

FINCHER, W.

Walter Colville Fincher was born in 1889 in Fitzroy (not Footscray as recorded by the AIF Project) to Walter Robert and Mary (née Griffith) Fincher. Both Walter and his younger brother, Hughie James, were butchers, probably learning their trade in their father's butcher shop at 160 Rathdown Street, Carlton.

Walter moved to Western Australia at some stage and he enlisted in Perth. His brother Hughie enlisted a year later in Melbourne, but he is not recorded on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

AIF Project Entry

Walter Colville FINCHER

Regimental number	1809
Place of birth	Footscray Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Butcher
Address	Parker Street, Perth, Western Australia.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	25
Next of kin	Father, Walter R Fincher, <i>San Remo</i> , Heidelberg Road, Fairfield Park, Melbourne, Victoria.
Enlistment date	17 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Driver
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade 3, Battery 8
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/31/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia, on board Transport A7 <i>Medic</i> on 2 November 1914.
Regimental number from Nominal Roll	21
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	6th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 3 December 1918.

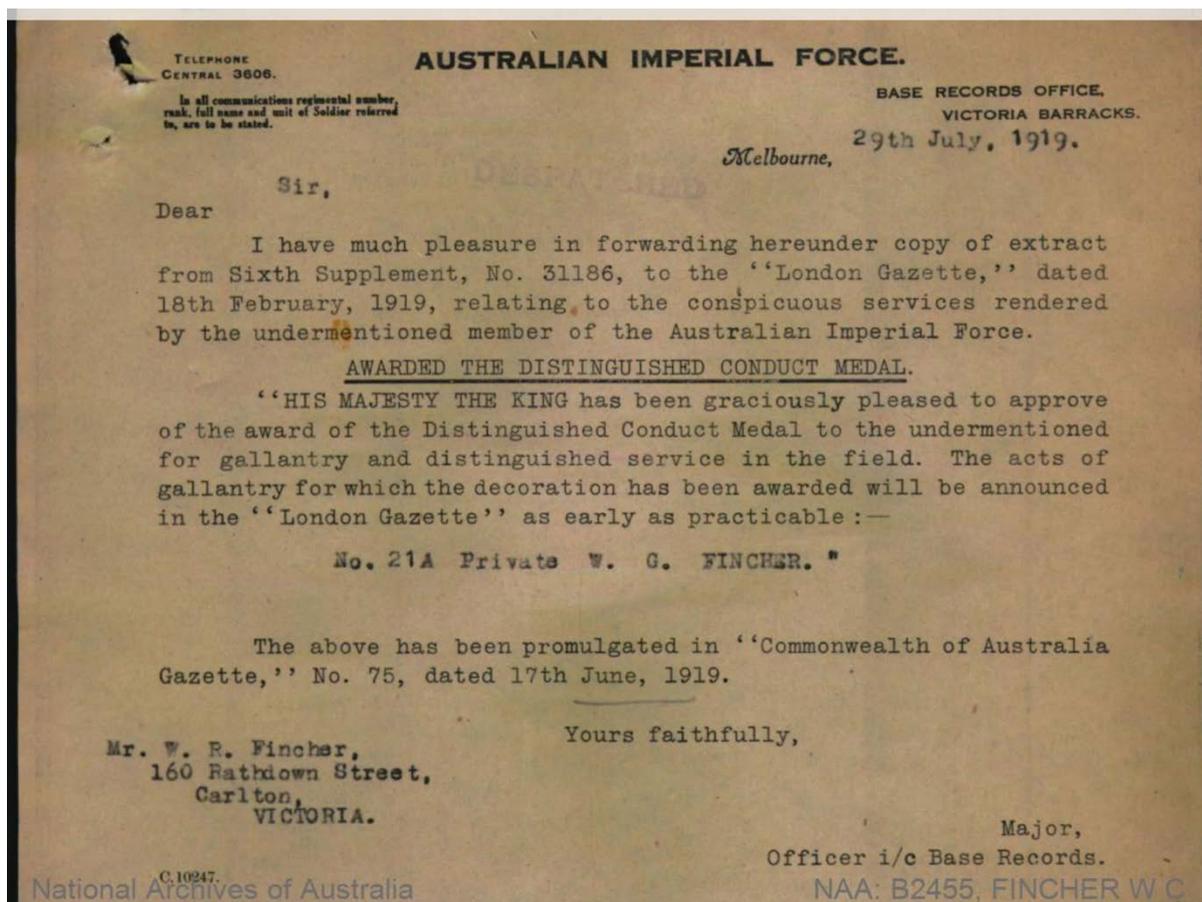
Medals

Distinguished Conduct Medal
'For conspicuous gallantry at Herleville Wood, 23 August 1918. As stretcher bearer, he did fine work dressing and carrying the wounded. Later, in spite of suffering from the effects of gas, he attended to many casualties. His endurance was only equalled by his courage.'
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