

Edmonds, Reginald Earl
ASC (Stiles)



Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 2898 Name EDMONDS R.E.
N 38329 Unit 7th Rps 55th Bde
 J. B. 14.9.16 59D+D

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Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your name? ... 1. Reginald Earl Edmonds
- In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ... 2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Draidwood NSW in the County of ...
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... 3. no
- What is your age? ... 4. 19 yrs
- What is your trade or calling? ... 5. Printer
- Are you, or have you been, an apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period, ... 6. no
- Are you married? ... 7. no
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... 8. Father, William James Edmonds, Gosford NSW
- Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... 9. no St. Stephens Mother
- Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable 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? ... 10. no Annie Jane Edmonds, Gosford NSW Loch Lomond, 14/9/18, Koolagong NSW, 9-9-1918
- 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 ... 11. yes S. 6. yrs O.T.C.

Description of *Reg. Earl*³

Age *18* years *11* months.

Height *5* feet *6* inches.

Weight *126* lbs.

Chest Measurement *32 1/2* *35 1/2* inches.

Complexion *Medium*

Eyes *Hazel* *6/6* *6/6* *0*

Hair *Brown*

Religious Denomination *Pres*

EDMONDS		Reginald Earl (Pte)	2898.	7/
WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE		Other Names. <i>9</i>	Regimental No.	
Surname		PURPORT. <i>E 28</i>	2nd. M.D.	
Embarked at Sydney per A19 "AFRIC" on 3.11.1916.				
21/12/16 Adm. to Ship's Hos. "				
8/1/17 Discharged from Ship's Hos				
10/1/17. Marched into 15th Tng. BN Hurdcott from Australia. NN I				
4.20/6/17. Disc from 3rd. AAH. to Fur & Rep. Weymouth Appendicitis.				
28/5/17. Trans. from Napsbury War Hosp to 3rd. Aux. Appendicitis. I				
25/3/17. T.O.S. of 59th BN ex 7th Rfs. 59th BN?				
26/4/17. To Hosp. Sick.				
20/3/17. Proceeded overseas to France ex 15th Tng. BN from Folkestone PBN 145665.				
11/5/17. Emb. on HS "Cambria" at Calais for Eng. Appendicitis.				
12/5/17. Adm to Co. of Middx. War Hosp. Appendicitis Slt. Sick.				
12/5/17 Adm to CO. Middlesex W.H. APPENDICITIS Slt. Sick				
8/8/17 Proc. o/s to France ex O/seas Tng. Depot P. Downs via Southampton				
13/1/19. Emb. to Eng. ex 39th Gen Hosp. Havre. Sick. EMcG				

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

Rex Cross, 'Bygone Queanbeyan', 1980

Marilyn Folger, 'McInnes Family of Gilbert and Mary', 1998

Our Queanbeyan 'Boys' No.4, Howard & Shearsby, Yass (postcard)

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BASE RECORDS OFFICE.
VICTORIA BARRACKS.
MELBOURNE.

27th August, 1918

Private R.E.Edmonds

Dear Madam,
has been reported how Reg
to advise you that
wounded, 3rd occasion.