

DEIDRICH, H.

H Deidrich has been identified as Harold Percival Diedrich, born in New South Wales in 1895, although unfortunately his surname was spelt incorrectly on the St Jude's Honour Roll. He was one of three soldiers on the Honour Roll who died on the first day of the landing at Gallipoli. The others were Sydney Smith and Walter Beckensall.

Harold was the youngest of nine children of Charles Frederick William Amandus Diedrich and Emily Jessie Andrew, who married in Victoria in 1877.

Harold's name is also included on the Honour Board at Lee Street State School, No 1252.

AIF Project Entry

Harold DIEDRICH

Regimental number	555
Place of birth	Sydney, New South Wales.
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Blacksmith
Address	457 Drummond Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Mrs Diedrich, 757 Drummond Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	17 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	6th Battalion, E Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/23/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A20 <i>Hororata</i> on 19 October 1914.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	6th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 25 April 1915.
Date of death	25 April 1915
Place of burial	No known grave

Commemoration details

The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 26), Gallipoli, Turkey.

The Lone Pine Memorial, situated in the Lone Pine Cemetery at Anzac, is the main Australian Memorial on Gallipoli, and one of four memorials to men of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Designed by Sir John Burnet, the principal architect of the Gallipoli cemeteries, it is a thick tapering pylon 14.3 metres high on a square base 12.98 metres wide. It is constructed from limestone mined at Ilgardere in Turkey.

The Memorial commemorates the 3268 Australians and 456 New Zealanders who have no known grave and the 960 Australians and 252 New Zealanders who were buried at sea after evacuation through wounds or disease. The names of New Zealanders commemorated are inscribed on stone panels mounted on the south and north sides of the pylon, while those of the Australians are listed on a long wall of panels in front of the pylon and to either side. Names are arranged by unit and rank.

The Memorial stands over the centre of the Turkish trenches and tunnels which were the scene of heavy fighting during the August offensive. Most cemeteries on Gallipoli contain relatively few marked graves, and the majority of Australians killed on Gallipoli are commemorated here.

Panel number, Roll of Honour,
Australian War Memorial
Other details

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War service: Egypt, Gallipoli.
Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal,
Victory Medal.

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