

James Picken (Jim) COWEY



Regimental No.	426
Date of birth	March 1890
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	'Weardale' The Patch via Belgrave PO, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	24 years 6 months
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs A C Cowey, 'Weardale' The Patch via PO, Belgrave, Victoria
Enlistment date	8th September 1914 Enlisted with general recruits Melbourne - 14th September 1914.
Rank on enlistment	Sergeant
Unit name	14th Battalion, D Company at its formation - October 1914.
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria with 4th Brigade for Egypt on board HMAT A38 <i>Ulysses</i> on 22nd December 1914
Regimental No. from Nominal Roll	Commissioned
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	46th Battalion 1915 Serving with 14th Battalion Egypt and Gallipoli. Promoted Sergeant.
1915 10th August	Proceeded to join Mediterranean Expeditionary Force in Gallipoli.
1915 26th April	Gun Shot Wound to left forearm at Dardanelles Transferred to hospital in England.
1915 6th August	Transferred back to Unit in Dardanelles.
1916 3rd March	Transferred to 46th Battalion at Tel el Kebir
1916 2nd August	Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant posted to 12th Battalion for duty. To school of Instruction on 14th May till 19th May 1917
1917 19th January	Rejoined Unit at Havre.
1917 29th July	Wounded in Action. Shrapnel wound to the forehead and right eye. Transferred to hospital in Le Touquet then to London Hospital on 5th October.
1917 21st December	Proceeded to Havre, France to rejoin Unit.
1918 21st October	Granted leave with 2nd Anzacs to Australia Field.
Fate	Returned to Australia 21st September 1918 per <i>Kaiser a Hind</i> . Arrived Melbourne 2nd December 1918.

Other details

Medals: Military Cross, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
 Born 23rd February 1890 to Augusta Selina (*nee* Knapp) and John George Cowey.
 James married Annie Louisa Carter on 3rd March 1919 and they lived at 'Yuralong' The Patch.
 Brother of Robert Orlando Cowey enlisted September 1914.
 Died 1968 in Mentone, Vic. Aged 78

World War Two On Active
 Service 1941 - 1942

V.5493 Staff Sgt. J.P. Cowey M.C. (Over age for command as Lieutenant). 39th Battalion. Served New Guinea, Kokoda.

Recommendations Medals & Awards: Military Cross for Work near Hamel on 8th August 1918. Recommendation date: 11th Aug 1918.
 Military Cross recommendation on the 25th September 1918.

DISPATCH OF CONGRATULATIONS FROM MAJOR GENERAL E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN C.B., D.S.O.
Congratulations to Lieut J.P. Cowey A.I.F. on his conspicuous gallantry as Lewis-gun Officer during the advance East of Hamel 8th Aug, 1918. (Signed) E.G. Sinclair MacLagan (Major General) A.I.F. France 20th October 1918.

CITATION OF AWARD OF MILITARY CROSS
In reference to the award conferred as announced in the London Gazette of 8th March 1919, the following is the Statement of Services for which the Decoration was conferred:-

LIEUT JAMES PICKEN COWEY M.C. *For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as Intelligence Officer during operations West of Bellinglise on 18/19 Sept 1918. When the line was held up by heavy machine-gun fire, he dashed forward, organised a party and pushed forward to a sunken road where he established posts under intense machine-gun fire. It was owing to this fine work in assisting to organise the line that the position was held. The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. 10 dated 29th January, 1920.*
 (Signed) T.H. Bean, Major Officer Ic Base Records A.I.F.

Sons and Daughters on
 Active Service World War Two

1. No. 430644 Flight-Sergeant W.J. Cowey R.A.A.F. Attached Dutch Air Force Unit, Darwin NT. Killed in Action over Islands North from Darwin 18th April 1944
2. No.449276 David Cowey A.C 2 D. Flight No. 3 Squadron R.A.A.F.
3. Daughter Marjorie Cowey - Land Army.