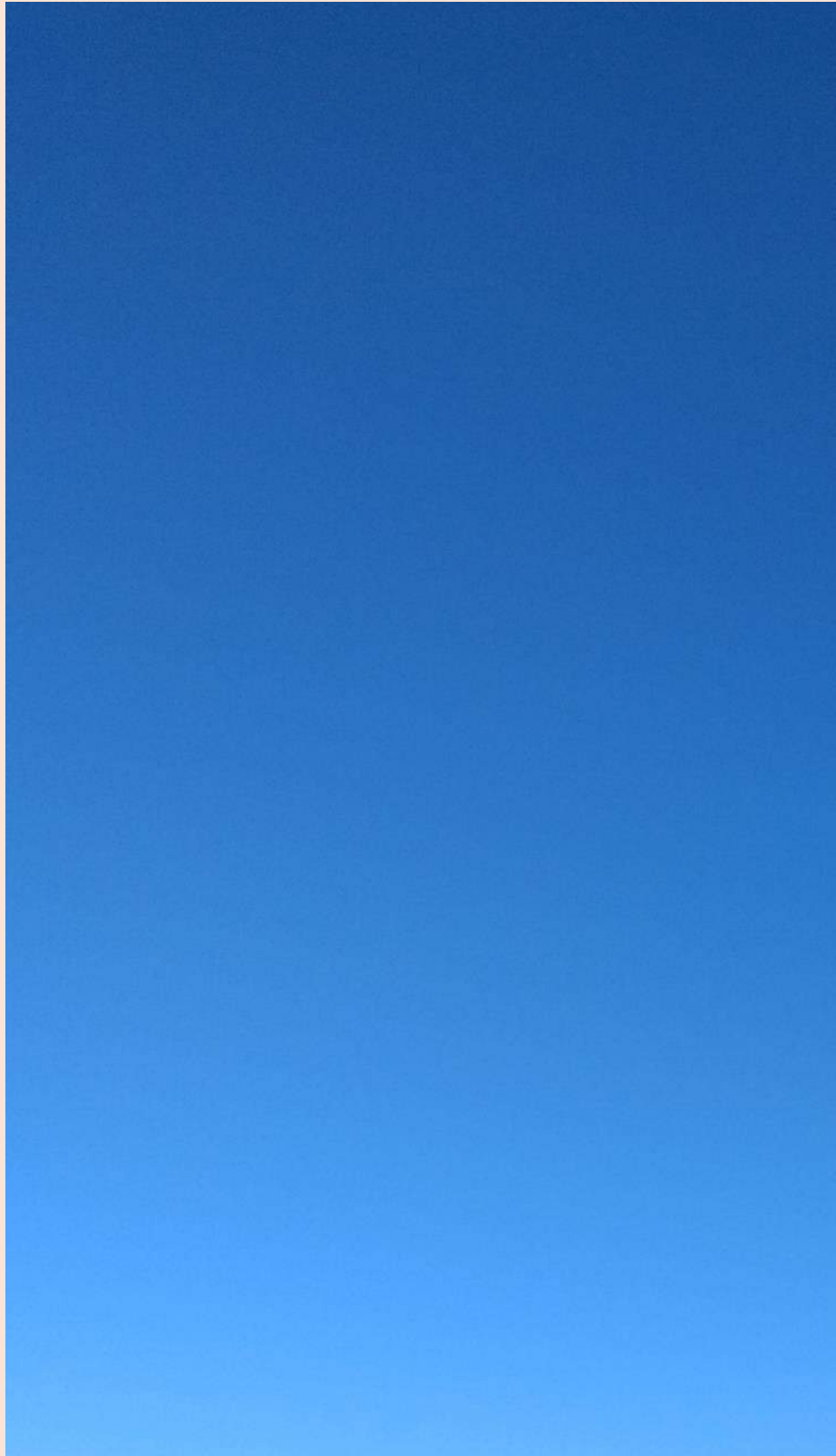




Alf left his family in 1911 after a row with his brother. Their mother Georgina kept a suit of clothing in her cupboard in case he returned. She never re-established contact with him before she died in 1933.

(Studio portrait c. 1910, Melbourne by Johnstone O'Shannessy & Co)



Alf apparently vanished into thin air from 1911 until 1956. His family had no contact with him during this period.

(Photograph by Robyn Watters, 1 April 2019)



Alf Brown, using an alias of 'Alfred Payne', was wounded at Gallipoli on 29 May 1915. He had a metal plate inserted in his head to stem the bleeding. In 1916 he was also wounded at Fromelles. The Gallipoli Lone Pine war memorial at Springvale Botanical Cemetery in Victoria features wonderful sculpture to remind us of sacrifice.

(Photograph by Robyn Watters, 3 April 2019)



In 1956, Alf suddenly became amnesiac and his brothers were traced and alerted. Brothers Bill and Ted couldn't recognise Alf due to the passage of time and Alf couldn't recognise Bill and Ted due to the metal plate slipping in his head. Alf was incarcerated for the next 7 years in the Repatriation Mental Hospital at Bundoora, Victoria.

(Photograph by Robyn Watters, 6 April 2019)



Alf's final resting place in these walls of death. Each plaque remembrances one death in the War Graves section at Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Victoria. It is a place of beauty to contemplate places of horror.

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**The plaque is in the War Graves section at Springvale Botanical Cemetery,
Victoria.**

(Photograph by Robyn Watters, July 2019)



The main memorial at the War Graves section of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Victoria.

Rest in Peace all who served especially our family member

Alfred George Brown.

(Photograph by Robyn Watters, 3 April 2019)