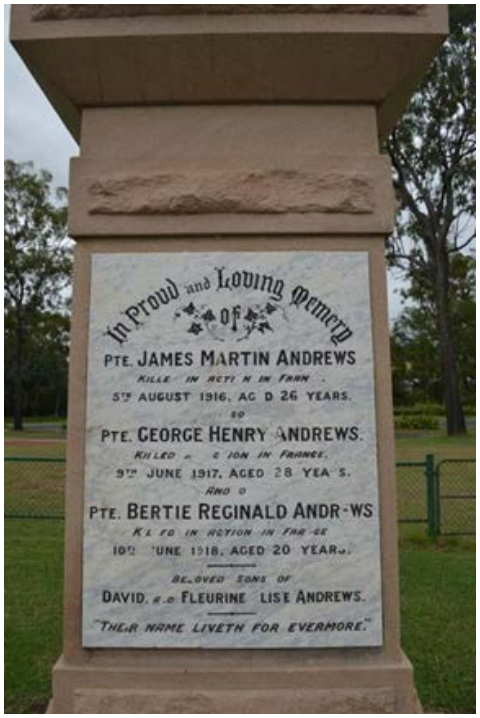
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Andrews Brothers of Ma Ma Creek

Remembrance Day 2025

Soldiers and Riflemen in the
Great War 1914 - 1918

The Andrews Brothers of Ma Ma Creek

In the small rural town of Ma Ma Creek, near Grantham in the Lockyer Valley, Queensland, the World War I contribution and sacrifice of one local family is told through a prominent figure of a soldier in the grounds of St Stephen's Anglican Church.This monument was erected by Mrs. Fleurine Andrews in memory of her three sons, who all made the supreme sacrifice in France during the Great War of 1914 – 1918 - James Martin, aged 26 years, George Henry, aged 28 years, and Bertie Reginald, aged 30 years.



How do these three brothers from Ma Ma Creek relate to the Queensland Rifle Association's WWI Honour Board.

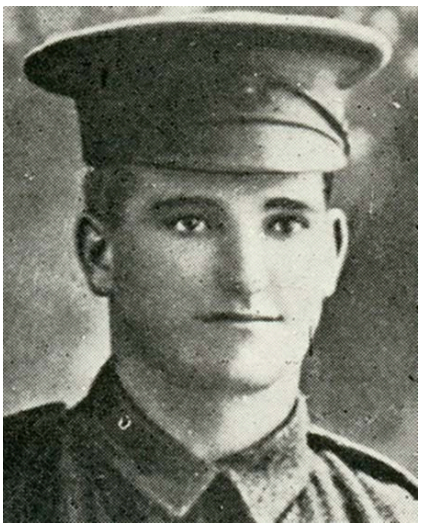
David & Fleurine Andrews had 11 children with George born in 1888 as their third son, James born in 1890 was their fourth son and Bertie born in 1897 was their 6th son. George, James and Bertie attended the local Ma Ma Creek school. George later attended Gatton Agricultural College, James was employed in managing his mother's farm alongside Bertie.

Prior to enlistment James and Bertie were both members of the Ma Ma Creek Rifle Club and George was a member of the Townsville Rifle Club

James and Bertie enlisted on the same day in 1915 in Brisbane and had consecutive Service Numbers – 4357 and 4358. They embarked from Sydney for Egypt in March 1916 on HMAT Star of Victoria with the 25th Infantry Battalion.



James Martin



Bertie Reynolds

George enlisted in Townsville in March 1916 with Service Number 2127.



Both James & Bertie left Egypt for France where they went into action in August 1916. They were both involved in the Battle of Pozieres when James was killed in action on 5 August. Bertie was severely wounded that same day and sent to Bristol England.

In 1916, George embarked from Brisbane on the HMAT Boorara with the 47th Infantry Battalion. He completed his training at Salisbury Plain, England, then went to France as a Private where he joined 4th ADBD then in February 1917 was Taken on Strength by the 7th Battalion, AIF. He was Killed in Action in Belgium on 9 June 1917.

In early 1918, Bertie returned to France and was Taken On Strength by 25th Infantry Battalion. Bertie was Killed in Action at Villers-Bretonneux, the Somme, France, 10 June 1918.

All three brothers were awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for their services and sacrifice.

Neither George nor James have a known grave, with both listed as "Known Unto God", George is recorded at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, and James at Villers-Bretonneux Memorial. Bertie is buried at Beacon Cemetery in France

Memorials for the three brothers are located on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Gatton Weeping Mother Memorial and Ma Ma Creek Memorial.

Although the memorial at Ma Ma Creek is a private monument, it is used by the wider community for ANZAC Day ceremonies as it stands to symbolise what so many mothers, families and local communities endured through World War I.



Here today, we remember the sacrifices of these three brothers, George, James and Bertie Andrews
We will remember them.