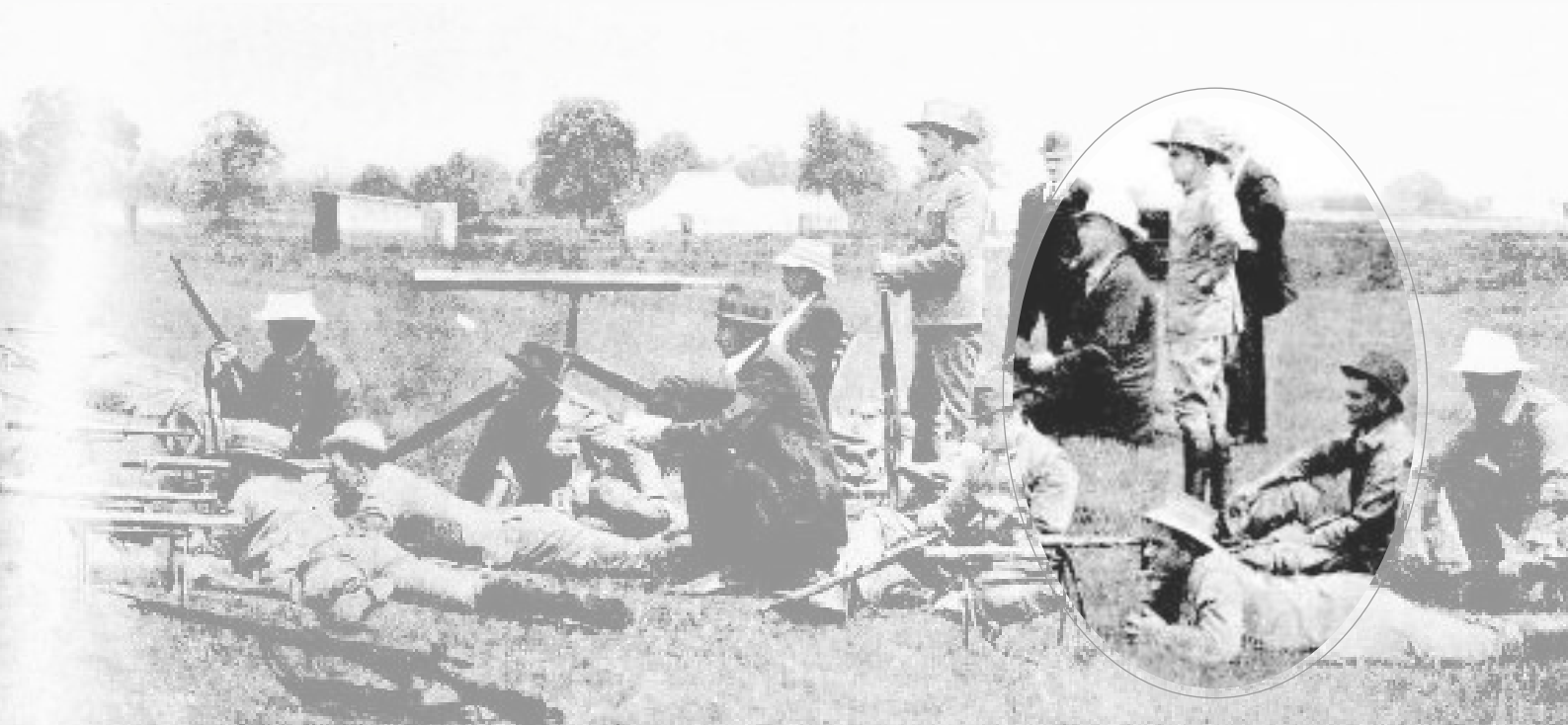




Club member who made the supreme sacrifice 1914-1919

# The Story Behind the Name



**Lieutenant Hutton Perkins ARMSTRONG**

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### **PRE-ENLISTMENT:**

- Hutton Perkins was born 24 February 1891, in Townsville to parents George Armstrong and Elizabeth Jane Cocker
- He was educated at the Townsville State School Technical College
- His occupation was that of a shipping clerk at Howard Smith & Company
- He lived in Denham Street, Townsville
- Previous Military Service
  - Prior to enlistment he served for five years with AGO, Kissing Point, Townsville
  - He was one of several hundred men who volunteered to enlist in the 2nd Infantry, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (ANMEF).
  - It was there that he served in the Australian Garrison Artillery as a Sergeant for 3 years while he was in B Company
  - On the outbreak of the World War I he left Townsville in the 'Kanowna' on 8 August for Thursday Island and Port Moresby with the Queensland contingent and returned home on its demobilisation.

### **SERVICE:**

- Service Number 102
- Hutton Armstrong enlisted in the AIF on 16 August 1914 at Townsville as a Private attached to the 15th Battalion, aged 23 years
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport HMAT A40 Ceramic
- He was promoted to Lieutenant on 25 March 1915 before arriving at Gallipoli
- He joined his Battalion in Gallipoli on 8 May 1915
- Armstrong is expected to have known Hugh Quinn as both lived in Townsville, both were rifle shooters and both members of the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force for the deployment to Papua New Guinea.
- Lieutenant Hutton Perkins ARMSTRONG was 'Killed in Action' on 10 May 1915 when fighting at Quinn's Post, Gallipoli.
- He had only been on the Peninsula for five days before paying the supreme sacrifice at only 25 years of age.



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### **CEMETERY &/OR MEMORIAL:**

- No known grave, but buried near Quinn's Post, Gallipoli
- The Lone Pine Memorial, Panel 43, Gallipoli, Turkey
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel 74
- Townsville Cenotaph

### **MILITARY HONOURS & AWARDS:**

- 1914-15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal



### **RIFLE SHOOTING:**

- Hutton Armstrong was a member of the Townsville Rifle Club where he was Club Treasurer & Club Vice Patron in 1914
- He won Townsville Club Trophies and cash prizes
- He represented Townsville Club for inter-club competitions
- He also represented the North Queensland Rifle Association
- Armstrong represented Australia at Bisley 1913. That year he had the highest aggregate for Rifle Shooting.
- He was part of the Australian Team with Halliday that won the Mackinnon Cup in 1913 at Bisley.



## **ARMISTICE CENTENARY WAR MEMORIAL Commemoration Service**

- ANZAC Day 2019 Keynote Address: Bruce Scott



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“The ‘Major’, as he was called, was killed while gallantly holding a trench which he first charged and captured. He was well respected and a splendid shot.”



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 Middle Row: A. L. Halliday, Lt. A. C. Blacklow, Lt Col J. M. Semmens, Col G. N. Dean,  
 C. Cross, A. Harris, R. W. Humphreys.  
 Front Row: H. P. Armstrong, W. Green, A. Grant