



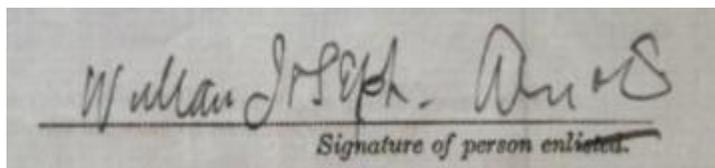
WWI Casualty

Private, William Joseph Arnold

| Surname | Given Names | Rank | Number | Regiment | Attachment | Date of Death | | Age at Death | |
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| | | | | | | Year | Date | | |
| Arnold | William Joseph | Private | 3764 | Australian Infantry | 31st Battalion | 1918 | 02-Jul | 33 | |
| Date of Birth | | | | | | | | | |
| Date of Birth | | Place of Birth | Father | | Mother | | Baptised | | |
| Year | Date | | Surname | Given Names | Maiden Name | Given Names | Year | Date | Place |
| | | Cheltenham, Gloucestershire | | | | | | | |
| Census Information | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | Surname | Given Names | Status | Age | Occupation | Place of Birth | | Relationship to Head | |
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| Military Service Record | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Enlistment Details | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year | Date | Place | Age | | | Trade | Religion | | | | |
| | | | Years | Months | Days | | | | | | |
| 1916 | 02-May | Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia | 31 | 8 | | Draper | Church of England | | | | |
| Physical Description | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Height | | Complexion | Eye Colour | Hair Colour | Distinguishing Marks | | | | | | |
| Feet | Inches | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 2½ | Fresh | Grey | Brown | | | | | | | |
| Next of Kin | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surname | Given Names | Status | Relationship | Abode | | | | | | | |
| Arnold | Evelyn | | Sister | Fulham, London. Middlesex | | | | | | | |
| Carlton | E. E. | | Sister? | 14 De Grey Street, York, Yorkshire | | | | | | | |
| Details of Death | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date of Death | | Cause of Death | Theatre of War | Ships Name | War Gratuity Paid | | | | | Recipient | |
| Year | Date | | | | Year | Date | £ | s. | d. | | |
| 1918 | 02-Jul | Pneumonia | | | | | | | | | |
| Grave Location | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cemetery | | | | | | Plot Number | | | | | |
| Compton Chamberlain Cemetery | | | | | | Row C Grave 199 Plot No. 7 | | | | | |
| War Memorials and Commemorations | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Memorial Name and Location | | | | | | Panel Number | | | | | |
| Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia | | | | | | Panel 118 | | | | | |
| There is no personal inscription on Private Arnold's Headstone at Compton Chamberlain | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other Significant Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT Seang Choon (A49) on 19 September 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9 December 1916 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| He was admitted to Bulford Hospital on 14 December 1916 from 8th Training Battalion Hurdcott then transferred to Parkhouse Hospital & discharged 19th February 1917 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| William was then found to be Absent without Leave from noon on 1 March 1917 until 10 p.m. on 2 March 1917 & faced the charge of Drunkenness for which he forfeited pay | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| He was posted to overseas service in France on 5 April 1917 sailing via Folkestone |
| William was admitted to 2nd Australian General Hospital near Boulogne, France in December 1917 & then transferred back to England to the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich |
| He was admitted to the Military Hospital at Fovant, Wiltshire on 28 June 1918 with "Pneumonia Ser III". He died on 2 July 1918 at 9.20 a.m. of pneumonia at the Military Hospital, aged 33 years. |
| Private Arnold was buried at Compton Chamberlayne Cemetery on 5 July 1918 |
| According to William's Service records held in the Australian Archives it is quite apparent that William was not cut out for military serving often getting drunk and going absent without leave for which he was docked pay. |
| William Arnold made a will dated 10 May 1917. There seems to be no probate recorded in the UK Probate Calendars. William left all his monies in his bank account and any military payments due to be paid to Miss Molly Moran, late of the Queens Hotel, Gladstone, Queensland, Australia. Molly was believed to have been keeping a shop in Bundaberg, next to Cochrane's Tobacconists. He made the bequeath with all his love |
| Williams Effects were forwarded to Evelyn E. Carter on 11th December 1918 |
| From his services records this report of his funeral is included - Coffin was good, Polished Elm with Brass Mountings. Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the body being conveyed to the graveside on a gun carriage, preceded by the band and a firing party. Deceased's late Company and the members of the "Kangaroo" Concert Party attended as mourners. Wreaths from Headquarters Officers Mess, No 4. Command Depot, Old Comrades of the "Kangaroo" Concert Party, Staff of No 5. Canteen and L/Cpl Smith & Ptes Picot & Beale were placed on the grave after the "Last Post" had been sounded. The late Pte Arnold was very popular with Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of the Depot and his loss as a soldier and Comrade is very keenly felt. |
| William Joseph Arnold was evacuated from Ypres on 14 December 1917 |
| A Memorial Plaque and Scroll were sent to Miss E. Arnold, in England in 1922. He was also entitled to the British War Medal and Victory Medal |
| The Brisbane Courier, Queensland recorded on 16 July 1918 that William Joseph Arnold had died in England of "Other Causes" |



Private Arnold's signature



William Joseph Arthur - Headstone at Compton Chamberlain