

DWYER, A.

Andrew James Dwyer was born in Carlton in 1881, the fourth child of William Michael Dwyer and Annie Johns Cregan. He was a veteran of the Boer War and taught at Fairfield State School before he enlisted.

Andrew enlisted in February 1915, a month before his older brother Albert Valentine. He was promoted to the rank of Major, and was awarded a Distinguished Service Order, before returning wounded to Australia in 1917.

A third brother, John William, is also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

Andrew married Lillian Florence Thompson in 1917 and they had three children: Patricia, William and Nevin. By 1920 the family were living at Bayview Street, Northcote, where he died in November 1945.

AIF Project Entry

Andrew James DWYER

Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Civil servant
Address	141 Barry Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	33
Next of kin	Father, William Dwyer, 141 Barry Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	10 February 1915
Rank on enlistment	Captain
Unit name	5th Battalion, 4th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/22/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A18 <i>Wiltshire</i> on 14 April 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Captain
Unit from Nominal Roll	5th Battalion
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Companion of the Distinguished Service Order Recommendation date: 12 October 1916 Mention in Despatches
Fate	Returned to Australia 22 February 1917
Medals	Distinguished Service Order Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 103 Date: 29 June 1917.

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MAJOR ANDREW J. DWYER, D.S.O.

Before enlisting with the First Australian Expeditionary Force, Major Dwyer was a teacher at the Fairfield State school. He took a keen interest in the school cadet corps, which was successful in winning the Sargood Shield. He was also area officer at North Richmond in connection with the universal training scheme.

Major Dwyer comes of a family that has every reason to be proud of its services to the Empire. His father was identified with the formation of the first Victorian Volunteer Regiment. Lieutenant A. V. Dwyer, the eldest son, served with the 23rd Battalion, and was killed in action at Lone Pine. He has left a widow and two children. The youngest son, Lieutenant John W. Dwyer, of the 5th Battalion, is now in France. Lieutenant Hector L. Dwyer, the third son, is in the service of the National Bank at Swan Hill, and is waiting to be released by the bank to join the forces.

Major Dwyer is 36 years of age, and saw service in South Africa as a bugler with the 3rd Victorian Bushmen. In the course of that campaign he was promoted corporal and won the Queen's Medal with five bars.

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