

# Corporal Colin Wilfrid HEAD

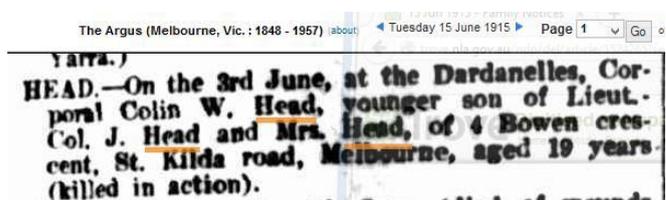
Corporal No 38 Colin Wilfred Head was the youngest child of Colonel John Head VD and Kate Head (nee Manly) of 'Dunvegan' Esplanade, Brighton Beach.

He was a brother to Grace, John and Kate. A 19 year old grazier living at Moore Park, Kyneton, his previous military service was three years with the senior cadets and with the 17<sup>th</sup> Light Horse from July 1<sup>st</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 1914 when he enlisted. He was 5'9 tall, weighed 154 lbs, with fair complexion, grey eyes and straight brownhair.

He embarked with the 7th Infantry Battalion on 19<sup>th</sup> October 1914 on board HMAT *Hororata* A20 from Melbourne.

Corporal Head was killed in action on 25 Apr 1915 and is buried at No 2 Outpost Cemetery, Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale Province, Turkey. His epitaph reads: In Memory of "The Dear Son of Colonel & Mrs J Head of Melbourne".

He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial (Panel 50) and on the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen at Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria.



*HEAD. —On the 3rd June, at the Dardanelles, Corporal Colin W. Head, younger son of Lieut.- Col. J. Head and Mrs. Head, of 4 Bowen crescent, St. Kilda road, Melbourne, aged 19 years (killed in action).*

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Siblings and Spouses: Edwin & Grace THOMPSON  
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