

Allan Owen GILMOUR



Allan Owen Gilmour in later life

Regimental No.	876
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	South Sassafras, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21 years 11 months
Next of kin	Father, George Allan Gilmour, South Sassafras, Victoria
Enlistment date	4th February 1916
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	28th February 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	37th Battalion, C Company
AWM Embarkation Roll #	23/54/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A34 Persic on 3rd June 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	38th Battalion
Recommendations	Distinguished Conduct Medal - Recommendation date: 5th September 1918 Military Medal - Recommendation date: 7th October 1918
1916 22nd November	Proceeded overseas to France
1917 23rd January	Admitted to hospital sick - pleurisy. In the Field
1917 8th June	Promoted to Corporal as vice Corporal Perry killed in action in France
1917 26th June	Appointed Lance Sergeant as Lance Sergeant evacuated wounded.
1917 12th October	Wounded in Action Gun shot wound to left shoulder. To hospital
1918 1st January	Rejoined Unit in France
1918 12th October	Transferred to 38th Battalion. Taken on Strength
1918 28th October	Awarded D.C.M. 3rd Division Special Order.
Fate	Returned to Australia 30th April 1919 per SS <i>Karagola</i>
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: Distinguished Conduct Medal, Military Medal, 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal Born 22nd February 1894 to Elizabeth Anne Owen <i>nee</i> Perkins and George Allan Gilmour. Described as 5 ft., 7 1/2 in., 151 lb., brown eyes and dark brown hair Married Elsie Anne Nation Died 25th July 1977

Distinguished Conduct Medal

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on 29th/30th August, 1918, near Clery. When his platoon commander was wounded he took command, and kept the men steady in spite of heavy machine gun fire and shelling. Later, when all his company officers were killed, or wounded, he reorganized the company and successfully repulsed two counter attacks. Although cut off from battalion headquarters he got into communication by lamp, sticking to his post with great determination until an officer could be sent up.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 35. Date: 15th April 1920

Military Medal

'For conspicuous gallantry in action near LE CATELET ON 30th September 1918. As a patrol leader, he continually worked far in advance of our own troops and kept constant touch with the enemy under heavy and continuous machine gun and rifle fire. By his splendid leadership, initiative and skillful use of his patrol, he obtained and sent back very valuable information. His conduct under extremely difficult circumstances was a magnificent example of determination and devotion to duty.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 115. Date: 10th October 1919

Sons on Active Service WW2

1. VX 135952 Robert Allan Gilmour 28th Heavy Anti-Air Gun Unit (Age at enlistment -18 years).
2. No 147710 Gordon Gilmour Air Craft Depot attached Air Craft Repair Station. (18 years at enlistment).