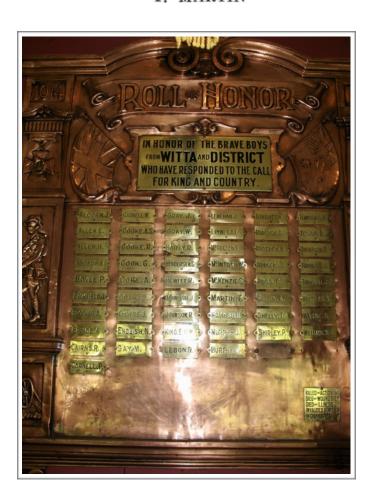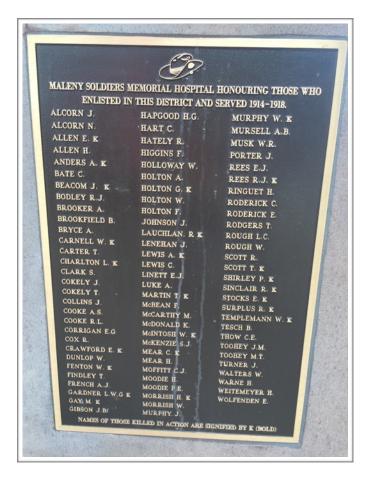# Thomas Martin
1881 - 1917

T. MARTIN

Thomas Martin made the ultimate sacrifice in WWI. Born 14 February 1881 in Brisbane, he became a state ward, then a foster son of Charlotte and Frederick Warne of Witta. Charlotte wrote in 1921, "I am the only Mother he ever knew his own dying and I took him at the age of 5 and kept him as my own."

Thomas enlisted in June 1916, went into camp at Enoggera, and sailed for England where he completed his training. In France he joined the 12th Machine Gun Company and was killed at Passchendaele in June 1917. His name is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres, Belgium.