

HEGGIE, A. D.

Allan Dow Heggie was the third child born to William Allan Heggie and Elizabeth Frances Stubbings. His early life and schooling were at Dunolly.

William was the Postmaster at the Elgin Street Post Office, Carlton, when Allan enlisted at Melbourne. His father said that Carlton was the place Allan was most associated with.

Allan was first reported as missing in action after the battle of Fromelles. His older brother, Reginald, wanted to ease his parents' distress and asked the authorities to inform him first if Allan's death was confirmed.

Correspondence in the NAA file shows the protocol that was followed when families were informed of the fate of their relative.

AIF Project Entry

Dow* Allan HEGGIE

Regimental number	3531
Place of birth	Dunolly, Victoria
School	State School, Dunolly, Victoria.
Age on arrival in Australia*	24*
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Warehouseman
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Height	5' 10.5"
Weight	140 lbs
Next of kin	Father, William A Heggie, Carlton PO, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.
Previous military service	Served for 13 months in the Victorian Rifles; 12 months as Probationary Lieutenant, Citizen Military Forces.
Enlistment date	2 September 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	2 September 1915
Place of enlistment	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	21st Battalion, 8th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/38/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A64 <i>Demosthenes</i> on 29 December 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	60th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 19 July 1916.

Place of death or wounding	Fromelles, France
Age at death	24
Age at death from cemetery records	24
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	V.C. Corner (Panel No 19), Australian Cemetery Memorial, Fromelles, France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	170
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: William and Frances HEGGIE, The Post Office, Elgin Street, Carlton, Victoria
Other details	<p>War service: Egypt, Western Front Taken on strength, 60th Bn, Tel el Kebir, 26 February 1916. Embarked Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force, 18 June 1916; disembarked Marseilles, France, 29 June 1916. Appointed Lance Corporal, 15 July 1916.</p> <p>Reported missing, 19 July 1916. CO, 60th Bn, reported, 30 January 1917: 'This man's body found in NO MAN'S LAND and disc recovered on 8/8/16.' Note, Red Cross File No 1310504: 'No trace Germany. Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.' Statement, 3047 Sergeant W. L. CARKEET, D Company, 60th Bn (patient, No 9 General Hospital, Rouen), 8 November 1916: 'I knew a man called Heggie in C Coy. but I do not know his number. He was about 5 ft. 10 ins. or 5 ft. 11 ins with light brown hair ... and he would be about 21 years of age ... He took part in the attack on Fromelles on the 19th July but did not return. Some time afterwards, his disc was returned to the Orderly Room. I saw his disc.' Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal.</p>
Sources	NAA: B2455, HEGGIE Dow Allan Red Cross File No 1310504.

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* Unfortunately there are several errors in this AIF Project File: Allan's personal names are in reverse order and he was born in Dunolly, Victoria, Australia, so did not arrive here at 24. His NAA file correctly lists him as Allan Dow Heggie. See also BDM Vic.

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Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular

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

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: Alan Dow Heggie
2. Unit and Number (if known): SP. 3531. 60th Bn
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): Carlton District: Melbourne State: Victoria
4. What was his Birthplace: Dunally Victoria
5. Date of Death: 19-7-16
6. Place where Killed or Wounded: Battle of Fromelles. (Fleurbaey)

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling: Warehouseman
2. Age at time of Death: 24 years
3. What was his School: State School Dunally.
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): _____
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

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

9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name: William Allan Heggie
Relationship to Soldier: Father
Address: Postnude Rd. P.O. Carlton
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name: _____
Address: _____

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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Private Allan Dow Heggie



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Description

Studio portrait of 3531A Private (Pte) Allan Dow Heggie 21st Battalion of Carlton, Vic. A warehouseman prior to enlistment, Pte Heggie embarked with the 21st Battalion on board HMAT *Demosthenes* (A64) on 29 December 1915.

In the Middle East he was transferred to the 60th Battalion. They arrived in France on 1 June 1916. Pte Heggie was appointed Lance Corporal on 15 July 1916.

On 19 July 1916 Lance Corporal Heggie was killed in action at Fromelles, France. He was 24 years of age.