

Boy soldiers on the Roll of Honour for the Second World War

The following 'boy soldiers' and 'boy sailors' have been identified among the 40,000 names on the Roll of Honour for the Second World War.

Private **Ronald Baden Thomas** (VX62736, 2/21st Battalion) died in Indonesia on 20 February 1942, aged 15 years. He is commemorated on the Ambon Memorial

Private **John Latima Assheton** (NX202253, 2/41st Battalion) died in Australia on 9 July 1944, aged 16 years. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery, Sydney.

Private **Ernest Arthur Deane** (NX52899, 2/2nd Machine Gun Battalion) died in Egypt on 19 August 1941, aged 16 years. He is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery.

Private **Donoma** (PN1079, Paga Paga Battery (RAA) att 1 Papuan Infantry Battalion) died in Papua New Guinea on 19 January 1941, aged 16 years. He is commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial, Papua New Guinea.

Private **Thomas Arthur Jiggins** (NX35926, 2/19th Battalion) died in Singapore on 22 January 1942, aged 16 years. He is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial, Singapore.

Lance Bombardier **Alfred Joseph Murphy** (VX43630, 2/3rd Light Anti Aircraft Regiment) died on 20 May 1941 on Crete, Greece, aged 16. He is commemorated on the Athens Memorial.

Private **Bruce Mcswain** (NX73811, 3rd Battalion) died on 22 January 1942, aged 16 years. He is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

Private **Joseph Rorkin** (NX73811, 3rd Battalion) died on 11 July 1942 in Papua New Guinea. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

Private (Pata) **Topipin** (P973, 1st Papuan Infantry Battalion) died May 1944 in Papua New Guinea, aged 16 years. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

Trooper **James Arthur David Bridge** (NX81807, 1st Armoured Corps Training Regiment) (alias David Geoffrey Leafe) died on 4 March 1942 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Private **Charles Stanley Buchanan** (NX49374, 2/19th Battalion) died on 15 February 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

Private **William Martin Burke** (NX44815, 2/19th Battalion) died on 9 February 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Kranji War Cemetery.

Private **Stanley Ivan Davis** (NX30110, 2/19th Battalion) died on 15 February 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

Private **John Edward Doyle** (VX58684, 2/23rd Battalion) died on 22 July 1942 in Egypt, aged 17 years. He is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery.

Private **William Gordon Field** (VX8467, 2/8th Battalion) died on 12 April 1941 in Greece, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Athens Memorial.

Private **Rex Keylock French** (N224445, 28th Infantry Training Battalion) died on 14 March 1943, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Cowra War Cemetery.

Signalman **Aubrey David Gane** (N101895, 2/19th Battalion) died on 15 May 1941 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried at the Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Private **Raymond Leslie Geraghty** (Nx42478, 2/19th Battalion) died on 17 March 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Kranji War Cemetery.

Sapper **Ronald Jack Grundy** (N109341, 60th Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Company) died on 15 May 1941 in Australia. He is commemorated at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium, Chatswood,

Private **Tasman Frank Hite** (T255675, 6th Garrison Battalion) died on 3 March 1940 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Wynyard Public Cemetery.

Corporal **Donald Alfred Howlett** (V22072, 39th Battalion) died on 10 August 1942 in Papua New Guinea, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial.

Private **George Arthur Hutchinson** (VX51041, 2/29th Battalion) died on 20 January 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Kranji War Cemetery.

Gunner **Kevin Henry Ireland** (NX191486, Heavy Battery Rabaul) died on 1 July 1942 in Papua New Guinea, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Rabaul Memorial.

Private **Geoffrey Dalton Jamieson** (SX24864, 126 General Transport Company) died on 15 November 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery.

Gunner **Frank Christian Corrie Kemp** (NX73207, 2/17th Light Anti Aircraft Battery) died on 15 May 1943 in Papua New Guinea, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

Private **Leslie Allen Lanham** (NX54488, Training Depot Eastern Command) died on 21 November 1941 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Macquarie Park Cemetery And Crematorium.

Private **Norman Stanley Leslie** (V181127, 15th Training Battalion) died on 24 May 1942 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Footscray Cemetery.

Private **William Percival Gordon Millar** (VX40373, 2/24th Battalion) died on 11 July 1942 in Libya, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Tobruk War Cemetery.

Private **Albert William Moag** (NX31779, 2/3rd Pioneer Battalion) (served as Albert William O'Shea) died on 31 October 1942 in Egypt, aged 17 years. He is buried in the El Alamein War Cemetery.

Private **Douglas Macelroy Maclean** (N109514, 14th Anti Aircraft Battery) died on 12 December 1941 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

Sapper **Rex Austin Newell** (NX140696, 1st Field Squadron) died on 24 January 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery.

Private **James Vivian O'Brien** (NX54662, 2/2nd Battalion) died on 12 July 1942 in Sri Lanka, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Colombo (Kanatte) General Cemetery.

