

Albert Silvester RANKIN

Regimental No. 2640
Religion Roman Catholic
Occupation Labourer
Address Cairns, Queensland
Marital status Single
Age at embarkation 30
Next of kin Father, Donald Rankin, Exchange Hotel, Lucknow, Bairnsdale, Victoria

Enlistment date 25 January 1916
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll 26 January 1916
Rank on enlistment Private
Unit name 3rd Pioneer Battalion,
Reinforcement 4

AWM Embarkation Roll No. 14/15/2
Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A16 *Port Melbourne* on 21 October 1916

Rank from Nominal Roll Private
Unit from Nominal Roll 3rd Pioneer Battalion
1917 28th December Disembarked at Devonport.
1917 8th February Admitted to Fargo Military Hospital - sick.
1917 4th August Transferred to 15th Battalion.
1917 28th August Proceeded overseas to France.
1917 3rd September Taken on strength in the Field.
1918 2nd September On leave in France until 21st September rejoined Unit.
1918 8th October To hospital accidentally injured. Skin abrasions to right ear, forehead and left cheek. Then to rest station.

1918 11th October Rejoined Unit France
1919 14th April Left France and arrived Codford, England 15th April.
Fate Returned to Australia 27th May 1919 per HT *Rio Pardo* arriving Adelaide on 17th July 1919.

Other details Described as 5 ft., 8½ in., 150 lbs., blue eyes and brown hair.
Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Albert married Kate Parker in 1924 and they lived in Monbulk. Rankins Road Monbulk named after him. Albert worked on the construction of the Silvan Dam.
Died 1961.

Sons on Active Service
World War Two

1. Son VX501339 William Albert Rankin born 30th August 1929 and died 12 January 1987. Enlisted under his brother Donald John Rankin as he was underage.



Kate and Albert Rankin 1956