

Countries



Men of Oundle Leaving for War. From Peterborough Museum (CG127)

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Countries during WW1



Portrait of Frederick Gordon Brettle.

From Judith Hinshelwood

"My name is Frederick Gordon Brettle, I will be guiding you through the theme of Countries during WW1:

I moved with my family from England to Australia in 1913, two years later I joined the army. I emigrated to the other side of the world, but many who served in the war might never have left their villages or towns before enlisting, let alone their continent! There are however entries in the visitors' books written by men from as far afield as South Africa and Canada. This was a global conflict, hence the name world war, and after the war the world map changed drastically, particularly in Europe."

Related Themes:

Migration, Commemoration, Family,
Geography, Commonwealth, Languages.

SOURCES:

Using the sources provided on the following pages you can conduct your own research on the theme of Countries during WW1.

For some questions you may want to look at the website: www.peterboroughww1.co.uk



A black and white studio portrait of a young man in a military uniform. He stands centrally, facing the camera with his hands behind his back. He wears a wide-brimmed campaign hat with a chin strap, a high-collared tunic with several pockets, breeches, and puttees. The background is a painted studio backdrop depicting a landscape with trees and a body of water. The image is framed by a dark border.

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Home sweet Home far across the seas
Signaller 4 G Brett
30 Batt A.I.F

I, Friedrich Gordon Brettle
herby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service
(Approved and given by the Governor-General in Council, in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the
Military Authorities)

Name Brettle Surname Gordon
Age 27 Sex M Height 5' 8" Weight 160 lbs
Place of Birth Blackburn, Victoria Date of Birth 9-15
Residence Blackburn, Victoria
Occupation Civilian
Education Primary School
Service Record No previous military service
Special Remarks To the Commanding Officer.
This is to certify that
I Joseph Brettle father of F.G. Brettle and
Clara Brettle her mother are willing to
sign his papers of enlistment
Signed Joseph Brettle Father
Clara Brettle & Mother
Date 11th Oct 1915

- Search for Brettle on the web-site, what do the letters in his entry 'A.I.F.' stand for?
- What does his story tell you about living conditions in the trenches?

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From Peterborough Advertiser,
13/1/1917

SOURCES:

The sources on this page relate to Thomas Hunter, they include:

1. A Photograph
2. A Photograph
3. An Article
4. A Photograph

QUESTIONS:

- How did Thomas Hunter arrive in Peterborough?
- Where did his funeral take place?
- What current building did the infirmary used to be in?

WEBSITE TASK:

- Read the article about Thomas Hunter on the 'Discover More' section of the website.
- What does 'ANZAC' mean?
- What happened in 1910?



From Peterborough Advertiser, 5/5/1917

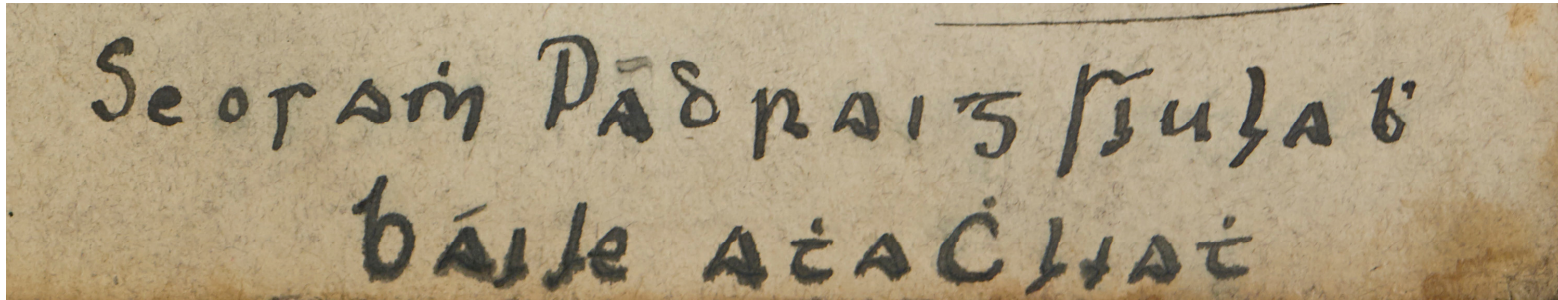


Infirmary Ward, Peterborough. From Peterborough Museum
Collection GP VOT



Funeral of Thomas Hunter, From Peterborough Museum

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WUTAC visitors' book, From Peterborough Archives & Local Studies (PAS/WUTAC/1/1/1, Page 50)

SOURCES:

The source on this page relate to global connections in the book, it includes:

1. An entry from the visitors' book

QUESTIONS:

- Can you guess which language this entry is written in? What does it say?
- Which languages or dialects do you think would have been spoken in the UK before WW1? Make a list!
- Which languages are spoken now? Make a list and compare with before, discuss in groups.

WEBSITE TASK:

- Using the search function on the website, find the following servicemen. What nationality were they?
 - Edgard E Boydens
 - GP Van Rooyen
- Now search again, but use the 'Filter Results' sidebar to search by nationality, what other countries can you find?
- Go on the further links section and look at the map of Europe before and after WW1, Spot the difference!