		NICHOLL	Arthur A.	2nd Deposits	13/5/15	R.E.A.	2
61450	Pte	NICHOLL	Arthur Benjamin	14th Battalion	13/5/15	R.E.A.	6
98	Pte	NICHOLL	Arthur Daniel	15th Battalion	21/4/15	R.E.A.	2
5517	Sgt	NICHOLL	Alco Edward	4th H.Q.Dn.	17/8/15	R.E.A.	2
776	Pte	NICHOLL	Alfred George	H.Q.Dn.Dtn.	9/3/17	R.E.A.	1

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First name(s)	AR
Last name	Nicholl
Service number	954
Rank	Pte
Unit or regiment	1st L.H. Reg
Death year	1917
Death day	22
Death month	Nov
Cause of death	Died of wounds
Country	Australia
Record set	Australasian Imperial Expeditionary Forces Roll Of Honour
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Subcategory	First World War
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Arthur Richard NICHOLL

Regimental number	954
Place of birth	Quirindi, New South Wales
School	Quirindi Superior Public School, New South Wales
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Drover
Address	c/o West Tamworth PO, West Tamworth, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	28
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Sarah Nicholl, c/o West Tamworth PO, West Tamworth, New South Wales
Enlistment date	6 January 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	7 January 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	1st Light Horse Regiment, 5th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	10/6/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Newcastle, New South Wales, on board HMAT A41 <i>Bakara</i> on 22 May 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private

Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Light Horse Regiment
Fate	Died of wounds 22 January 1917
Age at death from cemetery records	30
Place of burial	Cairo War Memorial Cemetery (Row F, Grave No. 9), Egypt
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	2
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: William and Sarah J. NICHOLL, West Tamworth, New South Wales
Family/military connections	Brother: 3587A John William NICHOLL, 53rd Bn, killed in action, Fromelles, France, 19 July 1916.

Arthurs last letter from the front describing the conditions there.

Tamworth Daily Observer 28th February
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QUIRINDI, Monday.

A soldier's letter to which is attached a pathetic interest was written in a bold, clear hand and dated from El Arish, Egypt, New Years Day, 1917, by Pte. R. Nicholl, of Quirindi (son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Nicholl, now of West Tamworth). It gives a very concise and clear account of the battle between the A.L.H. Brigade and 3000 Turks on December 22 last. Early in the New Year Pte. Nicholls parents received word that he had been wounded in action, and later on, that the brave young soldier had died as the result of such wounds. Later still, his mother received his letter—the last message, alas that she was ever to get from him. After describing the brush with the Turks the writer concluded: "We have been experiencing cold, wet, miserable weather. It has rained every day for the past week (Christmas week), and I am wearing my great coat all the time.

It seems strange to be shivering at this time of the year. . . . It looks as if the war will soon be over. I hope so too." The late Private Nicholl was a fine, manly type of Australian, popular amongst all with whom he came in contact, and there are many in this district to-day who will sincerely sympathise with the afflicted parents in this the second bereavement they have sustained during the present war.

Birth;

Arthur was born in Quirindi shortly after the family appears to have moved from Yarraman (Yarraman Hotel). He is the first sibling born in Quirindi, most likely at the family residence in North street.

Births Search Results

Name	Registration Number	Father's Given Name(s)	Mother's Given Name(s)	District
<input type="checkbox"/> ? NICHOLL ARTHUR R	22289/1886	WILLIAM	SARAH J	QUIRINDI

NSW BIRTH REGISTRATION TRANSCRIPTION		REF NO: 1886/22289
NAME & WHETHER PRESENT	Arthur Richard not present	
DATE OF BIRTH	23 rd July 1886	
PLACE	Henry Street, Quirindi	
SEX OF CHILD	Male	
FATHER	William Nicholl	
OCCUPATION	Butcher	
AGE	Thirty five years	
BIRTHPLACE	Maitland	
DATE OF MARRIAGE	3 rd January 1876	
PLACE OF MARRIAGE	Murrurundi	
PREVIOUS ISSUE	Three males and one female living, one female deceased	
MOTHER	Sarah Jane formerly McCluskey	
AGE	Twenty nine years	
BIRTHPLACE	Murrurundi	
INFORMANT	William Nicholl Jnr, father, Quirindi	
PRESENT AT BIRTH	Mrs John Hall	
NOTES OR SUGGESTIONS	Registered Robert HV Allnutt, 14 th September 1896, Quirindi	

