

Abbreviation

Meaning

AAH	Australian Auxiliary Hospital
AANS	Australian Army Nursing Service
ADBD	Australian Divisional Base Depot
AGBD	Australian General Base Depot
AGH	Australian General Hospital
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
AMC	Australian Medical Corps
AMGBD	Australian Machine Gun Base Depot
ASC	Army Service Corps
ASH	Australian Stationary Hospital also Australian Special Hospital
AWL	Absent without Leave
BAPT	Baptist
Bde	Brigade
Bn or Btn or Bttn	Battalion
C.D.	Commander's Diary
C.O.	Commanding Officer
CATH	Catholic
CE or C of E or C of Eng	Church of England
Con Dep	Convalescent Depot
Coy	Company
Cps	Corps
Cpt	Captain
DCM	District Court Martial or Distinguished Conduct Medal
DGR+E	Director Graves Registration and Enquiry
Dis	Discharged
Div	Division
DMC	Desert Mounted Corps

ABBREVIATION**MEANING**

DO	Duty Officer
Emb	Embarked
FGCM	Field General Courts Martial
FTD	Full-time duty
Gen HP or Gen Hpl	General Hospital
GSW	Gun Shot Wound
Hosp or Hpl	hospital
Inf	Infantry
L/Sgt	Lance Sergeant – rank no longer used
LH	Light Horse
Lt	Lieutenant
M/I or M.I.	Marched In
M/O or M.O.	Marched Out
Major Mjr	Major
MC	Movement Control
MD	Military District
Meth	Methodist
NOK	Next of Kin
NYD	Not Yet Determined/Diagnosed
O/seas	overseas
Presb or Pres	Presbyterian
PROT	Protestant
Pte	Private
Pulm	Pulmonary
PUO	Pyrexia (fever) of unknown origin
RC	Roman Catholic
Regt	Regiment
RHA	Royal Horse Artillery

ABBREVIATION**MEANING**

Rtd	Returned
RW	Royal Warrant, required for pay to be docked (First World War)
S/N	Sister Nurse
Sgt	Sergeant
Sqn	Squadron
SW	Shrapnel Wound
TDS	Training Depot Station
TOS	Taken on Strength
Tp	Troop
TPE	Terminate Period of Enlistment
TPI	Total Permanent Incapacitation
Tpr	Trooper
TTI	Total Temporary Incapacitation
Vac	Vaccinations
VDC	Volunteer Defence Corps

WORD**MEANING**

Albuminuria	Sign of kidney disease and means that there is too much albumin in the urine; a damaged kidney lets some albumin pass into the urine
Attestation paper	A form asking for personal information for enlistment from volunteers for the wars
Brigade	A small subdivision of an army, typically consisting of a small number of infantry battalions and/or other units and forming part of a division
British subject	A person classed as 'belonging' to the British Empire, and expected to be loyal to the Empire
Conspicuous	Attracting notice or attention
Constitution	A document that sets out laws and rules for the way an organisation should be run
Despatched	To send off somewhere for a purpose, e.g. the message was despatched
Detached for duty	When a service person is detached from their military unit for duty with another unit or for a special mission
Enteritis	Inflammation of the intestine, especially the small intestine, usually accompanied by diarrhoea
Federation	The action of forming states or organisations into a single group with centralised control
First World War	The war that occurred during the years 1914 and 1918 involving many countries
Furlough	A leave of absence
Lemnos	A Greek island of the coast of Turkey; nurses were based in Lemnos to treat the wounded coming from Gallipoli
Naturalised British Subject	A person classed as 'belonging' to the British Empire, and expected to be loyal to the Empire, who was not born in England or a British Colony
Pyrexia	Raised body temperature

WORD**MEANING****Reconnoitre**

A military term referring to the act of obtaining information by visual observation or other detection methods

Repatriation

The return of someone to their own country, place of origin or citizenship

Royal Red Cross (2nd class)

Royal Red Cross is awarded for exceptional services in military nursing; it is awarded in two levels, first and second class

Scrofula

A disease with glandular swellings; probably a form of tuberculosis

Syncope

Fainting

Taken on strength

A permanent addition to a new military unit; that unit is responsible for a soldier's food, clothing, weapons, pay and other provisions