

Teacher Resource 1 - Guiding students to become Historical detectives using the image Making Music at Blackboy Hill camp, 1914

Who was Leonard Darcy?

Take students through the process of finding out about the one of the men in the photo. Name (Leonard Darcy), Service number (182A) and military unit (Third Field Ambulance)

1.. Search in Australian War Memorial (AWM) resources :
Type into search engine "AWM Leonard Darcy (182A)" which will provide the embarkation details shown below:

Service Number: 182A

Rank: Private

Roll title: 3 Field Ambulance (September-October 1914)

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of embarkation: 02 November 1914

Place of embarkation: Fremantle

Ship embarked on: HMAT *Medic A7*

2. Where else can I look?

Try Australian Imperial Forces (AIF) records

Google search: "AIF Leonard Darcy *Medic*"

you will find the following information which adds where Darcy was born, marital status , his fate in the war.

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=72265>

3. Knowing that Darcy enlisted in Melbourne you may be able to find his enlistment record in

<http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/map.aspx?d=vic>

There are more than 72,000 who enlisted in Melbourne during the war but you will find Darcy's enlistment records if you Google

"Search Mapping Our ANZACs - Melbourne Leonard Darcy "

The site below provides the enlistments - you will need to find D in the fairly inefficient scrolling system.

<http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/list-enlist.aspx?enlist=Melbourne%2c+VIC%2c+Australia>

Review what you have found out about Darcy
Married or Single? He came across to WA (Kalgoorlie) from Melbourne,

He trained at Blackboy Hill camp,

He embarked for war on 31 October from Fremantle (2 November - from Australia) 1914 on the HMAT *Medic*

He survived the war but was injured in the elbow.

This will generate other questions such as: Where did he serve? What were his duties in the Ambulance Brigade? What were his experiences during the war?

4. You can find out more about the history of the Third Field Ambulance during the war by searching the Australian War Memorial website. A diary written by a member of the 3rd Field Ambulance from Brisbane can be found at the site below. This will provide duties of the members of this corps.

<http://www.awm.gov.au/collection/RCDIG1011945/?image=3#display-image>

Records and secondary sources written on John Simpson Kirkpatrick, who was also a member of the 3rd Field Ambulance, will reveal some duties Darcy would have undertaken.

<http://www.awm.gov.au/people/P10675912/>

The "Who, when, where, how, what was his war like?" have now been answered and the value of a range of resources have been demonstrated.

Some fine detective work has been achieved!!

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Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 188 Name Darcy Leonard
 Unit A. I. Co. Exp.
 Joined on 17th August '14

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... 1. Darcy Leonard
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of Walhalla in or near the Town of Gippsland in the County of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. Yes
4. What is your age? ... 4. 24 1/2 years
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ...
6. Are you, or have you been an Apprentice? If so, where, whom, and for what period? ...
7. Are you married? ...
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ...
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ...
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ...
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... 11. no
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? ... 12. yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 13. no
- *14. (For married men and widowers with children)—
Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14. —

~~52 Peers St
Richmond
N.O.K. wife Mr. P. S. Darcy~~

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I, Leonard Darcy do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot—

- (a) ~~Not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife—~~
- (b) ~~Not less than three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.~~

Date 17th Aug 1914

E. L. Darcy
Signature of Person Enlisted.

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* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 28 years of age.