

Denis Murrell Deasey



The Reverend Denis Murrell Deasy was commissioned as a Captain (Chaplain 4th Class) in the AIF on 17 July 1918.

He embarked overseas on 6 August and disembarked in London on 13 October, where he was attached for duty at the 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital from 26 October.

He was subsequently detached for duty with the 2nd Convalescent Depot at Weymouth between 2 November – 14 April 1919, then sailed for France on 26 April.

Chaplain Deasey arrived in France on 28 April, where he was allocated to the 5th Australian Division, and attached to the 58th Infantry Battalion from 1 May 1919.

Less than a month later, on 24 May he returned to England and spent two months at Sutton Veny Camp before he embarked for Australia on 23 July.

Captain (Chaplain 4th Class) Denis Murrell Deasey disembarked in Melbourne on 10 September, where his Commission in the AIF was terminated on 25 September 1919.

Name: Deasey, Denis Murrell	
Date enlisted	17 July 1918
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Captain (Chaplain 4 th Class)
Initial Unit	Australian Army Chaplains Department
Previous military service	Chaplain 4 th Class, Citizens Military Forces, 1908
Date and ship embarked for overseas	6 August 1918 SS <i>Gaika</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	40 years 2 months (26 June 1877)
Place of birth	Kilmore, Victoria
Marital status	Married
Occupation	Clergyman
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Deasey, Mrs Maude, wife, St Columb's Vicarage, Hawthorn, Victoria
Permanent address	Hawthorn, Victoria
Appearance	Medium complexion, brown hair, grey eyes, height – 6 feet 1 inch, weight – 12 stone, 9 lbs, chest measurement – 38 inches
Final Rank	Captain (Chaplain 4 th Class)
Final Unit	Australian Army Chaplains Department
Theatres of war served in	Nil
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	23 July 1919 HT <i>Suevic</i>
Date discharged	25 September 1919
Nature of discharge	Appointment Terminated
Honours/medals	British War Medal
Notes	Vicar at St Paul's Church 1905 – 06. Home Service WW2 (SN V148035). Died 28 August 1942. Remembered on the St Paul's Anglican Church Honor Roll, St John's Anglican Church Honor Roll (Portarlington) and the Geelong Grammar School War Memorial Cloisters.