

## McNEIL, J. A.

James Alexander McNeill, a policeman, lived with his wife, Annie Selina McNeill (née Kane), and their three children at *Barrapoort*, 32 Princes St, North Carlton. James and his two eldest sons, Henry Kane McNeill (listed as McNeil, H K on the Board) and Neil James Kane McNeill (listed as McNeil, N J), served together in the 4<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade. Their unit embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A18 *Wiltshire* on 18 November 1915. All three men subsequently returned and are listed on the Honour Roll, where their surname is unfortunately mis-spelt.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **James Alexander McNEILL**

Regimental number	6753
Place of birth	Nagambie Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Plainclothes constable
Address	'Barrapoort', 32 Princess Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	45
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs A S McNeill, 'Barrapoort', 32 Princess Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	5 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Gunner
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade 4, Battery 12
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/32/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A18 <i>Wiltshire</i> on 18 November 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	4th Field Artillery Brigade
Fate	Returned to Australia 5 November 1917.

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The AIF record lists Mrs A S McNeill as the mother of J A McNeill. However, as the first page of J A McNeill's service records shows, Annie was his wife, not his mother.

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*12/17/15*  
*1745913*  
*1914*  
*M. Roberts*  
 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *6753* Name *McNeill James Alexander*  
 Unit *12th Bty. 4th F. A. Bde. A.I.F.*  
 Joined on *10 15 5/7/15*

12th, Pattery  
4th, Fia, Art, Bde

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... *McNeill James Alex*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ...  
 1. In the Parish of *Stabult* in or  
 near the Town of *Nie*  
 in the County of *Magalloway*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... *Not Born B. Sub.*
4. What is your age? ... *44 1/2*
5. What is your trade or calling? ... *Plain Clock Constate*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... *etc*
7. Are you married? ... *yes 3 children*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be given) ... *Wife (Barraport) 32 Princess St etc Carlton*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... *etc*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... *etc*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserves, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... *yes Police Constate 23 yrs*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... *yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... *no*
14. (For married persons only) ... *no*
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... *yes*

*James Alex McNeill* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am ready and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than ~~one-fifth~~ *three-fifths* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife~~ *wife and children*.

Date *5/7/15* Signature of person enlisted *J.A. McNeill*

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 22 years of age.  
 †Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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