Private **Noel Roy Partridge** (NX43367, 2/1st Battalion) died on 21 November 1942 in Papua New Guinea, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Port Moresby Memorial.

Gunner **David Douglas Penman** (WX36331, 66th Anti Aircraft Battery) died on 19 June 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Perth War Cemetery And Annex.

Private **Maurice Raymond Perry** (NX48930, 7th Machine Gun Battalion) died on 12 May 1943 in Papua New Guinea, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

Private **Anthony Robert Redmond** (NX49060, 2/19th Battalion) died on 15 February 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

Private **John William Henry Smith** (VX34943, 2/32nd Battalion) died on 14 September 1941 in Egypt, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Alamein Memorial.

Private **Allan Leigh Summerville** (NX89567, 2/6th Independent Company) died on 7 December 1942 in Papua New Guinea, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

Private **Harry Waters** (VX63978, 2/10th Ordnance Workshop) died on 14 February 1942 in Singapore, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Singapore Memorial.

Private **William Maxwell Wheeler** (WX500703, 1st Recruit Training Battalion) died on 26 July 1946 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Sydney War Cemetery.

Private **Wesley Murray Williams** (VX61326, 2/21st Battalion) died on 20 February 1942 in Indonesia, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Ambon Memorial.

Trooper **Dudley James Wright** (NX144623, 12th Armoured Regiment) died on 7 February 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Taabinga Cemetery.

Cadet **John Gilbert Morris** (HMAS Cerberus) died on 15 January 1941 in Australia, aged 16 years. He is buried in the Payneham Cemetery.

Stoker **John William Clark** (H1690, HMAS Yarra) died on 4 March 1942 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **William James Morris Cork** (24608, HMAS Sydney) died on 20 November 1941 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Cadet **Kevin John Donovan** (HMAS Canberra) died on 9 August 1942 off Savo Island in the Solomon Islands, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **Ronald John Gannon** (S9424, HMAS Australia) died on 5 January 1945 near Luzon Island, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **Frank Rupert Hack** (PM2541, HMAS Goorangai) died on 20 November 1940 in Port Phillip Bay, Australia aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **George James Haywood** (H1453, HMAS Sydney) died on 20 November 1941 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Stoker **Donald Richard Glenn Kilby** (H1689, HMAS Perth) died on 1 March 1942 in the Sunda Strait, Indonesia aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **Francis Roy Nichols** (H1458, HMAS Sydney) died in the Indian Ocean on 20 November 1941, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **Cameron William Reed** (B5256, HMAS Moreton) died on 15 December 1944 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Brisbane (Lutwyche) Cemetery.

Ordinary Seaman **Phillip Alexander Rennison** (58742, HMAS Ladava) died on 4 December 1943, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Port Moresby (Bomana) War Cemetery.

Stoker **Desmond Maxwell Rice** (W2013, HMAS Sydney) died on 20 November 1941 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **Raymond Jack Rinkin** (56962, HMAS Assault) died on 14 November 1942 in Sydney, Australia aged 17 years. He is buried in the Macquarie Park Cemetery And Crematorium.

Ordinary Seaman **Kenneth Alwyn Roper** (PM6686, HMAS Cerberus) died on 15 March 1944 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne.

Stoker **Robert Stevenson** (S5336, HMAS Sydney) died on 20 November 1941 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Assistant Steward **Lindsay John Stewart** (B3981, HMAS Cerberus) died on 2 January 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the Bowral Cemetery.

Ordinary Seaman **Ronald Ian Sutherland** (S10027, HMAS Cerberus) died on 6 September 1945 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is buried in the HMAS Cerberus Cemetery.

Stoker **Jack Stephen Trenbath** (S5208, HMAS Sydney) died on 20 November 1941 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **George Alfred Turner** (PM3372, HMAS Sydney) died 20 November 1941 in the Indian Ocean, aged 17 years. He is commemorated at the Plymouth Naval Memorial.

Merchant Seamen

The following 'boy merchant seamen' have been identified on the Commemorative Roll.

Ordinary Seaman **William Henry Rushford** (SS Iron Crown) died on 4 June 1942 in Australia, aged 16 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Deck Boy **David Abbott** (HMAHS Centaur) died on 14 May 1943 in Australia, aged 16 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Deck Hand **Roger Frederick Hart** (HMAHS Centaur) died on 14 May 1943 in Australia, aged 16 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Cadet **Robert Henry Stobo** (MV Neptuna) died on 19 February 1942 in Australia, aged 16 years. He is buried in the Adelaide River War Cemetery.

Deck Boy **John Welblund Lindemann** (SS Iron Chieftain) died on 3 June 1942 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Ordinary Seaman **Alexander Douglas Thomas** (SS Iron Knight) died on 8 February 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Deck Boy **Kenneth James Durie** (SS Wollongbar) died on 29 April 1943 in Australia, aged 17 years. He is commemorated on the Sydney Memorial.

Sources

- - Australian War Memorial, [Roll of Honour](#)
 - [Commonwealth War Graves Commission Casualty Register](#)