

Reginald Patrick FRASER



Regimental No.	620
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	'Fairy Dell', Monbulk, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19 years 6 months
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs F Fraser, 'Fairy Dell', Monbulk, Victoria
Enlistment date	19th September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	8th Light Horse Regiment, 1st Reinforcement

AWM Embarkation Roll No.	10/13/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A54 <i>Runic</i> on 25th February 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	8th Light Horse Regiment
1915 March -April	In Egypt with 8th Light Horse Brigade at Mena Camp and Heliopolis Race Course for training.
1915 18th June	Sprained ankle on duty in Gallipoli. Transferred to Mudros Hospital.
1915 11th July	Returned to duty in Gallipoli.
1915 17th August - 8th March 1916	In and out of hospitals - sick. Enteritis. Transferred to England.
1916 1st July	Returned to duty in Tel el Kebir. Taken on strength.
1916 6th August	Rejoined 8th Light Horse Regiment at Moascar, Egypt.
1916 2nd September	Sick in and out of hospitals until 8th July 1917 returned to Unit at Abasan, Egypt then admitted to hospital again on 13th November until 25th November 1917.
1917 26th November	Taken on strength with 3rd Light Horse Regiment at Moascar, Egypt
1917 11th December	Marched into Port Said to rest camp.
1918 3rd January	Transferred to 8th Light Horse Regiment at Moascar
1918 12th June	In hospital with Pyrexia then back to Unit on 13th June.
1918 10th October	In hospital with influenza - discharged on 14th October.
1919 9th May	Appointed Lance Corporal
Fate	Returned to Australia 3rd July 1919 on the SS <i>Malta</i> with the 8th Light Horse.

Other details	Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal Described as 5 ft., 8 1/2 in., 10 stone, hazel eyes and brown hair. Born 17th March 1896 to Fanny nee Boots and William White Fraser. Married Jessie Irene Day. Died 12th April 1973 in Mudgegonga Victoria aged 77
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Patrick Fraser was among the men who took part in "the last successful cavalry charge in history"

In March 1916, the ANZAC Mounted Division was formed in Egypt from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Light Horse Brigades and the New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade. It was commanded by Major General Harry Chauvel. In August, the Division helped defeat the Turkish Advance to Romani and, by March 1917, had forced the enemy back to the line Gaza-Beersheba.

'Forty Thousand Horsemen' is a 1940 Australian war film directed by Charles Chauvel. The film tells the story of the Australian Light Horse cavalry which operated in the desert at the Sinai and Palestine Campaign during World War I. The film culminates at the Battle of Beersheba which is reputedly "the last successful cavalry charge in history". Chips Rafferty played Jim in the film.