



Captain Clarence Smith Jeffries V.C

Cpt Jeffries was from Wallsend and served with the 34th Battalion AIF. Jeffries was killed in action at Passchendaele 12 October 1917, he was 23. Cpt Jeffries displayed most conspicuous bravery in attack when his company was held up by enemy machine-gun fire from concrete embankments.

He was the only child and his parents spent considerable time and trouble endeavouring to locate the remains of their son. Ordinarily it was not the practice of the Department of Defence to supply that information to the next of kin, but this was a special case.

Captain Jeffries Victoria Cross is on display at Christ Church Cathedral in Newcastle, as bequest by his mother, Barbara Jeffries. Newcastle Museum also holds Jeffries miniature V.C. (all medals are awarded with a miniature as well) and copies of his citation are on display.

He is honoured in many memorials around the Hunter Region:

- Wallsend in the park opposite the Bowling Club as well as one in Federal Park.
- Dudley Public School Roll of Honour.
- Jeffries Park, Abermain.
- Abermain Bowling Club.
- Jeffries/Curry Memorial in Sandgate Cemetery.
- Waratah High School Hall Honour Roll, relocated from original Newcastle High School, now Newcastle East Public School.
- Clarence Jeffries VC Estate – Defence Force Housing in Adamstown.