

# In Memory of CLARENCE DORNFORD THOMPSON

Private  
3/38  
N.Z. Medical Corps  
who died on  
Saturday, 23rd October 1915. Age 25.

Additional Information: Son of Henry Plinck Thompson and Charlotte Henrietta Thompson, of Upper Mautere, Nelson. Also served at Samoa.

## Commemorative Information

Memorial:

MIKRA MEMORIAL, Greece

Location:

Mikra Memorial can be found at the south end of Mikra British Cemetery, which is situated approximately 8 kilometres south of Thessaloniki, on the road to the airport, in the municipality of Kalamaria. Access is via the main entrance on Vryoylon Street, directly opposite the communal cemetery of Kalamaria. CWGC signposts have been erected at appropriate points. The Memorial is in the form of two groups of panels on the wall behind the Cross of Sacrifice, and bears the names of nurses, officers and men of the forces of the Empire who lost their lives in the Mediterranean and whose only grave is the sea. Their link with the place of the Memorial is, in most instances, the fact that others who went down in the same vessel were washed ashore and identified, and are now buried at Thessalonika. The two groups of panels are right and left of the platform on which the Cross of Sacrifice is placed. The right-hand group carries the names from the "Arcadian" and the "Princess Alberta", and the other names are carved on the left-hand group. Each group has an explanatory inscription ending with the words: "HE DISCOVERETH DEEP THINGS OUT OF DARKNESS AND BRINGETH OUT TO LIGHT THE SHADOW OF DEATH".

Historical Information:

The ships on which these nurses, sailors and soldiers were carried were the Transports "Marquette", "Ivernia" and "Arcadian", Hospital Ships "Britannic" and "Braemar Castle", HMS "Sentinel" and the commissioned S.S. (Fleet Messenger) "Princess Alberta". The Hired Transport "Marquette" was torpedoed and sunk by 'U35' on the 23 October 1915, 57.5 kilometres south from Salonika Bay. She carried the 29th Division Ammunition Column and the New Zealand Stationary Hospital. The Hired Transport "Ivernia" was torpedoed and sunk on the 1 January 1917, 93 kilometres from Cape Matapan, while carrying reinforcements for Egypt. The Hired Transport "Arcadian" was torpedoed and sunk on the 15 April 1917, 41.5 kilometres north east from the island of Milo (Melos). She carried reinforcements for Egypt. The Hospital Ship "Britannic", of the White Star Line, was sunk by mine on 21 November 1916 in the Zea Channel between Greece and the Cyclades, on her way from Naples to Mudros. The Fleet Messenger "Princess Alberta" was sunk by mine between Stavros and Mudros on the 21 February 1916.



PRIVATE C. D. THOMPSON,  
OF NELSON

