

David Sydney Regan

David Sydney Regan was born in Rosedale, October 10 1899. His parents were David Regan and Marion Maude Smith.

Research indicates he was one of four children. David was 18 ½ when he enlisted so in his file is a declaration by him saying that the signatures on his application to enlist were that of his parents. There is also a note in the file from his mother Marion. It is date 18th June 1917 and it requests that David not be sent overseas as he was not 19 until October. They appear to have adhered to this as he didn't embark until November.

Service Number	7578
Enlisted	26 April 1917
Embarked	HMAT A71 Nestor 21 st November 1917 From Melbourne
Unit on Enlistment	8 th Battalion, 25 th Reinforcement
Returned to Australia	13 th July 1919
Discharged	officially discharged on the 21 st September 1919

He spent 2 days at a depot and then went to Broadmeadows for 3 weeks, from there he was sent to the Machine Gun Depot at Seymour. He was moved around a little more before being shipped out in November 1917. He arrived in France on the 7th April 1918.

In 1940 David wrote to see if you he could be supplied with a duplicate service medal as he had lost his. The address on the letter indicates he was 37 Eastgate Street in Oakleigh. The declaration states that one eye had broken off and the medal had slipped off his lapel unnoticed. Another interesting little letter appears in the file of David; a woman writing to the 'Inquiry' office seeking his private address, they responded with a polite 'sorry we can't divulge' that information to her.

On return David went home to Sale but after that appears to have gained employment with the Railways and moved about living in places such as Richmond, Abbotsford, Parkdale, Fitzroy & Oakleigh returning to the Latrobe Valley in 1949. He settled in Traralgon about 1963 as a millhand and stayed until he passed away in 1979. The plaque at the cemetery refers to him as Sydney David perhaps he preferred to this so as not to be confused with his father David.



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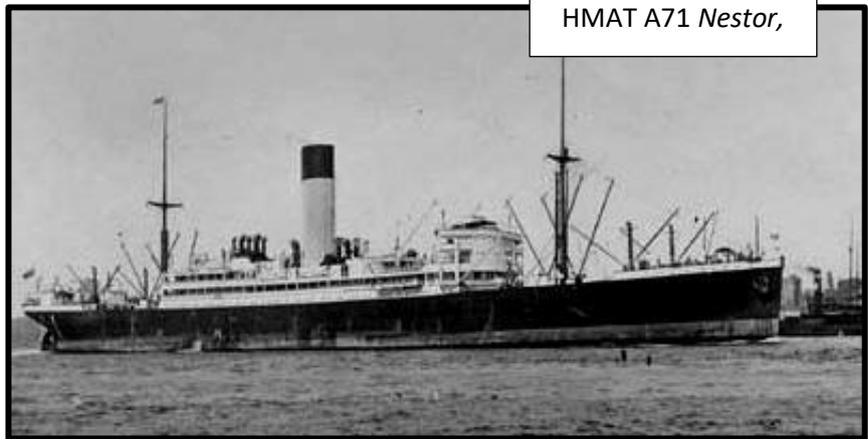


Victory Medal



British War Medal

David travelled overseas
embarking from
Melbourne on 21
November 1917



HMAT A71 *Nestor*,



HMAT A34 *Persic*

David arrived home in Australia on 29 August 1919