

MASON, W.

William Mason had two Regimental Numbers. The AIF Project used SERN 1164 (see below). His National Archives of Australia File had that number struck through and SERN 1208 used instead.

When William enlisted in September 1914, he named his sister Mrs Rose Keeley, née Maynard, as next of kin. She was living in Drummond Street Carlton at the time.

William was wounded at Gallipoli a few days after the landing in April 1915. He returned to his unit in May 1915, was promoted to Corporal and was then reported wounded and missing on 12 July 1915. A Court of Enquiry held in the field on 5 May 1916 in France found that he had not been taken prisoner and determined that he had been killed in action.

William's oldest brother John received his medals as next of kin as both his parents had died by the time the medals were being distributed.

AIF Project Entry

William MASON

Regimental number	1164
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Driver
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Sister, Mrs R Keeley, 275 Drummond Street, Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	29 September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	8th Battalion, 1st Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/25/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A32 <i>Themistocles</i> on 22 December 1914
Fate	No details of fate entered on Nominal Roll.

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NAA: B2455, MASON W, SERN 1208

BDM VIC

MASON.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Corporal William Mason, 7th Battalion, who was killed in action at Lonesome Pine 12th July, 1915.

He took his station at his officer's side,
Standing a soldier still;
Among those noble men that died
To do their officers' will.

How his life was sped we know not;
What his last word, look or thought;
Only that he did his duty,
Died as bravely as he fought.

No monolith of carven stone
Shall mark his early resting place;
Nor fragrant flowers, zephyr blown,
Incline their heads in tender grace.

Yet shall thy deeds forever be
Deep carven in a nation's heart,
And fairest flowers of victory
From seeds that thou hast sown shall start.
A hero he died; a soldier and a man.

Dear Will.

—Inserted by his loving father, brothers and sisters.