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Prepared for Kenneth Nicholl

Date Transcribed: 15th October 2021

Images;

There was a collage of Great War images for my Grandfather's elder brothers displayed at his home in New Lambton NSW Australia. I assume it was prepared by my great grandmother Sarah Jane Nicholl at Westdale, however my grandfather did not feature on it as he had enlisted late in the war after two of his brothers had been killed. We returned it to Tamworth to one of Percy's daughters Jill, Percy being remembered on it. Unfortunately, I do not know what ultimately happened to it.



My grandfather's elder brothers circa 1905,
assume Arthur Richard second from left.



TPR. A. R. NICHOLL, 7th A.I.H.
TPR. F. NICHOLL, 12th A.I.H.
PTE. J. W. NICHOLL, Missing.
The Nicholl Brothers.
Private J. W. Nicholl's wife lives at Newington, his two brothers belong to Tamworth.



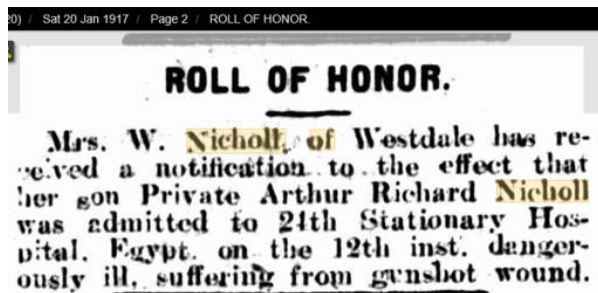
TROOPER A. R. (DICK) NICHOLL, third son of Mr. W. Nicholl, of Westdale, enlisted January, 1915, and went through most of the Gallipoli campaign. Wounded in action on January 9, 1917. Died January 22, 1917.

Tamworth Daily observer 21st February 1917.

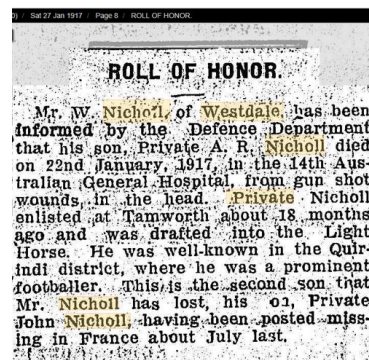


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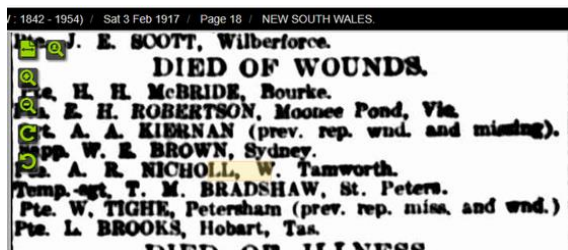
22nd January 1917 after being moved to hospital in Cairo. Died of wounds, essentially gunshot wounds to head and eyes.



Tamworth Daily Observer 20th January 1917



Tamworth Daily Observer 27th January 1917



Sydney Morning Herald 3rd February 1917

Westdale Heroes



Tamworth Daily Observer 21st February 1917

Tamworth Northern Daily Leader 22nd January
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DEATH.

HUGHES.—At Quirindi, on January 17,
William Francis Hughes, late of
Tamworth. Aged 65 years. R.I.P.

ROLL OF HONOR.

NICHOLL.—In loving memory of our
dear son and brother, Trooper Ar-
ther Richard (Dick), who died of
wounds in Egypt January 22, 1917.
The midnight stars are shining
On a grave far away,
Where they laid our darling son
Just four years ago to-day.
Inserted by his loving father and
mother, brothers and sisters, Westdale.

Memorials

I do recall as a child my father was asked whether he would like his uncle repatriated to Australia for reburial. My father was born in 1928 and therefore had never met his uncle.



Family plot Quirindi NSW Australia



1917 grave Cairo Egypt



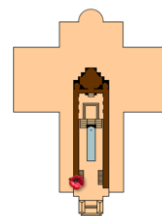
2020 grave Cairo Egypt



Westdale Tamworth NSW Australia



Murrurundi NSW Australia



Canberra; panel 2 commemorative area of the Australian War Memorial