Connecting service people & records: suggested step-by-step

http://mosman1914-1918.net

• Find your man or woman on Mapping Our Anzacs

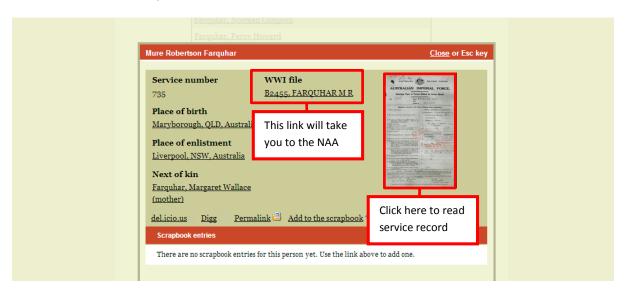
Search by family name http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/search.aspx

Identifying the right person – which 'S. Smith' is on the Mosman War Memorial? – can sometimes be difficult. The <u>index cards</u> compiled by the Canberra researcher, kept in Local Studies, can help. Also, check <u>George Franki's book</u>.

• Read through the service record

Lots of information, and clues, and often post-war letters included

- Note the person's service number (if not an officer)
- The unit(s) with which they served
- Timeline cross check with unit histories
- Were they wounded? Were they crimed?
- Note any Mosman addresses



• Add service record as a source

Use the NAA link! It will look something like this:

http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/DetailsReports/ItemDetail.as px?Barcode=3548472

• Go to Tim Sherratt's WW1 Records Finder for AWM and CWGC records

http://wraggelabs.com/ww1-records/

- For best results, enter the service number or as much detail as possible
- Link off directly to the relevant page on the AWM or CWGC site
- Copy the link and paste into Doing our bit > Add a source

• Search Trove newspapers

http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper

Search other collections

Mosman

- Trace, Mosman Library's digital archive http://images.mosman.nsw.gov.au/local-studies
- Mosman Library Flickr photos https://www.flickr.com/photos/mosmanlibrary/
 Geraldine Walsh is posting her research in the comments

Other collections

- State Library of NSW http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/
- Australian War Memorial http://www.awm.gov.au/
- Google http://google.com
 - Friends & Family of the First AIF http://fffaif.org.au
 - Light Horse Studies Centre http://alh-research.tripod.com/Light Horse/
 - The Spirits of Gallipoli http://www.spirits-of-gallipoli.com/

Person > Update

Some of the key bits of information

- Write a brief biographical note for your person
 - Got more to say? Write an article for the blog: http://mosman1914-1918.net/project/
- Dates birth and death
- Addresses Mosman addresses so we can map people to streets
- Related people to connect brothers and sisters in the services
- Associated organisations their unit e.g. 8th Field Ambulance

Help

Using the website

- Check the crib sheet on the blog http://mosman1914-1918.net/project/blog/crib-sheet
- Check the help page <u>http://mosman1914-1918.net/contribute/</u>
- Email bern@norestforthewicked.net
- Ask on our Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/mosman1418

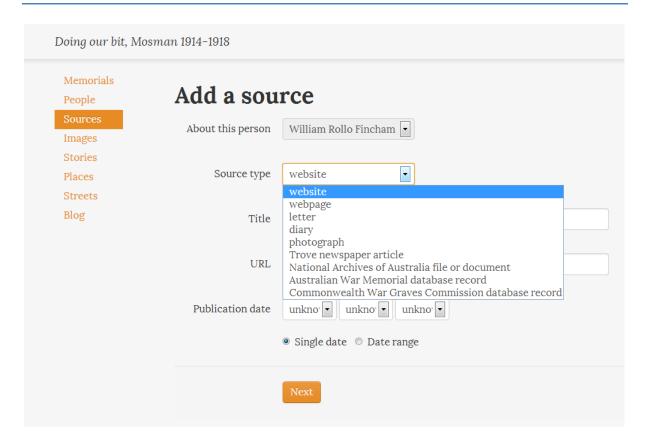
Research help

Check our list of resources
 http://mosman1914-1918.net/project/resources

Common gotchas

- Not all service men and women are in the AIF navy records, for example, are not in
 Mapping our Anzacs; some people served with British forces, you'll need to track them
 down in the National Archives, UK
- Names can be incorrectly spelled or transcribed you can merge names when you're certain they are the same person, and send us an email if a transcription from e.g. the Mosman War Memorial is incorrect
- Unit names are not consistent, e.g. 1st, Australian Light Horse Machine Gun Squadron and 1 Australian Light Horse Machine Gun Squadron, Australian Army. We'll merge these near the completion of the project.
- Conflicting information that's expected, just link your sources

Add a source - types



Primary sources – when linked, these automatically add information to the person's page

- National Archives of Australia file or document
- Australian War Memorial database record
 - o Embarkation Roll
 - o Roll of Honour
 - Honours & Awards
 - Red Cross Wounded & Missing
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission database record
- Trove newspaper article

Other sources

- Website
- Webpage
- Letter
- Diary
- Photograph make sure to upload a JPG or PNG file