

William Charles EMBERSON



Regimental No. 5344
Religion Church of England
Occupation Farmer
Address South Sassafras, Victoria
Marital status Married
Age at embarkation 31 years 5 months
Next of kin Wife, Mrs Rosina Emberson, South Sassafras, Victoria. Later of New Zealand.

Enlistment date 24 March 1916
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll 24 March 1916
Rank on enlistment Private
Unit name 23rd Battalion, 14th Reinforcement

AWM Embarkation Roll No. 23/40/4
Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A28 *Miltiades* on 1 August 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll Private
Unit from Nominal Roll 23rd Battalion
1916 25th September In England for training for 23rd Battalion in France.
1916 19th November Proceeded to France.
1916 2nd December Taken on strength.
1917 4th August To hospital sick.
1917 1st September Rejoined Unit in the Field.
1917 9th October Wounded in Action shrapnel wound to the back in Belgium. Transferred to hospital in St Omer on the 14th October.

Fate Died of wounds on the 20th October 1917 at 59th General Hospital St Omer, France

Other details War service: Western Front
1902 - 1903 Naval Brigade Durban South Africa.
Age at death from cemetery records - 33
Place of burial - Longuenesse (St. Omer) Souvenir Cemetery (Plot IV, Row E, Grave No. 60), France
Panel No., Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial - 99
Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Born 14th October 1883 in Richmond Victoria to Annie *nee* Daltera and Charles Emberson, Sassafras South, Vic. Father, Charles Emberson served with the Royal Navy Reserve in the Boer War.
Described as 5 ft., 6 3/4 ins., 142 lb., brown eyes and brown hair.
Married Rosina Boletta Neilson in 1908 in New Zealand.
Son William Charles (Bill) Emberson born 21st March 1919 in New Zealand.

Letter from Charles Emberson to Commonwealth of Australia. Says "Please note I have not now custody of the boys as the mother took them away before she went to New Zealand. Was to bring them back to us but I have provided for them in my will..."

Sons on Active Service WW2

1. No. 300506 (War New Zealand Troops) Private William E. Emberson 24th Battalion 2nd N.Z.E.F. Middle East and Italy
2. Private Charles Emberson N.Z.C.F. Held for Home Service
3. Private Edward Emberson N.Z.C.F. Attached to Navy