

APPLEYARD, D. J.

Darcy James Appleyard was born in 1894, the sixth son and twelfth child of George Appleyard and Jane Scott. See A R Appleyard's page on this site for more family details.

He enlisted in August 1915, making him the fifth of his brothers to join the AIF. This was noted in a local newspaper (see extract below).

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

Surviving the war, he returned to Australia. In 1923, Darcy married Amy Margaret Martin at Holbrook, NSW, and they had two sons: Keith and Percy.

His headstone in Culcairn General Cemetery reflects his sons' pride in his service.

AIF Project Entry

Darcy James APPLEYARD

Regimental number	4027
Place of birth	Binginwarri, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Height	5' 11.25"
Weight	168 lbs
Next of kin	Father, George Appleyard, Alberton, Victoria.
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	12 August 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	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	23rd Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 29 May 1919.
Discharge date	13 September 1919.

Family/military connections

Brothers:

1783 Gunner Allen Richard APPLEYARD,
1st Field Artillery Brigade, returned to
Australia, 19 April 1919;

3751 Sergeant Charles Courtney
APPLEYARD MM, died of wounds,
15 November 1916;

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: Western Front

Wounded in action, 28 July 1916 (shrapnel
wound, left arm).

Commenced return to Australia on board
HT 'Rio Negro', 29 May 1919; discharged
(termination of period of enlistment),
Melbourne, 13 September 1919.

Date of death

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal
5 January 1971

Age at death

75

Place of burial

Culcairn Cemetery, New South Wales

Sources

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Family connections are a little jumbled in this 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 in The AIF Project).

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Our boys have responded well to the call of "King and Country." In fact we have very few of eligible age remaining in the district, the list of those that have volunteered from here being as follows:—Gordon Appleyard, Leo. Appleyard, Allan Appleyard, D'Arcy Appleyard, Hugh Morrison, Walter Altham, Joseph Cartwright, Chas. Lucas and Richard Lucas. Not a bad record for a small country district. Mr. and Mrs. George Appleyard now have five sons serving for their country.

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