



James Ernest WATSON

Regimental No.	144
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Address	Ferntree Gully near Menzies Creek, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20 years 4 months
Next of kin	Mrs Helen Ferrester Nicholson, Bowen Street, Oakleigh, Victoria
Enlistment date	26th September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	14th Battalion, A Company
AWM Embarkation Roll No.	23/31/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A38 <i>Ulysses</i> on 22nd December 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Battalion
1915 7th August	Reported missing at the Dardanelles but later found wounded. Gun shot wound to left thigh. Admitted to Australian Field Ambulance Gallipoli then transferred to Mudros hospital on 21st August then to London hospital on the 9th September.
1916 25th March	Rejoined Unit
1916 17th July	Taken on strength in Salisbury
1916 23rd September	Proceeded to France
1916 28th October	Admitted to hospital sick. In and out of hospital until 16th February 1917
1917 1st October	Promoted Sergeant in 14th Battalion
1917 13th October	To hospital sick. In and out of hospital until 3rd August 1918.
1918 1st August	Left England to rejoined Unit in France.
1918 October	As Second Anzacs, Three months leave granted - holiday in Devonshire and elsewhere in England.
Fate	Returned to Australia 5 April 1919 on HT <i>Armagh</i> arriving Melbourne on 18th May 1919.
Other details	Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal Born 1894 in Scoresby to Helen Forrester nee Rogerson and Arthur Watson. Mother living in South Sassafras in 1903. Described as 5 ft., 10½in., 11 Stone 1 Lb., Brown eyes, light brown hair. Married Hannah Grace Ward in 1920 Died 1964 in Footscray aged 70