

George Edward Cyril Emery (1892-1977) was born on the 17 of April 1892 in Queenstown, South Australia to Mary Ann (Miller)Emery and Thomas Owen Emery. Before the war, he lived in Semaphore, SA and worked as a railway porter. At the age of 23 years and 11 months, George enlisted in the A.I.F.(Australian Imperial Force) on the 17 of April 1916. He embarked on the 27 of June 1916 from Melbourne aboard the HMAT Barambah A37.

George was first sent to be on the 10th Infantry Battalion then transferred to the 48th Infantry Battalion. He began service as a Private then got later promoted as Corporal in 1918. During his time serving on the Western front (France and Belgium) in WW1, he was wounded multiple times. One of his injuries was on the 4 of May 1918, he got a GSW (gunshot-wound) to the head and admitted to the 1st Canadian General Hospital. He was then transferred to the 13th Australian Field Ambulance later discharged on the 11 of May. Due to his recovery from his injury he returned to service being re in the A.I.F. His record shows that he was admitted several times and wounded approximately 3 times during his time in France.

During his remaining time in England, after the war ended, he met Amy Sarah Brodby. Shortly after the war, on the 26th of December, he married Amy Sarah Brodby at a Parish church in Balcombe, England. They were married by Douglas R. Secreton. Rector. He then returned to Australia with his wife on the 6 of September 1919, him and his wife Sarah came back to live in South Australia. His family's line is service continues; he had a son, Sergeant George Owen Emery, he served in the Royal Australian Air Force in WWII. He enlisted in 1940, and he trained in Kenya. His life was taken tragically taken on the 23 of January 1942 at 21. He was buried in the Nakuru North Cemetery in Kenya.

George was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal for his service. The medals recognised the commitment and sacrifice of Australian soldiers. His name is also honoured on multiple memorials including the Adelaide South Australia Railways WWI/II honour boards, Peterhead Glanville School Roll of Honour and the Smithfield Honour Roll WWI. George passed on the 12th of March 1977 at 84. He was buried at the Cheltenham Cemetery, SA, Section I, Drive C, Path 1 where his service is recognised and remembered.

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