

1914-1918 Memorial Plaque

'Dead Man's Penny'

The next of kin of soldiers, sailors and nurses who died while serving in the AIF and RAN during the First World War were presented with a Memorial Scroll, and later a Remembrance Plaque, a 'Dead Man's Poppy', as a solace for bereavement and as a memento. The memorial plaques were issued to commemorate all those who died as a result of war service from within the British Commonwealth. Each plaque had the name of the soldier commemorated individually embossed as part of the design. The full name was given without any indication of rank or honours to show the equality of sacrifice of all those who had lost their lives. The first plaques were distributed in Australia in 1922.

