







Background Information

Private Ernest Albert Atkinson number 1878 was born in Snowtown on the 5th of December 1893. He lived with a white background, with his mum Emma Stewart nee Bidgood, who was a banker, his dad Charles Henry Atkinson, who was a butcher and with his older brother, Frederick James Edward Richard Atkinson, in their hometown called Cummins, which is placed, in the Lower Eyre of the Peninsula in South Australia. Ernest was a farmer who was paid, which made it possible for Ernest to be educated properly at Marble View Public School.

War Information

Ernest enlisted in the war on the 1st of February 1916, he was aged 22. He started serving as volunteer Riflemen in the Koppis Club, but because there was so many volunteers, especially with the doctors and all, the military leader decided that he was going to be a Private in the Army flying corps. Albert first fought in 1914 and because of this he was placed 11th of the squadron.

World War 1 Service

On the 1st of February 1916, he was enlisted AIF WW1, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. On the 13th of July 1916, he was involved in the AIF WW1, Private, SN 1878 48th Infantry Battalion and was also embarked in the AIF WW1, Private, SN 1878 48th Infantry Battalion, HMAT Seang Bee, Adelaide. On the 18th of April 1918, he was involved in the AIF WW1, Private, SN 1878, 10th Infantry Battalion and with an unknown date he was involved in the 48th Infantry Battalion in Pozières.

Death Information

Ernest was killed in action in France on Thursday the 18th of April 1918, ages 25. He was last seen at the unit 10 Infantry Battalion. Ernest is buried in the Hazebrouck Communal Cemetery, grave 7 in France. Today at the Australian War Memorial, Ernest is spotted at panel 58 in the roll of honour section.

Ernest Albert Atkinson Personality

He was a bright, cheerful and encouraging man that had won many friends. "Ernest led a good life" his friends say. "Bert was a good bloke, soldier and a thorough gentlemen with a fine character, that is always willing to help us, in anyway".

Biography

Ernest Albert Atkinson (1878). He was born in Snowtown on the 5^{th} of December 1893. He was a farmer who was paid which made it possible for him to be educated properly. No, he wasn't listed in any other military services before he went to the war. He lived with a white family, with his mum Emma Stewart nee Bidgood, his dad Charles Henry Atkinson and with his older brother, Frederick James Edward Richard Atkinson, in their hometown called Cummins, which is located, in the Lower Eyre Peninsula in South Australia.

He enlisted to be in the war on the 1st of February 1916 and only had 3 years of survival there. He wasn't in hospital or sick, but was killed in action in France on Thursday the 18th of April 1918, aged 25.

Ernest unfortunately did not return to his family home, as he was killed in action.

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