

## HAWKING, E. V. (M.M.)

Ernest Vivian Hawking came from Mooroopna near Shepparton. He was awarded a Military Medal for his actions in September 1917 at Polygon Wood, Belgium.

A connection to Carlton or St Jude's has not yet been found.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **Ernest Vivian HAWKING**

Regimental number	3641
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Civil servant
Address	Elizabeth Street, Mooroopna, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs E Hawkin, Elizabeth Street, Mooroopna, Victoria.
Enlistment date	28 July 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	23 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	7th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/24/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A71 <i>Nestor</i> on 11 October 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	Australian Army Postal Corps
Fate	Returned to Australia 8 May 1919.
Medals	Military Medal 'During operations of 25th and 26th September at POLYGON WOOD this man displayed great coolness and devotion to duty in that he was on duty at a signal station at Battalion headquarters at BLACK WATCH CORNER which was continually heavily shelled. The station was in a trench which was blown in several times and on many occasions partially burying the 3 men on the station. He with the aid of 2 others stuck to the telephones and kept communication open.

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Finally the position was blown out and it was necessary to move to the Pill Box where the work was carried on till the battalion was relieved. On one occasion, when there were no runners available, and telephone lines were broken he, accompanied by Private McRae carried a despatch to the forward Battalion Station and when returning laid a telephone wire and was successful in establishing telephonic communication again. This was done under heavy shelling.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 31  
Date: 7 March 1918.

Date of death 10 September 1953  
Place of burial Springvale Cemetery

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