Roll of Honour

Jack Merrifield does not appear on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

Australian Naval Force (ANF) Engagement and Service Records are held from 1903 and only to 1911, and contain details of Australian and New Zealand sailors during the period after Federation and immediately before the formation of the Royal Australian Navy.

HMAS Australia was launched in 1911, and commissioned as flagship of the fledgling Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in 1913. Records for this period are difficult to obtain.

Only known facts:

John Merrifield: Xavier College 1910-11

Place of association: South Yarra, Victoria

Son of late Edward Merrifield and Mrs. Edith Merrifield; Elwood

---

Jack Merrifield — One of our few “men in the Navy,” being on the H.M.A.S. “Australia,” to which lie was drafted after ten months’ training in Sydney. Jack was quite a wee lad when at Xavier. His old friend, Father Boylan, describes him thus: “An original and interesting member of Mr. Casey’s class, gifted with the art of making things somewhat lively, a quality which we feel sure he will use to the advantage of the nation in the circumstances in which he now finds himself.”