

JOHNSTON, W.

Our research indicates that Wilfrid Henry Johnston was a young Englishman who travelled to Australia when he was aged just 17. With his parents' permission, he enlisted at Balaclava, Victoria, close to where he lived at Albert Park.

Wilfrid's father named Rev and Mrs Good of St Jude's as a source of information about his son, whose age at the time of death was "Just turned 19 years".

AIF Project Entry

Wilfred* Henry JOHNSTON

Regimental number	4834
Place of birth	Bootle, Lancashire, England
School	Orrell Council & Bootle Pre-apprentice, Lancashire, England.
Other training	Football, boxing and all manly games
Age on arrival in Australia	17.5
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk
Address	Albert Park, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Father, John Henry Johnston, 'Belmont' Alexandra Drive, Bootle, Liverpool, England.
Previous military service	Joined the Lancashire Hussars (Cavalry) at the age of 16.
Enlistment date	19 March 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	29th Battalion, 13th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/46/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A29 <i>Suevic</i> on 21 June 1917.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Battalion
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	Captain of school football team at 11 years of age. First boy to gain honours for his school in educational contest open to whole of England. (Father)
Fate	Killed in Action 11 April 1918.
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	*Spelt Wilfrid Henry Johnston on NR
Place of death or wounding	Hebuterne, France

Age at death 19
 Age at death from cemetery records 19
 Place of burial Euston Road Cemetery (Plot IV, Row I, Grave No. 7), Colincamps, France.
 Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial 73
 Miscellaneous information from cemetery records Parents: John Henry and Maggie Hutton Gaudie JOHNSTON, Alexandra Drive, Bootle, Liverpool, England.
 Other details War service: Western Front
 Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal.

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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 Wilfrid Henry Johnston,
 2. Unit and Number (if known) 14th Battalion, A.I.F. no 4834.
 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 Albert Park State Victoria
 4. What was his Birthplace Bootle, Lancashire.
 5. Date of Death 11.4.18
 6. Place where Killed or Wounded Hebuterne, France.

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling Seafarer.
 2. Age at time of Death Just turned 19 years.
 3. What was his School Orrell Council & Bootle Pre-Apprentice. Lancashire.
 4. What was his other Training Football Boxing & all manly games.
 5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia 17½
 6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) Yes he joined the Lancashire Hussars (Cavalry) at the age of 16½.
 7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment:—
Captain of his school football team at 11 years of age. First boy to gain honours for his school in educational contest open to whole of England.
 8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship): not that I am aware.
 9. Name and Address of the Parent or other persons giving the information—
 Name John Henry Johnston.
 Relation to Soldier Father
 Address "Belmont", Alexandra Drive, Bootle, Lancashire.
 10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom references could be made by the Historian for further information—
 Name Rev Mr & Mrs Goode,
 Address St Jude's Vicarage, Melbourne.

NOTE.—This Folder is addressed to the O.C. Australian Graves Services, London. 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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