

Wilkinson, Roy Dacre

ASC 1901-07

Roy served with 2nd Australian General Hospital, in Egypt during the period covered by the Gallipoli campaign. It is likely that he was busy with the treatment of casualties from Anzac. Later in France, he was gassed twice and wounded. Returned to Sydney early 1918.

No. 1757 ✓ Name Roy Dacre^{DACRE} Wilkinson
 Unit Amalgamated Reinforcement No. 2 Coy.
 Joined on 14th December 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

What is your Name? 1 Roy Dacre^{DACRE} Wilkinson

In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of in or
 near the Town of Cootamundra, N.S.W.
 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. Natural born

What is your age? 4. 27 years 7 months

What is your trade or calling? 5. Gentleman

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. Mr J.D. Wilkinson 44/-
 Geo. Knock Taylor & Co.
 22 York Street Sydney

Description of Roy Dacre Wilkinson

Age 27 years 7 months

Height 5 feet 4 inches

Weight 144 lbs.

Chest Measurement 36" 38" inches

Complexion Fair

Eyes Blue

Hair Light Brown

Religious Denomination C of E

No. 2 Australian General Hospital Cairo



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

H12179

Mena, Egypt. January 1915. No 2 Australian General Hospital, AIF, which was the first Australian hospital to be pitched in the war. AWM H12179

No. 2 General Hospital and No. 2 Stationary Hospital served the 1st Australian Division camp at Mena.

On 25 January 1915, 2AGH took over Mena House, with 35 hospital marquees for general and seven for isolation cases pitched in the vicinity.

In May, additional beds were set up at Ghezireh Palace Hotel while Mena House was retained as an auxiliary. The total staff at this time was 14 officers, 51 nurses and 133 others.

The staff were established at Mena House when, a few months later, casualties from Gallipoli made necessary the preparation of a second hospital at Ghezireh Palace; the two hospitals had a total of 1500 beds. In April 1916 No.2 A.G.H. was transferred to France and established at Wimereux, arriving on 30 June, the eve of the advance on the Somme.



Wimereux, France. c. 1917. The entrance to No. 2 Australian General Hospital. AWM P02804.002

Arrived 1 July 1916 on site of 'partly completed' 5th British Convalescent Depot on the road between Wimereux and Boulogne, the "most important base port of the B.E.F." on the "direct route of casualties from the Salient" (Butler, P 417).

The Nursing Staff proceeded in parties of 10 to Wimereux from June 20th to June 29th, the last party leaving on that day with the Medical staff and equipment on a special train. They arrived at Wimereux on 1.7.16, and the Hospital was ready for patients the next day. Sister Norma Heritage was left at Moussot with 19 Sisters and Staff Nurses, and she re-joined the unit on 18.8.16.

The Hospital at Wimereux closed on 7.2.19, and was instructed to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Australia in March. The Nursing Staff returned to England in parties of 10, beginning on 12.3.19 and the last party with Matron Gray leaving on 19.3.19. Six members were on leave in the South of France, and returned to England on the expiration of their leave.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY NURSING SERVICE IN FRANCE – E. M. McCarthy, Matron-in-Chief, British Troops in France and Flanders, Headquarters, 31.7.19

CASUALTY FORM—ACTIVE SERVICE.

3rd AUSTRALIAN FIELD AMBULANCE

Regiment or Corps 2nd Reinforcements 2nd Aust Gen Hospl.

Serial No. 1781 Rank Private Name WILKINSON Roy Dacre

(a) 17/12/14 Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Promotion to } Date of appointment } Numerical position
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.O.'s

Re-engaged Qualification (b)

C.7516—50M.

Report.	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place.	Date.	taken from Army
From whom Received:				
	Allotted to 2nd Rfts 2 AGH	Sydney	17.12.14	
	Embarked per S.S. "Runic"	Sydney	19.2.15	
	Disembarked	Suez	3.4.15	
2nd A.G.H.	TAKEN ON STRENGTH EX RFTS	Ghezireh	13.4.15	
do	Proceeded overseas to France	ex Alex.	25.3.16	
do	Disembarked at	Marseilles	5.4.16	
do	Stationed at Mussot	Marseilles till	7.7.16	
do	Stationed at Wimereux from		8.7.16	
do	Sick to Hospital ex	Wimereux	22.12.16	
do	Accidentally injured	do	23.12.16	
do	(Inquiry held, soldier not to blame)			
do	Rejoined unit ex hospl.	Wimereux	28.12.16	
do	To Hospital sick	do	10.3.17	
do	Rejoined unit from Hospl.	do	19.3.17	
do	Transferred to 3rd Fld Amb	ex do	15.4.17	
3rd Fld Amb.	TAKEN ON STRENGTH	Field	15.4.17	
do	WOUNDED IN ACTION	DO	5.5.17	
do	REJOINED UNIT EX WOUNDED	do	23.5.17	
do	WOUNDED IN ACTION (GASSED)	do	31.10.17	
do	Adm.L.of C Hospl.	do	31.10.17	
Grantully Castle	Embarked for England	ex France	2.11.17	
	Shell Wound Gassed.			

