

APPLEYARD, A. R.

There are five Appleyard brothers listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll: Allan Richard, Charles Courtney, Darcy James, Gordon William and Leopold Arthur. Their parents, George Appleyard (1850-1921) and Jane Scott (1854-1940), had 15 children, all born in the Alberton area.

The paternal grandparents of these soldiers were Peter Appleyard (1809-1866), a convict transported to Van Diemen's Land for stealing four ducks, and Harriet Ann Wheatley (1817-1893). They met and married in Tasmania and later travelled with their young family to the Albert River Inlet area in southern Victoria, settling down to raise their eight children.

Richard Allan Appleyard was the eleventh child of George and Jane, and when he enlisted in July 1915, he was the fourth son to volunteer. He used the name Allan, which was recorded as Allen, and, as he had a sister Bessie, his address may have been with her. He spent more than three years overseas on active service.

The family's connections with Carlton were through their brother, Charles, who was living with his young family in Carlton by 1915.

Allan Richard died suddenly on 1 December 1951 at Alberton and was buried at the cemetery there. His brother Ernest was buried with him in 1969.

AIF Project Entry

Allen Richard APPLEYARD

Regimental number	1783
Place of birth	Alberton, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Address	Miss Hessie Appleyard, Alberton, Gippsland, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22.8
Height	5' 10"
Weight	131 lbs
Next of kin	Father, George Appleyard, Alberton, Gippsland, Victoria.
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	28 July 1915
Place of enlistment	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	9th Light Horse Regiment, 13th Reinforcement

AWM Embarkation Roll number	10/14/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A19 <i>Afric</i> on 5 January 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Field Artillery Brigade
Fate	Returned to Australia 19 April 1919.
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Plaque in Victorian Garden of Remembrance
Discharge date	28 March 1920
Family/military connections	<p>Brothers:</p> <p>3751 Sergeant Charles Courtney APPLEYARD MM, 23rd Bn, died of wounds, 15 November 1916;</p> <p>4027 Pte Darcy James APPLEYARD, 23rd Bn, returned to Australia, 29 May 1919;</p> <p>2546 Pte Ernest APPLEYARD, discharged at mother's request before leaving Australia;</p> <p>152 Staff Sergeant Frank APPLEYARD, Australian Army Ordnance Corps, returned to Australia, 21 December 1917;</p> <p>865 Pte Gordon William APPLEYARD, 9th Bn, died of wounds, 24 August 1916;</p> <p>Cousin:</p> <p>609 Pte Edgar John APPLEYARD, 8th Light Horse Regiment, died of wounds, 2 August 1917.</p>
Other details	<p>War service: Egypt, Western Front</p> <p>Wounded in action, 25 October 1917.</p> <p>Wounded in action (second occasion), 3 October 1918 (gunshot wound, chest and arm: severe).</p> <p>Commenced return to Australia on board HT 'Marathon', 19 April 1919; discharged (medically unfit), Melbourne, 28 March 1920.</p>
Date of death	Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal 1 December 1951
Sources	NAA: B2455, APPLEYARD Allen Richard

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Family connections are a little jumbled in this entry from The AIF Project. Frank and Edgar John are sons of Arthur and Mary Ann Appleyard, and cousins of Allan,

Charles, Darcy, Ernest, Gordon and Leopold (who is not listed in this entry but who is recorded in The AIF Project).

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