

William ANDERSON

William Anderson, Service Number 5034, was living in Kilmore when he enlisted in February 1916. He was born in Nottingham England and it is likely he emigrated to Australia as an assisted immigrant in 1911. He was aged 44 years and 3 months, unmarried and employed as a labourer. His parents were deceased and his next of kin was given as Samuel Moor, a friend, of Kilmore.

In May 1916 William was taken on strength with the 58th Infantry Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir and in August of the same year he marched in to France with his Battalion. It is likely he participated in several major battles with the 58th, including the Battles of Amiens, Fromelles, Villers Bretonneux and the German Spring Offensive.

In May 1918 William was hospitalised with an illness diagnosed as tuberculosis. He was transferred to hospital in England for treatment and repatriated to Australia aboard the "Shropshire" in April 1919.

William was awarded the British War Medal, the 1914/15 Star and the Victory Medal. He is remembered on the Kilmore Honour Roll. Nothing can be found of his life post-war.

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The Battles of Fromelles & Pozieres. AWM