1. *Call to 2d Hqs. 17.12.14* PURPORT. 2. *Emb. ^{Sydney} 19.2.15*
 3. *Disc. Surg 34.15*
 4. *13.4.15 Taken on strength from 1st P!!?*
 5. *Emb 25.3.16*
 6. *Disc. 5.4.16*
 7. *Stationed at ^{Weymouth} ~~Weymouth~~ 8.7.16*
 8. 22/12/16. Sick to hosptl. Wimereux.
 9. 28/12/16. Rejoined unit from hosp.
 10. 23/12/16. Accidentally injured 23/12/16. Inquiry held Soldier not to blame
 11. 10/3/17. To hosp/ sick.
 12. 19/3/17. Rejoined unit from Hspl.
 13. 15/4/17 TRNAS. TO 3rd. Aust. Eld. Amb. from 2nd. Aust. G.H.
 14. 13/11/17 Adm. to Beaufort W. hpl. Gassed
 15. 23/5/17 Rejd Unit from Hpl.
 16. 5/12/17 Adm. to 3rd. Aux. Hpl. from Beaufort W. Hpl. Gas. psn.
 17. 3/1/18 Disc. to Weymouth Gas psng.

9.4.18 Adm 4 2d Hpl
 27. *Disc. 21.3.18* *Melb Train*
 29/5/18 Disc. 2nd. M.D. M.D. ex "Euripides"

Admitted Beaufort War Hosp. Bristol	13.11.17
Transferred to 3rd Aux Hospl. Dartford	5.12.17
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Discharged to Con Depot Weymouth	8.1.18
Embarked per A14 from England for Return to Australia (Gassed Shell)	30.1.18
Disembarked ex Euripides Melbourne by train to 2nd M.D?	21.3.18
Admitted No4. General Hospl. Aust.	9.4.18
DISCHARGED FROM A.I.F. Classified. M.U.	29.5.18



Femur patients 2nd AGH Wimereux

Informant; Lance Corporal: 2917 V T WHATLEY "Described Private: 2916 Neville Dacre WILKINSON was about 5ft 6inch high fairly stout build, medium complexion aged about 21. Father a Bank Manager and lived at Darlinghurst Road. Informant states that they both belonged to A Company 2nd Platoon. On 30th March 1918 being Easter Saturday, the Battalion was in action at Hangard Wood. They hopped over at 4:00pm. About an hour later, before they got their objective which was a line of trenches the other side of the Wood, Wilkinson was killed outright by a bullet in the head. Informant was about 20 yards away and saw him just after he was hit. Wilkinson was on his hand and knees when hit and his position was not altered after he was struck. He was taken away after dark and buried somewhere in the vicinity of Cachey, but informant did not know exact place. According to informant Wilkinson was a well liked chap".

No.:4 Australian General Hospital, Randwick.

Neville's Memorial Plaque was acquired in October 2008 and is now in the collection. His plaque was first issued on the 5th of February 1923 to his brother Staff Sergeant: 1781 **Roy Dacre Wilkinson**. 3rd Australian Field Ambulance, AIF. Family Information

Neville was a single 19 year old Bank Official upon enlistment and served with the 43a Senior Cadets with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. His parents John and Lydia Wilkinson were married in 1895 at Dubbo 1895 and had 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl. Harold Dacre Wilkinson born 1891 at Sydney, Roy Dacre Wilkinson born 1892 at Cootamundra, died 1966 at St Leonards, John Dacre Wilkinson born 1895 at Dubbo, died in 1977... Neville Dacre Wilkinson born 1899 at Dubbo, Birth died in 1918, France. Vera M Wilkinson born in 1901 at Dubbo.

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me." We were pleased to have a visit from R. D. Wilkinson a week or two ago. This Old Boy is one of the few who served in the last war and again in the A.I.F. in this war. He left Australia in May 1940, was in England for some nine months, after which he returned to the Middle East. He went through the Syrian campaign with the 1st Ack-Ack Regiment, then transferred to the 2/2 Machine Guns and returned to Australia last May.

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Bathurstian Issue during WW11

Died 10/4/66