

## RAWLINS, A.

Alfred Charles Vincent Rawlins was born in 1887 in London to Edwin Alfred James Rawlins (1842-1915) and Letitia Hatterley (1855-1932). Edwin Rawlins was a noted cornet player, playing in the bands of the Royal Horse Guards and also in orchestras in Drury Lane and Covent Garden. He came to Melbourne in 1888 to perform in the orchestra for the Melbourne Centennial Exhibition.

His wife Letitia and seven children, including the two-year-old Alfred joined him in December 1889. Three more children, including Frederick Burnaby, were born in Melbourne. Frederick is also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

Alfred enlisted in 1914 and served in France. He returned to Australia in 1919 and took up a temporary two-year position in the Australian Air Corps at Laverton as a mechanic. He married Clara Mauldon in 1927. Following her death in 1931, he married Leah Miriam Cohen in 1935 and the couple had two sons. During WWII, Frederick served in the Citizens Military Force as a motor driver and mechanic.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **Alfred Charles Vincent RAWLINS**

Regimental number	346
Place of birth	Battersea England
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Cycle builder
Address	16 Horne Street, Elsternwick, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	27
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Letitia Rawlins, 16 Horne Street, Elsternwick, Victoria.
Enlistment date	15 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	5th Battalion, E Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/22/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A3 <i>Orvieto</i> on 21 October 1914.
Miscellaneous details (Nominal Roll)	Name does not appear on Nominal Roll
Family/military connections	Brother: 1034 Lance Corporal Frederick Burnaby RAWLINS, 24th Bn, returned to Australia, 6 January 1919.

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## VETERAN BANDMASTER'S DEATH

The death in Liverpool Hospital on Saturday of an old man, Mr. Edwin Rawlins, ended an interesting career. In his earlier days he was major in the band of the Royal Horse Guards, and on occasions he conducted the band. He was a star military soloist on the cornet, and had played before the late King Edward. In 1889 he came to Australia under engagement to the Victorian Government to play as first cornet in the band at the International Exhibition in Melbourne, and became bandmaster of the 2nd Victorian Regiment—a position he held for 16 years. He afterwards came to New South Wales, and was instructor and bandmaster of several bands. He was a member of the Professional Musicians' Union, and was 74 years of age. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

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