



**“Sleep on! Australia’s noble sons, we bow our heads to thee**

**Who fought and made the sacrifice to keep Australia free”**

(these words are from a poem written by Frank Walker, a local citizen. The poem was handed to Lieutenant Governor William Lennon at the unveiling of the memorial.)



*1925 - the memorial in its original position in the centre of Beenleigh, ready for the unveiling.*

The dignitaries watched the cloudy skies on that afternoon of the 21<sup>st</sup> November 1925 as the good citizens of Beenleigh and environs gathered for the unveiling of the R.S.S.I.L.A. Beenleigh Sub-Branch Monument. In the crowd were the proud families and friends of those who had volunteered to serve, some of whom made the supreme sacrifice, in the Great War – the ‘War to End All Wars’.

Who were these young people who had so bravely responded to the call to arms?


Many of their families live in our community today and some of their names are recorded on the monument in the heart of Beenleigh. Members of the Logan River and District Family History Society have spent time researching and recording the 236 stories of the men and one woman from the Beenleigh area. These stories tell of their daily lives rather than of battalions and battles, which have been well-covered elsewhere. The project was first published in 2009 as a CD, this revised edition includes more names.

The project was first initiated when several of our members, led by Kevin Egan, researched names on the Beenleigh War Memorial and published the first CD that contained information about the memorial and some general data about the soldiers and WW1. Dianna Ottaway came across it in 2014 and decided that she would expand it to include men and women from the general Beenleigh area who had served.

**Beenleigh War Memorial**

---

**Teresa Josephine Dunne RRC**




Teresa Dunne was born in Waterford in 1887. She completed her Nurse's Examinations in 1913 and was registered as a Nurse in 1914.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1914, Teresa enlisted in the Australian Army Nursing Service, AANS, and was posted to the newly formed 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital. Nurse Dunne embarked on the HMAT ASS Kyarra in Brisbane, bound for Egypt.

As part of her nursing duties, Teresa served on the nursing staff of several hospital ships returning to Australia with wounded soldiers. Teresa was promoted to the rank of Nursing Sister with the 1st Australian General Hospital on 1st December 1915.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> September 1916, Sister Dunne enlisted in the Indian Service Australian Medical Corps with the rank of Charge Sister. She served in the Decan War Hospital with the British Indian Service. Teresa was promoted to Charge Sister then to Temporary Matron AANS in December 1916.

In January 1917, Head Sister Dunne reported to Admin HQ AIF in London. On the 9<sup>th</sup> February she was admitted to the No 1 AGH Sutton Veny with severe influenza. Teresa was then granted leave for non-military employment with pay until September 1919.




On the 24<sup>th</sup> March 1919, Matron Dunne was awarded the Royal Red Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Class in recognition for her invaluable service and devotion to duty. This was presented to her by His Majesty the King.

Photo Royal Red Cross 1<sup>st</sup> Class, image courtesy of the Australian War Memorial

**Beenleigh War Memorial**

---

**Luke Hubback Flood**




Luke Flood was born in Logan in 1875. His family immigrated from Norfolk in England in 1865.

During the Boer War, Luke served twice with the Queensland Imperial Bushmen.

Luke married Gwyneth Elizabeth Brett on November 17<sup>th</sup> 1915.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1916, Luke enlisted in the AIF, he was 40 years old and a farmer, he was posted to the 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer, Reg No 2615 with the rank of Private. Luke embarked in Brisbane on the A99 Seang Choon on the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1916.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> 1917, Luke proceeded to France as Pioneer Training Battalion in Larkhill. He was taken on strength with the 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer on April 14<sup>th</sup>. In July 1917, Luke was admitted to hospital with trench fever, rejoining the battalion in September. In November 1918, Luke was admitted to the 41<sup>st</sup> Stationary Hospital in Rouen with influenza, rejoining the battalion in December.



Luke was marched out to England for early return to Australia on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 1919.


Photo left, the Surkinia returning troops, Port Melbourne. Image courtesy of South Brisbane and the Australian War Memorial.

Dianna, with the help of Diane Schulz, researched the daily lives of these people, as well as their military service. The project includes the stories those who returned to continue living their lives in our community and elsewhere, as well as who died during the war.


The project has been published as a collection of stories, plus other information, in digital format on a USB drive which can be purchased from the society for \$30 (including postage), or as a digital download for \$20. Contact us by email [loganriverfhs@hotmail.com](mailto:loganriverfhs@hotmail.com)

*Insets. extracts from:  
Theresa Josephine Dunne,  
Luke Hubbard Flood, and  
Edward Wilfred Millington*

Following his time in the AIF, Edward worked as a draughtsman and lived in Nambour, South Brisbane and then New Farm. He never married.



Edward Wilfred Millington died on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1955, he was 74 years old. He was buried in Lutwyche Cemetery, ANZ-8-12-33.



*Lutwyche Cemetery ANZ section, showing the area where Edward is buried. Sadly, the grave is unmarked. Photo by Dianna Ottaway*

The vast collection of research behind the stories is a useful resource for anyone researching the families of these volunteers. This is being kept in digital form at our research rooms. Anyone wishing to access it should contact the society (non-members pay a research fee).

