

WINCHESTER, E.

Our research indicates that this soldier was probably Walter Eric Winchester who was born in Sydney, NSW, in 1897 to Walter Winchester (1875-1933) and Ada Wright (1871-1900). His connection to Carlton and St Jude's seems to be through his maternal grandmother, Mrs Mary Jane Hounsell, who lived at 933 Drummond Street North Carlton. Walter registered her as his guardian and next-of-kin when he enlisted in 1916.

Walter was originally stationed at the Queenscliff Barracks. He served in France where he was wounded, transferred to a military hospital in England and then sent back to France.

Gunner Winchester returned to Melbourne in 1919 where he was discharged 'medically unfit'. He married May Ann Clark (1897-1997) in 1925 and the couple had one son, Norman Eric Winchester (1927-1979). He died in Ascot Vale in 1947.

AIF Project Entry

Walter Eric WINCHESTER

Regimental number	782
Place of birth	Sydney New South Wales
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Soldier
Address	Barracks, Queenscliff, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	Grandparent, Mrs M J Hounsell, 933 Drummond Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Previous military service	Royal Australian Garrison Artillery
Enlistment date	1 July 1916
Rank on enlistment	Gunner
Unit name	Heavy Artillery Group 36, Reinforcement 8
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/49/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A60 <i>Aeneas</i> on 30 September 1916.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	36th Heavy Artillery Group
Fate	Returned to Australia 11 May 1919.

Date of death	1 December 1947
Place of burial	Fawkner Cemetery

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