

ANZAC Connections People Profile Template

Sir John Angus Nimmo

Service Number: n/a

Related Collection: 3DRL/3958

Related Conflict: Second World War

MICA Mpeo ID: 22050

NAA service record Permalink: n/a

Web Profile Description (approx. 300 words):

- *Place of birth or place of significance to pre-war life: e.g., where raised*
- *Occupation prior to enlisting*
- *Family or significant relationships: e.g., engaged*
- *Enlistment and embarkation details*
- *Interesting story about service preferably relating back to collections held at the AWM although try not to quote from their private records collections*
- *Finish off with what they did after the conflict*

Sir John Angus Nimmo was born at Ballarat on 15 January 1909 to John James and Grace (née Mann) Nimmo. He was the eldest of four brothers and moved to Melbourne with his family when he was ten years old. John lived in Melbourne and studied law at Melbourne University. By 1933, he had graduated and was practicing as a barrister at the Victorian Bar. John married Teanie Rose Galloway in 1935.

John Nimmo was rejected for active service due to blindness in his left eye (caused by an air rifle incident in childhood). However, he volunteered for the Australian Red Cross as a field force officer ('searcher'), establishing the fate of soldiers missing in action in the Middle East and Papua New Guinea. He also travelled to Europe as a representative of the Australian Red Cross attached to the Prisoner Recovery Unit.

After the war, Nimmo returned to Melbourne to continue practicing law. Throughout his career he held many significant positions, including Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory (1969-1974) and Chief Justice of Fiji (1972-1974). He was also appointed a Knight Bachelor in 1972. In February 1977 he was appointed Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, a role he held until 1980 before moving back to Victoria.

He and Teanie had one son. By 1980, Sir John Nimmo had retired and was living at Mount Eliza, Victoria. He died on 7 July 1997.

Sources:

Victoria Births Deaths & Marriages- birth number 342 / 1909

Victoria Births Deaths & Marriages- marriage registration number 13605 / 1935,
<https://my.rio.bdm.vic.gov.au/efamily-history/>

Ancestry, electoral rolls:

Item description- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C89720>

Trove:

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/11799840?searchTerm=john%20angus%20nimmo&searchLimits=>

Oral history- <https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/awm-media/collection/S01038/document/1043753.PDF>

https://minerva-access.unimelb.edu.au/bitstream/handle/11343/39227/67253_00003212_01_Embedded_-_The_Australian_Red_Cross_in_the_Second_World_War.pdf?sequence=1

Bio: [https://howlingpixel.com/i-en/John_Nimmo_\(judge\)](https://howlingpixel.com/i-en/John_Nimmo_(judge))

BP423/1, 1- Inquiry into Norfolk Island-

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=31454606>

Bio: <http://www.supremecourt.nt.gov.au/judges/former/nimmo.html>

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ANZAC Connections People Profile Guidelines

People profiles

The purpose of the people profiles is to promote the person and associated collection/s. These people are more than a name on a piece of paper and we would like to create a narrative that allows people to identify with them. We want to introduce these people and encourage those people reading the profiles to delve further into their stories by reading the collections that we picked for digitisation.

The people profiles should include particular information in the introduction although we don't want these to be standardised to a style of "insert detail here". The profiles should tell the story of the individual concerned with an emphasis on First World War service and some information on what happened after they returned home.

The aim is to bring information together on these people so that it is available for people to read in one place. The biography is just one tab on the new results page and we have provided links

to the information/sources (eg. rolls) for those members of the public who would like to go off and find the information themselves.

Editing

The steps below relate to new people profiles specifically written for the ANZAC Connections project.

- Profiles should be written using the template and saved in the general SharePoint folder [Anzac Connections - People profiles](#)
- Profiles should be peer reviewed (fact checked) by members of the Digitisation team.
- Once profiles have been completed and reviewed, they should be put into the SharePoint folder [Completed People Profiles waiting for the Editor](#) an email is then sent to the Editor currently [Andrew McDonald](#) advising him that there are profiles ready to be checked.
- Once the profiles have been checked by the editor and changes made, the editor moves them into the SharePoint [Returned from Editor](#) folder. The information is then copied into the MICA web profile field.
- Profile can now be released to web and the People Profile is moved into the SharePoint [Published on the web](#) folder.

Following the publishing of the people profiles online, check for;

- Display errors (check all MICA fields are correct then liaise with the Digital Experience team)
- Typing errors (the Digitisation team can correct these using MICA)

If new information is to be added to the people profile, a new version is to be saved in SharePoint. The new version then has to go through the same procedures for new people profiles (see above).

