GATLIFF, F. E.

Frank Edward Gatliff was the sixth son in the large, well-known and respected family of John Henry Gatliff (1848-1935) and Emma (née McLean) (1859-1948). His father was the Manager of the Carlton Branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia, 1895-1910, and the family of nine boys and two daughters lived above the premises at 259-261 Lygon Street.

Born in Carlton in 1894, Frank was sent to the nearby Faraday Street State School, (SS No 112) probably with his younger brothers Tom and Wilfred. The family attended St Jude's and J H Gatliff is listed as one of two auditors at the St Jude's Annual General Meeting in 1904.

Frank enlisted in August 1914 together with his brother Harold (V H Gatliff) and joined Field Artillery Brigade 2. They sailed together on Transport A9 *Shropshire*. Frank was killed in action at Ypres in August 1917.

Three of his other brothers also served in the AIF: all five men are shown on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

AIF Project Entry

Frank Edward GATLIFF

Place of birth	Carlton, Victoria
School	State School, Faraday Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Father, John Henry Gatliff, 31 Normanby Avenue, Croxton, Victoria.
Previous military service	Served in School Cadets as Colour Sergeant; 2Lt Field Artillery when war was declared.
Enlistment date	18 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade 2, Battery 6
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/30/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A9 *Shropshire* on 20 October 1914.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Division Artillery
Fate	Killed in Action 6 August 1917.

Place of death or wounding	Hellfire Corner, Ypres, Belgium.
Age at death	22
Age at death from cemetery records	22
Place of burial	Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery (Plot VIII, Row D, Grave No. 2), Belgium.
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	18
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: John and Emma GATLIFF, 5 Fawkner Street, South Yarra, Melbourne, Victoria.
Family/military connections	Brothers: Major Vivian Harold GATLIFF DSO, 1st Division Artillery, returned to Australia, 8 July 1919. Captain Charles Edwin GATLIFF, 4th Light Horse Regiment, returned to Australia, 9 August 1918. 35327 Driver Tom Walter GATLIFF, 13th Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 8 July 1919. 61609 Pte Wilfred Edgar GATLIFF, 13th Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 8 July 1919.

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BROTHERS IN ARMS AND THEIR RECORD

ONE GAINS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER

Gallant service in their country's cause has been given by four of the sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gatliff, of Normanby avenue, Croxton. They all joined the Artillery, two of them having landed in Gallipoli as lieutenants with the 2nd (Victorian) Field Artillery Brigade of the First Division. This brigade had the honor

MAJOR V. H. GATLIFF, D.S.O.

of landing the first gun on the Peninsula. The commanding officer, Brigadier-General (then Lieutenant-Colonel) G. J. Johnston, C.B., C.M.G., returned to Melbourne last week.

Major Vivian Harold Gatliff, now of the 49th Battery, recently won the Distinguished Service Order in France, his name being included in the New Year Honors List. He had previously been mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches, and had won the high opinion of his associates of all ranks. He was wounded in Gallipoli. Before going to the front he was employed by Sands and M'Dougall Ltd. The latest news concerning him was that he had been gassed, and had temporarily lost his voice in consequence. He is 28 years of age. His promotions have been as follow:— Second lieutenant, Aug. 8, 1914; lieutenant, Jan. 2, 1915; captain, June 5, 1916; major, Jan. 21, 1917.

THE LATE CAPT. F. E. GATLIFF

Captain Frank E. Gatliff, late of the 54th Battery, was killed in action in France on August 6, 1917, at the age of 23. He also had been wounded in Gallipoli. He joined the 6th Battery of the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade as second lieutenant on August 18, 1914; was promoted lieutenant on February 1, 1915; temporary captain on March 12, 1916; and captain on June 5, 1916. Had he lived for another month he would have been a major. The great promise that he gave was the subject of special reference in a letter, deploring his death, written by Major-General Sir J. J. T. Hobbs, K.C.B., commanding the Fifth Division. "He was indeed," said Major-General Hobbs, "a gallant, earnest young officer, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He died at his post, as I think he would have preferred to die." Lieutenant-Colonel H. O. Caddy, D.S.O., also expressed his sense of the loss which the brigade had sustained.

Details of Captain Gatliff's death show that he, Captain O. L. J. Steel (of New South Wales), and Lieutenant J. S. Hopper had retired to sleep in a dugout in which a 9.5 German shell burst, killing all three of them. One other occupant, Lieutenant A. J. Shepherd, escaped with a severe shaking. Captain Gatliff was buried with military honors on August 8, 1917, in the army cemetery at Vlamertinghe, west of Ypres, where many another hero sleeps.

Both these brothers were keenly interested in military matters from an early age. Harold was originally color sergeant in the junior cadet corps at the Faraday street State school, Carlton. His brother, John Lionel (who afterwards was twice rejected for active service, passing every test but that of eyesight) succeeded him as color-sergeant, and when he left school the position fell to Frank. Harold joined the Australian Field Artillery before the Kitchener scheme was inaugurated, and was followed by Frank, who was a sergeant of Senior Cadets. Both gained their commissions, and promptly volunteered when war was declared, Frank being then in the service of the State Savings Bank.

LIEUT. C. E. GATLIFF

Lieutenant Charles E. Gatliff, aged 35, with his eldest brother, Sergeant H. E. Gatliff, now of Sydney, had seen service in the South African war, where he won the Queen's medal with five clasps. He joined the 4th (Victorian) Regiment of Light Horse in 1915, being afterwards transferred to the Artillery. He is at present in the firing line in France, to which he returned after having been invalided to England.

GUNNER T. W. GATLIFF

Gunner Thomas W. Gatliff, who had already joined the Victorian artillery, was, on reaching the age of 18, desirous of enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force, but his parents thought it advisable for him to wait until he was older. He accordingly joined the colors at 20 years of age, and recently sailed for England on his way to the front with Field Artillery reinforcements.

Mr John H. Gatliff, the father of these soldiers, was, in his youth, a lieutenant in the old Ballarat Rangers. He retired some years ago, after long and honorable service with the Commercial Bank, of which he had been a manager and an inspector.