

LOUSADA, C. (D.C.M, M.S.M)

Born in 1897, Cecil St Leger Lousada came from a large South Gippsland family of six sons and three daughters. His parents were Edward Charles Lousada (1815-1932) and Isabelle Beatrice Hall (1861-1917). He and two older brothers, Barrow Herbert and Aubrey George, enlisted in the AIF. Barrow was killed in action in 1916; Aubrey survived and is also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

Cecil Lousada first came to St Jude's probably while he was working as a bank clerk in Fitzroy. He became a dear friend of the Good family and a valued Sunday school teacher.

Died of Wounds

Lousada – On the 11th April 1918, Gunner Cecil St Leger (DCM), 5th Divisional artillery, from wounds received in action, aged 21 years. (A loving tribute from the staff at St. Jude's Sunday School, Carlton.)

Lousada – Died of wounds on April 11, 1918, Gunner Cecil St Lager (DCM), 5th Divisional Artillery, aged 21 years, dearly loved friend of Rev. J Good and family, St Jude's Vicarage, Carlton.

Argus (Melbourne, Vic: 1848-1957), Saturday 4 May 1918, page 11.

AIF Project Entry

Cecil St Leger LOUSADA

Regimental number	1724
Date of birth	6 January 1897
Place of birth	Warragul, Victoria
School	Calligace, Mountain View and Toora State Schools, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Edward Charles Lousada, Korumburra, Victoria
Enlistment date	4 May 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	21st Battalion, 2nd Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/38/2

Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A64 <i>Demosthenes</i> on 16 July 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Field Artillery Brigade
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Distinguished Conduct Medal Recommendation date: 4 September 1916 Meritorious Service Medal Recommendation date: 4 March 1918
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	Joined the Bank of New South Wales, Fitzroy Branch, 18 September 1913. Transferred to Elmore Branch, January 1915.
Fate	Died of wounds 10 April 1918.
Place of burial	Querrieu British Cemetery (Row A, Grave No. 13), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	18
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: Edward and Beatrice LOUSADA, 'Clanville', Kardella South, Gippsland, Victoria
Medals	Distinguished Conduct Medal 'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion in volunteering to carry water across open ground, and through an extremely heavy barrage of artillery fire, to severely wounded men. Later he displayed great bravery as a stretcher bearer, exhibiting a fine example of endurance and soldierly spirit.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 62 Date: 19 April 1917. Meritorious Service Medal Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 110 Date: 25 July 1918.
Family/military connections	Brothers: 2740 Pte Barrow Herbert Ellis LOUSADA MM, 21st Bn, killed in action, 26 August 1916.

130 Sergeant Aubrey George LOUSADA,
13th Field Artillery Brigade, returned to
Australia, 8 August 1918.

Cousin:

3451 Pte Duncan Campbell AFFLECK,
59th Bn, killed in action, 19 July 1916.

War service: Egypt, Gallipoli,
Western Front.

Other details

Medals: Distinguished Conduct Medal,
Meritorious Service Medal, 1914-15 Star,
British War Medal, Victory Medal

Sources

'Bank of New South Wales Roll of
Honour' (Sydney, 1921), pp. 241-2.

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Studio portrait of Gunner (Gnr) Cecil St Leger Lousada DCM (later MSM),
14th Field Artillery Brigade, of Toora, Victoria.



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Description

Gnr Lousada, who enlisted on 14 May 1915, was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) in April 1917 "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion in volunteering to carry water across open ground, and through an extremely heavy barrage of artillery fire, to severely wounded men. He later displayed great bravery as a stretcher bearer, exhibiting a fine example of endurance and soldierly spirit."

In November 1918 he was posthumously awarded a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). Between 23 September and 12 November 1917, he had been responsible for the production of operation orders and clerical work for the entire 5th Australian Division Artillery. The recommendation for the award includes "This NCO - devotion to duty and meritorious service, without previous experience, is worthy of special recognition." He died of wounds on 10 April 1918 and was buried in Querrieu British Cemetery, France.