

MICHEL, L. A.

Lewis Alfred Michel was the eldest son of a large Carlton family of at least eight children. His father was William Edgar Michel (1875-1930), his mother, Mary Elizabeth Smith (1876-1934). There is some contradiction in his service records: one record in the National Archives of Australia suggests that he was born in Perth, but a later document corrects this and records that he was born in Northcote in 1892. His parents were certainly in Western Australia early in their marriage as his brother Percy was born in Coolgardie in 1896. The family had returned to Melbourne by 1899 and, as their family expanded, lived in various houses around Carlton.

Lewis's younger brothers Percy and Arthur also enlisted in 1915 and served overseas, as did his Uncle Hector Michel. All the Michel men subsequently returned to Melbourne and are listed on the Honour Roll.

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Lewis Alfred MICHEL

Regimental number	2639
Place of birth	Perth, Western Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Address	175 Fenwick Street, North Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	24
Next of kin	Father, W Michel, 175 Fenwick Street, North Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.
Enlistment date	15 June 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	4th Battalion, 8th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/21/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A54 <i>Runicon</i> , 9 August 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	4th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia, 31 August 1916.

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