

READ, W.

William Arthur Read, the older son of William George Read and Agnes Currey, was born in 1894. His mother married Albert Thomas Bloor in 1898. William attended Rathdowne Street State School, now known as Carlton Gardens, and later did clerical work with the YMCA.

Although previously rejected because of his physique, he enlisted in October 1916 and served overseas until his death in June 1918.

AIF Project Entry

William Arthur READ

Regimental number	7071
Place of birth	Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria
School	Rathdowne St State School, no. 2605, Carlton, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Clerk
Address	206 Alexander Parade, Clifton Hill, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs B A Bloor, 206 Alexander Parade, Clifton Hill, Victoria.
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	27 October 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	14th Battalion, 23rd Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/31/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A7 <i>Medic</i> on 16 December 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lance Corporal
Unit from Nominal Roll	14th Battalion
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Unspecified
	Recommendation date: 25 October 1917
Fate	Killed in Action 18 June 1918
Place of death or wounding	Corbie, France
Age at death	23.11
Age at death from cemetery records	23
Place of burial	Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery (Plot II, Row F, Grave No. 2), Fouilloy, France.

Panel number, Roll of Honour,
Australian War Memorial

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Miscellaneous information from
cemetery records

Son of Barbara BLOOR (formerly READ),
206 Alexander Parade, Clifton Hill, Victoria,
and the late William READ.

Other details

War service: Western Front

Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal.

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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 *William Arthur Read*
2. Unit and Number (if known) *14th Battalion No 7071*
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) *Melbourne* District *Clifton Hill* State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace *Carlton, Melbourne.*
5. Date of Death *17th June 1918*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded *Killed by shell, at Corbie.*

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling *Clerk*
2. Age at time of Death *23 years 11 months*
3. What was his School *Rothdown St. S.S. Carlton (No 2605)*
4. What was his other Training *Clerical work etc. at St. C. A. Melliss.*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia *Born in Australia*
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars) *He had never served in any other Forces, Military or Naval.*
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment— *He received great praise from Maj. General G. G. Lincain MacLagan, commanding the 4th Aust Division, for his bravery and devotion to duty near Broodseinde from 13th to 17th October 1917.*
8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)—

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9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—

Name *Mrs B. A. Bloor*
Relationship to Soldier *Mother*
Address *206 Alexander Pde Clifton Hill*

10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—

Name *Mr. G. Roberts, 36 Percy St*
Address *Northcote, Vic. No. 100, Melb.*

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