

## TOZER, A.

Adrian Richards Tozer was born in Carlton in 1898 to Mary Jane Richards (1866-1940) and Edgar Tozer (1868-1948). He was the second of their four sons and, like his older brother Edgar, worked in the family business 'Tozer & Sons, Motor Engineers' at the garage at 160 Palmerston Street, Carlton. Edgar also enlisted and is remembered on the St Jude's Honour Roll.

Adrian enlisted as an 18-year-old and was sent to France. He was reported missing and then reported wounded and captured as a prisoner of war. He spent two years in German prisoner-of-war camps, being liberated at the end of 1918 and sent to England. He returned to Melbourne in April 1919. Like thousands of other returned servicemen, he worked on the Great Ocean Road Project in the late 1920s. He did not marry and died in 1942.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **Adrian TOZER**

Regimental number	2415
Place of birth	Carlton Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Motor mechanic
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18
Next of kin	Father, Edgar Tozer, 160 Palmerston Street, Carlton, Melbourne, Victoria.
Enlistment date	15 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	21st Battalion, 5th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/38/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board RMS <i>Osterley</i> on 29 September 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	21st Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 2 March 1919.
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Plaque in Victorian Garden of Remembrance.
Date of death	22 February 1942.

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**Description**

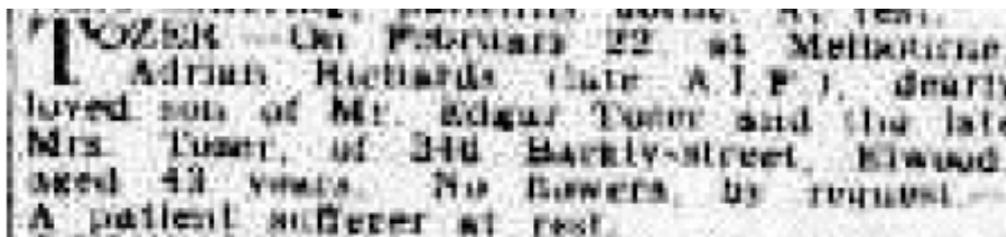
Studio portrait of 2415 Private (Pte) Adrian Tozer, 5th Reinforcements, 21st Battalion, of Carlton, Vic. Pte Tozer enlisted, aged 18, on 15 July 1915 and embarked from Melbourne aboard HMAT *Osterley* on 29 September 1915. He returned to Australia on 2 March 1919.

Tozer was captured at Mouquet Farm and taken prisoner of war (POW) on 26 August 1916 and was interned at Munster, Friedrichsfeld bei Wesel, Minden and Munster in Westphalia POW camps in Germany.

In 1928 he was working on the Great Ocean Road building project for returned servicemen.

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