

APPLEYARD, G. W.

Gordon William, or William Gordon as he was registered at his birth in 1886, was the sixth child of George Appleyard and Jane Scott. See A R Appleyard's page on this site for more family details.

Gordon was the first of his brothers to enlist. A newspaper article in 1914 named him among a group of 16 infantry men who left Rockhampton on 4 September. He was from Barcaldine, a very great distance from where he grew up in South Gippsland, Victoria.

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

Two years later, Gordon William Appleyard died in France of his wounds.

AIF Project Entry

Regimental number	865
Place of birth	Alberton, Victoria
School	Ginginwarrie* State School
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	26
Height	5' 6"
Weight	138 lbs
Next of kin	Father, Geo Appleyard, Alberton, South Gippsland, Victoria.
Previous military service	Member, South Gippsland Rifle Club
Enlistment date	3 September 1914
Place of enlistment	Rockhampton, Queensland
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	9th Battalion, G Company
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board Transport A5 <i>Omrah</i> on 24 September 1914.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	9th Battalion
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	Name on RoHc is William Gordon. Pte W. G. Appleyard was one of six brothers who enlisted with the A.I.F.
Fate	Died of wounds 24 August 1916.
Place of death or wounding	France
Age at death	30.

Place of burial	Puchevillers British Cemetery (Plot II, Row F, Grave No. 25), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	54
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: George and Jane APPLEYARD. Native of Alberton, South Gippsland, Victoria
Family/military connections	Brothers: 3751 Sergeant Charles Courtney APPLEYARD MM, 23rd Bn, died of wounds, 15 November 1916; 4027 Pte Darcy James APPLEYARD, 23rd Bn, returned to Australia, 29 May 1919; 609 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; 1783 Gunner Allen Richard APPLEYARD, 1st Field Artillery Brigade, returned to Australia, 19 April 1919; Cousin: 609 Pte Edgar John APPLEYARD, 8th Light Horse Regiment, died of wounds, 2 August 1917.
Other details	War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Western Front Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Sources	NAA: B2455, APPLEYARD Gordon William

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*School is actually *Binginwarri State School* – this place name matches his records and family information.

Family connections are a little jumbled in this entry in *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 is recorded in *The AIF Project*).

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Personal.

A telegram was received by the Rev. Mr. Thompson yesterday from the Defence department, asking him to break the sad news to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Appleyard, of Alberton, that their son, Private G. W. Appleyard, had died of wounds on Aug. 24th. He was amongst the first to land, and spent six months, on Gallipoli. Another son, D'Arcy Appleyard, is wounded. All six sons of the family have enlisted, five of whom were at the front. The last to enlist, Ernest, is at present in the Base Hospital, having had to undergo an operation.

National Library of Australia <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article121036030>

On the Roll of Honour Circular filled in by his mother, Cr T J McGalliard of Alberton West was named as another person who could supply information about her son.

Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular

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

FILED ON H. R. CARD

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier *William Gordon Appleyard*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *No. 265 9th 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) *Kingsbury* District *Alberton* State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace *Alberton West*
5. Date of Death *24th August 1916*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *France*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Farmer*
2. Age at time of Death *30 years*
3. What was his School *State School Kingsbury*
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—

The W.G. Appleyard was one of 6 Brothers who enlisted with the A.I.F. My Father's Father & only Brother served their time under Queen Victoria this was said when very young it was broke out when he was 2 then he would be a soldier... he proved himself one

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

*His Brother No. 3751. Sgt. G.W. Appleyard Military Medal
 died of wounds in France Nov 16th 1916*

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

Name *Mrs Appleyard*
 Relationship to Soldier *Mother*
 Address *Alberton St. Stephens Vic. Aus*

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

Name *Mr T.J. McGalliard*
 Address *Alberton West St. Stephens Vic*

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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