

TOWNSEND, W. E.

It is possible that W E Townsend is William Edwin Townsend, but a connection with St Jude's Church or Carlton has yet to be established. There are no other servicemen with the surname 'Townsend' and the initials 'W E' in the World War I Service Records. Neither does there appear to be a family connection with Private (W) J Townsend who also appears on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

William Edwin Townsend was born in 1887 in North Melbourne to Catherine Sanderson (1845-1917) and John Townsend (1842-1932). He married Jessie May Lewry (1895-1924) in 1914 prior to his embarkation. A daughter was born that year. Private William Edwin Townsend contracted tuberculosis in Egypt. He was invalided home in 1915 and sent to Broadmeadows Sanatorium. A second daughter was born later in 1915 and a son in 1921.

AIF Project Entry

William Edward TOWNSEND

Regimental number	484
Place of birth	North Melbourne, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Agent
Address	56 Gibdon Street, Burnley, Victoria.
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	27
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Townsend, 56 Gibdon Street, Burnley, Victoria.
Enlistment date	17 August 1914
Rank on enlistment	Bugler
Unit name	6th Battalion, D Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/23/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A20 <i>Hororata</i> on 19 October 1914.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	6th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 21 March 1915.
Date of death	7 April 1962
Place of burial	Kew Cemetery

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