Guidelines

When writing people profiles there are a few things to consider:

Guideline	Example
Do not include troop ship number	HMAT Ulysses not HMAT Ulysses A38
Do not include ordinals in dates	2 January 1915 not 2 nd January 1915
Font and other text formatting is stripped from text when inserted into MICA	Copying and pasting this sentence into MICA is fine: 'HMAT <i>Ulysses</i> off <u>Melbourne</u> '
Names of states should be spelt in full	New South Wales, not NSW
Born at, not born in	Born at Leeton, New South Wales
For quoting book titles use single quotes	'The golden years' not italics (MICA doesn't like)
For those with a ROH entry, Official Records would prefer these standard sentences	[Name] is buried at [Cemetery name], [Country] [Name] is commemorated on the [Memorial name], [Country]
When referring to ranks, only capitalise the first letter of the rank when used as a title preceding a name	General William Throsby Bridges Bridges was promoted to the rank of general
Honours and awards are dated from the London Gazette	Smith was awarded the Military Medal (gazetted 12 May 1915)
First instance spell a term in full and then in all subsequent cases an acronym may be used	Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.)
Use ANZAC not Anzac as for the time being it is what is officially in the AWM Style Guide	ANZAC not Anzac

Possible sources

Source	Information available
First World War embarkation roll	Name, service number, rank, roll title (unit), conflict, date of embarkation, place of embarkation, ship embarked on.
First World War embarkation roll (attached document)	Service number, name, rank allocated, age, profession, marital status, address, next of kin, religion, date of joining, unit, pay details and other notes.
Roll of Honour	Name, service number, rank, unit, service, conflict, date of death, place of death, cause of death, age at death, place of association, cemetery or memorial details, source.
Roll of Honour (attached circular)	Usually completed by a next of kin or close relative. Contains: name, unit, place of association, birth place, date of death, place of death, profession, age at death, schooling, other training, when/if immigrated to Australia, previous military service, biographical details, connection with another person serving, and the contact details of the parent/relative who completed the circular.
First World War nominal roll	Service number, rank, name, unit at time of death/discharge, date enlisted, fate

	(Killed in Action, Returned to Australia, Died of Wounds, Died of Accidental Wounds), date of fate.
Honours and Awards roll	Name, rank, unit, service, conflict, award, date of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, location in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, date of London Gazette, location in London Gazette. Note: honours and awards are dated from the London Gazette.
Commonwealth War Graves Commission (www.cwgc.org)	Name, rank, service number, date of death, regiment/service, grave or memorial reference, cemetery buried at/memorial commemorated on. Also includes information on the cemetery/memorial.
Mapping our ANZACs (http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au)	Service information
Trove (https://trove.nla.gov.au/)	Search Trove for newspaper details from the Ryerson Index for obituary / funeral notice in newspaper.
Service records (http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/)	Search by service number and surname. Service records are the source of much of the information on the First World War rolls and also detail service and medical history, correspondence, promotions and awards. Useful for detailing when someone transferred units, was injured/hospitalised and promotion dates.
Ancestry Library (http://www.ancestrylibrary.com/)	Birth details (usually year and parents, sometimes exact date, location registered); marriage details, census details, election enrolment, death details.
<p>As Ancestry is a log-in/session based site creating a link in the 'normal' way is not a permanent link and will not work for the editor or peer reviewer.</p> <p>The 'View printer-friendly' or the 'Send Your Find Home' takes you to a static URL page, use this for creating your permanent reference link.</p> <p>'Send Document' also works, but there are a few more steps involved.</p>	<div data-bbox="869 1294 1407 1818" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Send Your Find Home!</p> <p>Enter your email address and we will send you a link to your personalized Discovery Page where you can view and download all of the great finds you make while here.</p> <p>SEND DOCUMENT</p> <p><i>We value your privacy. Read our Privacy Statement</i></p> <p> View printer-friendly</p> </div>
London Gazette (http://www.london-gazette.co.uk/)	Useful for detailing when an honour was awarded and when it was gazetted (often as a supplement issue)
Australian Dictionary of Biography (http://adb.anu.edu.au/)	For more prominent members who served, it contains thoroughly researched biographical information spanning the

	person's entire life, including service.
Google search (www.google.com)	If stuck for information, a simple search for their name can bring up some often obscure but useful results.
Western Australia Births Deaths and Marriages (http://www.bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/_apps/pioneers/index/default.aspx)	Free to search. Good for fact checking and confirming years and names.
Queensland Births Deaths and Marriages (https://www.qld.gov.au/law/births-deaths-marriages-and-divorces/family-history-research/)	Free to search. Good for fact checking and confirming years and names.
NSW Births Deaths and Marriages (http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/bdm_fh.html)	Free to search. Good for fact checking and confirming years and names.
The Ryerson Index (http://www.ryersonindex.org/)	Mainly NSW death notices in newspapers.