

## Albert James Wilson

Albert Wilson was born in Sale and was an 18 year old motor driver, when he enlisted as a signaller. He gave his mother Edith (nee Price) as his next of kin, as the whereabouts of his father were unknown at the time., even though in 1919, his father, James, was listed as with the mother in Hotham Street. James was a blacksmith. He had a sister, mentioned in articles about his coming home. He had spent 6 months in the cadets prior to enlisting.

Service Number	1872
Enlistment	23 January 1917 in Melbourne as a Private
Embarkation	10 May 1917 from Melbourne on board HMAT A42 <i>Boorara</i>
Unit on Embarkation	14 Light Horse Regiment,
Returned Home	17 July 1919

Albert disembarked at Sues and went out to Moascar to camp on 26 June 1917. On 1 September 1917 he went to El Kubri to join the No3 Coy International camel Corp, and on the 7 July was transferred to the 14<sup>th</sup> Light Horse on their re-organization at Surafend.

In the next few months he had a couple of stays in hospital, with septicaemia, and at the end of November he was taken to Rest camp at Moascar. After spending some time around Moascar, he was taken to the Australian HQ in Chairi as a trooper. Once again he was hospitalised in April 1919 suffering from Malaria.

On 17 July 1919, he embarked the *Dunluce Castle* from Suez to return home, disembarking in Australia on 30 August 1919. He was discharged on 22 November 1919.

He was welcomed home with special celebrations at his mother's house, in Hotham Street, opposite the Mechanics Institute Hall, led by Cr T Pettit who commented on his 3 years in Palestine.

Albert died in 1963 aged 64. He was married in 1920 to Rocky Vine (nee Timmins) who is buried with him at Traralgon.

Albert was a railway employee from at least 1924 and living with Rocky (aka Rockey) and lived in various places around Traralgon – Seymour St., 25 Railway St., and 25 Queen's Rd. After his death, from 1977 and 1980 and until perhaps her death, Rocky was living at Yallambie.



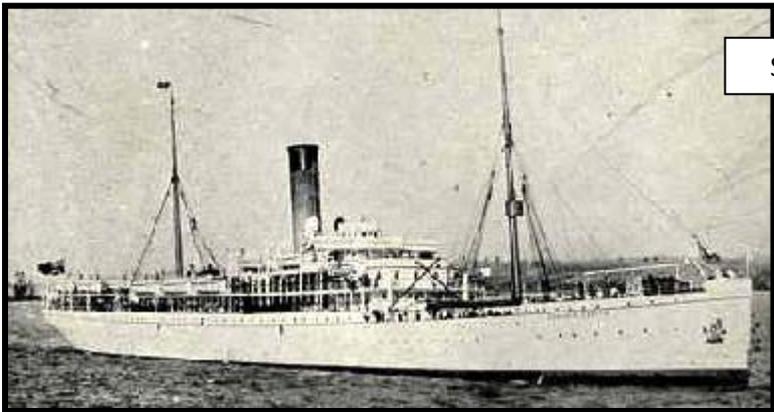
Victory Medal



British War Medal



HMAT A42 *Boorara*



SS *Dunluce Castle*

