

Former School Students WWI Database

a'Beckett Arthur Heywood St Thomas

Student Number 1482
Date of Birth 18 Jun 1868
Birth Place Berwick, Victoria, Australia
Birth Registration 21682/1868
Parents William Arthur a'Beckett and Emma Mills
School(s) Attended Melbourne Grammar School

General Notes

Arthur attended Melbourne Grammar School from 1878 until 1881. He had family and property links to the first days of Melbourne Grammar School. He was also the grandson of William a'Beckett, the first Chief Justice of Victoria from 1852 to 1857.
 Arthur married Beatrice Isabel Windsor at All Saints Church St Kilda on 12 July 1898.
 Arthur enlisted for service in the Boer War, in South Africa. He served as a trooper for the 2nd Scottish Horse.
 Arthur was a grazier residing at 'Ballantyre' Bunyip, when he enlisted for war service in 1915. He served in Egypt and at Gallipoli, during World War One. He took part in operations at Gallipoli in October and November 1915. He returned to Egypt in June 1916 to command the 3rd Double Squadron. He returned to the Light Horse in February 1917.
 Many records spell his middle name as 'Haywood' or 'Heywood', and disregard the 'St Thomas' part of his name.

Conflict	Boer War World War I	
Service Number	38237 (BW) -- (WWI)	
Enlistment Date	2 Oct 1915	
Embarkation Date	7 May 1915	
Embarkation Ship	HMAT Palmero	
Return to Australia/Discharge	11 Oct 1917	
Rank	Major	
Unit Served	2nd Scottish Horse (BW) 4th Light Horse Regiment (WWI) 3rd Double Squadron (WWI)	
Decorations	1914/15 Star (1920) British War Medal (1921) Victory Medal (1922)	
Date of Death	9 Apr 1939	Age 71
Death Place	Bunyip, Victoria, Australia	
Death Registration	14284/1939	
Cemetery	Springvale Cemetery	
Cemetery Location	cremated remains collected	

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