

Leslie Figgis REID



Regimental No. 1590
 Religion Protestant
 Occupation Manager
 Address Dalrulyan, Calvin Street, Hawthorn, Victoria
 Marital status Single
 Age at embarkation 37 year 11 months
 Next of kin Mother, Mrs Clara Elizabeth Reid, Dalrulyan, Calvin Street, Hawthorn, Victoria
 Enlistment date 24 February 1916
 Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll 27 March 1916
 Rank on enlistment Private
 Unit name 3rd Pioneer Battalion, Reinforcement 1

AWM Embarkation Roll No. 14/15/2
 Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A62 *Wandilla* on 6 June 1916
 Rank from Nominal Roll Private
 Unit from Nominal Roll 3rd Pioneer Battalion
 1916 28th August On detached duty until 31st August. Bombing Course England.
 1916 24th November Proceeded overseas to France. Taken on strength of 3rd Pioneer Battalion.
 1918 24th February Proceeded on leave in UK until 15th March 1918.
 1918 23rd April Crime – Neglecting to obey a Battalion standing order in that he, after orders had been issued for all ranks to wear box respirators in the alert position. Neglect to do so. Forfeit 2 days pay.
 1919 2nd February On leave from France until 16th February 1919
 1919 25th February Admitted to Reading hospital with influenza while on leave in England to 14th April 1919.
 1919 22nd June – 30th June 1919 Leave granted for non Military Employment. Reason: Cheese Making – attending Tutorial Secretary University in Reading. Les has a certificate of Butter Making dated June 1919 and a certificate of Cheese Making dated September 1919.
 1919 8th October Granted leave until 7th April 1920 without pay. Reason: Business Address Southside.
 Fate Returned to Australia per *Friedrichsrueh* on 22nd January 1920. Disembarking Melbourne on 9th March 1920

Other details
 Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal
 Leslie was born 1878 in St Arnaud, Victoria to Clara Elizabeth nee Figgis and Robert William Reid. Described as 5 ft., 10 in., 11 stone 1 lb., blue eyes and brown hair.
 Les met Clara, his wife to be, while in Reading hospital 25th February 1919 when he was doing a course at the University College in Cheese making. Clara was a nurse at the hospital. Clara Bower was a Volunteer Aid Detachment (VAD) - Cheshire 26, November 1915 - to Reading September 1917. Clara Gertrude Bower came to Australia in 1920 where she and Les married in October of that year. They settled in South Sassafras and Les became Post master in 1921 until 1954 (Australian Electrol Rolls).
 The Tom Roberts sketch advertising a gathering of Ex Servicemen & Women on 13th August 1926 was donated by Leslie's family. The man in the sketch is Leslie Reid and the nurse is Clara.
 Les died 1963 aged 85

