

HORNBY, H. W.

Harold Walter Hornby was born in 1894 in Northcote to James Hornby and Charlotte Smith. By 1905 the family was living in Keppel Street, first at No. 91 and later next door at No. 89.

He worked in Flinders Lane, Melbourne, as a druggist's assistant, and enlisted in July 1915.

Harold served as a stretcher bearer and died less than two years after enlisting. His brother James Robert Hornby is also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

AIF Project Entry

Harold Walter HORNBY

Regimental number	8868
Place of birth	Northcote, Melbourne, Victoria
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School	State School, Faraday Street, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Druggist
Address	Mother, Mrs Charlotte Hornby, 89 Keppell Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Father, James R Hornby, 89 Keppell Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	6 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance, 14th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	26/41/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A41 <i>Hymettus</i> on 27 January 1916.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	15th Field Ambulance
Fate	Died of wounds 15 May 1917.
Place of death or wounding	Bullecourt, France
Age at death	22.10
Age at death from cemetery records	22
Place of burial	Vraucourt Copse Cemetery (Plot III, Row B, Grave No. 13), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	182

Miscellaneous information from
cemetery records

Parents: James and Charlotte HORNBY,
89 Keppell Street, Carlton, Victoria.

Family/military connections

Brother: J. R. Hornby, who served
throughout the war with the Canadian
Army.

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Sands & McDougall's Melbourne, suburban and country directory : 1905
Sands & McDougall's directory of Victoria : 1915

Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *Harold Walter Hornby*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *15th Field Ambulance No 8868*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Melbourne* District *Carlton* State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace *Northcote, Melbourne, Victoria*
5. Date of Death *15th May 1917*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Bullecourt, France.*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Despatch Clerk, at Felton Grinwade & Co. Fluiden Lane*
2. Age at time of Death *22 years and 10 months*
3. What was his School *State School, Faraday St, Carlton*
4. What was his other Training
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *Born in Australia*
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
Compulsory Training (Carlton)
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

(J R Hornby)

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—
An only Brother who served throughout the war with the Canadian Army
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name *James R. Hornby* → *died 26/3/1923*
Relationship to Soldier *Father* *Mrs J R Hornby (mother)*
Address *89 Keppell St, Carlton*
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name
Address

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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Age (Melbourne, Vic. : 1854 - 1954), Wednesday 15 May 1918, p. 1.

HORNBY.—In ever loving memory of our dear Harold, Pte. H. W. Hornby, 15th Field Ambulance, killed at Bullecourt, France, on 15th May, 1917, fond brother of Alice and Muriel, also Jim (on active service).

Gone, never to be forgotten.

You are always in our thoughts, dear Harold,

It's sweet to speak your name;

In life we loved your deary,

In death we do the same.

—Inserted by his fond parents and sisters, 89 Kerpell-street, Carlton.

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