

Herman Gloz

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A site entitled: **GERMAN-AUSTRALIAN ALIENS OF MILITARISM**

by Wayne D Knoll

I have edited it slightly.

Richard Rawson

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Hermann GLOZ (or GLOTZ) was born on the 27th April 1869 at Böckingen, in the Königreich Württemberg. He emigrated at the age of five with his recently widowed mother Sophia GLOZ (then age 39) and brother Wilhelm GLOZ (then age 3) by way of refuge in England, and there embarked on the ship "Somersetshire" to arrive in Australia at the Port of Melbourne in July 1875.

In Australia Gloz was trained as a carpenter. He was married to Annie RAWSON in 1894 in Walhalla, in the mountains of Gippsland, Victoria. The Gloz family were:

- Friedrich Lionel Gloz, b. 1895
- Olive Ida Gloz b.1896
- Freda Gloz b.1903
- and Hilda Gloz b. 1907

and from Wahalla they moved to reside at Moondara.

(Note: as at October 2015, the only child I have on record that matches those listed above is Friedrich Lionel Gloz, who I have as born in Walhalla in 1896. I also have Bruce Robert Gloz b abt 1914. R Rawson)

Both Gloz and his Australian-born wife Annie were declared Enemy Aliens and Interned during WW1. Mounted Sergeant Rawlings [4801] of Walhalla, writes: "Hermann Gloz, husband of the applicant (Annie Gloz) was on the 19th April 1915 arrested by me for Internment."

The following letter was written by Hermann at Erica, Victoria on the 20th October 1915 :

To the Minister
Department of External Affairs
Commonwealth Offices
Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

I am a German born and came to Walhalla 41 years ago with only my mother at the age of 5. My Uncle was there at 'Walhalla' since 1852 and got Naturalised at about 53 or 54. He married by mother when he became my stepfather. I have received my education at Walhalla and practically resided there all my life, considering myself an Australian, not having any Idea

that I was considered to be a German until a few weeks after the War broke out when I was informed by my Solicitor who I had instructed to proceed against a person for a debt, when I got the surprise of my life, when he informed me that I had no standing in Court as I was not Naturalized.

Lately, however, the Police began pestering me to report myself weekly to which I strongly object as I do not consider myself either as a criminal or German. I consider myself as good an Australian as the next man. I have an only son in camp who is anxious to do his best for his country and who begged me not to put an obstacle in his way which was likely to prevent him from going to the front. I had previously told him about the Police wanting me to Report, however I had not promised my son what I did. I would rather be Interned than report myself to the Police like a Criminal. My wife is a native of Walhalla. I may also inform you that my name is on both the State and Federal (Electoral) Rolls, and I have enjoyed all the privileges of a British Subject ever since I can remember.

I have written you this as I wish you to let me know if there is any way by which I could overcome the odium of reporting myself weekly.

Trusting to receive a favourable reply

I remain

Yours truly

Hermann Gloz

Hermann Gloz had been working for two months for O'Shea & Bennett erecting a Sawmill at Erica, Victoria when he swore the Oath for his Aliens Memorial for Naturalisation on the 24th April 1920. His wife Annie died aged 74 in Coburg, Victoria in 1944. Hermann died in Moe, Gippsland at age 91 in 1960. His uncle, and then stepfather, Johannes GLOZ died in Yallourn, Gippsland age 84 in 1933.
