Edmonds, Reginald Earl
ASC (Stiles)

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2898
Name EDMONDS R.E.
Unit 11th Bn.
Joined on 11.7.17

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation:

1. What is your name? Reginald Earl Edmonds

2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Edmonds New

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)

4. What is your age? 25 years

5. What is your trade or calling? Private

6. Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?

7. Are you married? No

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Emily Jane Edmonds

9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?

10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignorancy, or as Inconsiderable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy?

11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, The Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal
Date of Enlistment: 14/09/1916
Date of Discharge: 15/07/1919
Place of Enlistment: Sydney Showgrounds NSW

**Personal Details**

Date of Birth: 1897
Place of Birth: Braidwood NSW
**Address (at enlistment):** 'Loch Lomond' via Goolagong NSW (previously Kowen ACT)

**Occupation:** Grazier

**Next of Kin:** William James Edmonds (father), 'Loch Lomond' via Goolagong

**Notes**

Edmonds' parents, William and Annie (nee McInnes), both came from the Kowen district and lived there when Reg Edmonds was a boy before moving to western NSW. He enlisted as an 18 year old with their permission and embarked for England with the seventh reinforcements to the 59th Battalion in November 1916.

Edmonds joined the 59th Battalion in the front line near Bapaume in March 1917. His unit was part of the Battle of Polygon Wood on 26 September 1917 and were on Broodseinde ridge in October when Edmonds was wounded in the thigh and elbow. In March 1918 his unit were moved to the Somme and during April were on the front line near Villers-Bretonneux. On 24 April the Germans took the town, but that night the 59th Battalion was part of the counter-attack that re-captured it.

During the Battle of Hamel on 4 July, Edmonds was involved in a feint on the Morlancourt ridge when he was again wounded. He did not rejoin his unit until mid-October by which time his unit were out of the front line. He returned to Australia in May 1919 and married Catherine Casey in 1924. Edmonds died in St. John of God Hospital, Goulburn on 3 September 1982.

**Sources**

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