

## APPLEYARD, C. C.

Charles Courtney, second son of George Appleyard and Jane Scott, was born in 1881 at Alberton. See A R Appleyard's page for more family details.

In 1908, Charles married Rose Woodgate, of Longford, in Georgetown, Tasmania and by 1915 they were living in Carlton and had three children.

When he enlisted, he was about 34 years old, but he declared that he was only 28, It was not uncommon for volunteers to understate or overstate their true age to the authorities when they enlisted.

Charles Courtney Appleyard died of wounds in France in November 1916.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **Charles Courtney APPLEYARD**

Regimental number	3751
Place of birth	Alberton, South Gippsland, Victoria.
Other Names	Charles Courtney
School	State
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Builder
Address	265 Drummond Street, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	29
Height	5' 7.5"
Weight	147 lbs
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Rose Appleyard, 265 Drummond Street, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	15 July 1915
Place of enlistment	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	23rd Battalion, 9th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/49/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A69 <i>Warilda</i> on 8 February 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	23rd Battalion
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Military Medal
	For gallant reconnaissance work, obtaining valuable information. (Pozières) Recommendation date: 9 August 1916.

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Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	Of this family of seven sons six enlisted, five saw active service, one being discharged as medically unfit. G.W. and C.C. both died of wounds in France in 1916. C.C. winning the M.M. for bravery in the field three months prior to his death. (Wife)
Fate	Died of wounds 15 November 1916
Place of death or wounding	Flers, France
Age at death	35
Age at death from cemetery records	35
Place of burial	Heilly Station Cemetery (Plot V, Row G, Grave No. 12), Mericourt-L'Abbe, France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	98
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: George and Jane APPLEYARD; husband of Rose APPLEYARD, 265A Drummond Street, Carlton, Victoria, Australia. Native of Alberton, Victoria
Medals	Military Medal 'At POZIERES on 4th/5th August, 1916. For gallant reconnaissance in daylight of the enemy's trench, returning with valuable information.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 184 Date: 14 December 1916
Family/military connections	Brothers: 1783 Gunner Allen Richard APPLEYARD, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 19 April 1919; 4027 Pte Darcy James APPLEYARD, 23rd Bn, returned to Australia, 29 May 1919; 2546 Pte Ernest APPLEYARD, discharged at mother's request before leaving Australia; 152 Staff Sergeant Frank APPLEYARD, Australian Army Ordnance Corps, returned to Australia, 21 December 1917; 865 Pte Gordon William APPLEYARD, 9th Bn, died of wounds, 24 August 1916; Cousin: 609 Pte Edgar John APPLEYARD, 8th Light Horse Regiment, died of wounds, 2 August 1917.
Other details	War service: Egypt, Western Front Medals: Military Medal, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Sources	NAA: B2455, APPLEYARD Charles Courtney

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Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular:

Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: *Appleyard, Charles Courtenay*  
 2. Unit and Number (if known): *No. 3757 Sergeant 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion*  
 3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—  
 Town (if any): *Melbourne* District: *Carlton* State: *Victoria*  
 4. What was his Birthplace: *Alberton 8th. Gippsland. Vic.*  
 5. Date of Death: *15. 11. 16*  
 6. Place where Killed or Wounded: *Fleers* *Fleers*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling: *Carpenter*  
 2. Age at time of Death: *35. yrs.*  
 3. What was his School: *State*  
 4. What was his other Training:  
 5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia:  
 6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars): *no.*

7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

*Of his family of ~~sons~~ sons. Eric. killed five years active service and being discharged as medically unfit. G.W. & C.C. both died of wounds in France in 1916. E.C. winning the M.M. for bravery in the field. three months prior to his death.*

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—

*Gordon Williams Appleyard died of wounds. 24. 9. 16. Brother*

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name: *Rose Appleyard*  
 Relationship to Soldier: *Wife*  
 Address: *263 A Drummond St. Carlton Melbourne*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name: *Mrs F Bowes*  
 Address: *263 Drummond St. Carlton*

NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.

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Family connections are a little jumbled in the AIF Project entry. 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).

Charles' wife Rose was an older sister of John Henry Woodgate, another soldier listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll. She also had named Mr F A Bowes, her next-door neighbour, as a source of information if needed, in the circular. He had written on her behalf to thank the military personnel who had dealt so promptly with matters concerning her late husband.

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NAA: B2455, WOODGATE J H, SERN

BDM VIC

BDM TAS

### CASUALTIES IN FRANCE.

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action, and two have been wounded.  
Mrs. Appleyard, Drummond street, Carlton, has  
been advised of the death in France of her hus-  
band, Sergeant Charles Courtney Appleyard. He  
was one of five brothers who went to the front, and  
he was awarded a military cross for deeds of valor  
at Pozieres. A second brother, Private Gordon  
Appleyard, also died of wounds; a third brother,  
Private Percy Appleyard, who was wounded, has  
returned to the front. Sergeant Appleyard leaves  
a widow and three young children.

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### DEATH OF SERGEANT CHARLES APPLEYARD.

The latest local casualty reported  
from France is that of Sergeant  
Charles Appleyard, formerly of Al-  
berton, who is reported to have died  
of wounds at the 35th Casualty  
Clearing Station, France. A well-  
known identity of this district, his  
death will be deeply regretted by his  
many friends, who admired his man-  
ly qualities and his noble action in  
volunteering to serve his country, for  
which he has now made the supreme  
sacrifice. He was a fine, athletic  
young man, and having already  
gained stripes in his regiment he  
promised well. The consolation to  
his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George  
Appleyard, and relatives, is that he  
has died a hero's death, and for them  
in their sad loss much sympathy will  
be felt.

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