

31st Battalion AIF

‘U’ Members

UNDERDOWN

James



James UNDERDOWN

Service No 4650

Rank Pte

Born 17th Dec 1889, Barcaldine, Queensland

NoK Mr James Underdown, Yardman General Hospital, Longreach, Qld

Enlistment 7th Jan 1916 Rockhampton, Queensland

Age 25

Status & Religion Single, C.of E.

Occupation Labourer

Address Rockhampton, Queensland

Outcome RTA 18th Dec 1918

Notes for more family information see www.adoptadigger.org

5th Rfts, 25th Bn from 6th Jan 1915 to 18th Aug 1915

Reported AWL from (Band) 5th /25th for 4 days in Jul by Band Sgt N Eckersley.

Forfeiture 4 days' pay and 24 hours detention. Noted as unsuitable as a bandsman.

Re-attested at Enoggera on 23rd Nov 1916

Allotted to 12th Rfts, 31st Bn at Rifle Range, Enoggera, on 22nd Nov 1916

Embarked at Sydney, NSW, on HMAT A64 "DEMOSTHENES", 23rd December, 1916

Offence: At sea (whilst docked at Durban) on HMAT A64. AWL from 11pm 17/1/17 to 11pm 18/1/18.

Award: 96 hours detention by O.C. Troops. Total Forfeiture: 8 days' pay.

“Wednesday 17,1917. Sighted the coast early in the morning, arrived about ten AM. We did not draw into the wharves until after 1 PM. A march was taken to the city and general leave granted for the evening. The YM said that they would supply me with envelopes. Cold all day and night.

Friday 19. Received a donation of 1/-. Left Durban early in the morning and had a pleasant run along the coast. The C.E. held their song service and I assisted. Had a talk with the Padre and was encouraged to go on in the work.

Monday 22. Arrived in Cape Town, not very favourably impressed too windy.

Tuesday 30. Early this morning we steamed out of Table Bay. The boats look a picture steaming out we were the last to be on the move as our steaming gear wasn't of order and almost ran our escort down which was at anchor. The Barambah has taken the lead of one line and the Demosthenes the other. The boats steaming along in order with the escorts ahead, is a magnificent sight. This evening, I was watching the moon and many moonlit nights of Australia came to my mind.”

Disembarked at Plymouth on 3rd Mar 1917

Marched in to 8th Trng Bn, Hurdcott on 3rd Mar 1917

Sick (piles) to Military Hospital, Fovant from 8th Trng Bn on 15th Mar 1917

Discharged and marched in to 8th Trng Bn from Fovant Hospital on 27th Mar 1917

Proceeding overseas to France via Southampton on 12th Oct 1917

Marched in to 5th AIDBD, Havre on 15th Oct 1917
 Marched out to unit on 16th Oct 1917
 Taken on strength of 'A' Coy, 31st Bn on 18th Oct 1917 ('A' Coy, RO 583)
Posted to III Platoon, 'A' Coy, 31st Bn, along with William Berghagan, George Rowe and Frederick Harry Smith

To hospital sick (pyrexia of unknown origin) on 24th Jan 1918
 Admitted 8th Aust Fld Amb and transferred to 5th ADRS on 24th Jan 1918
 Transferred and admitted to 3rd Can Gen Hospital, Boulogne on 26th Jan 1918
 Then transferred with myalgia and admitted 7th Convalescent Depot, Boulogne on 11th Feb 1918
Crime at Boulogne. AWL from 4pm 23/2/18 until caught breaking into camp at 8.50pm.
Award: 7 days C.C. and forfeit 1 days' pay by OC 7th Convalescent Depot. Total Forfeiture: 1 days pay.
 Marched in to 5th AIDBD, Havre on 3rd Mar 1918
 Marched out to unit on 4th May 1918
 Rejoined unit from sick on 5th May 1918
Crime: absenting himself from a working party on 4/7/18 without permission. Award: 1 days FP No 2 by CO 31st Bn
 With III Platoon, 'A' Coy for 8th August Operations and throughout until wounded
WIA (GSW R shoulder) on 7th Sep 1918
 Admitted 15th Aust Fld Amb and transferred 41st CCS on 7th Sep 1918
 Transferred to Amb Train on 10th Sep 1918
 Admitted 5th Gen Hospital, Rouen on 11th Sep 1918
 Invalided to United Kingdom, wounded, on 16th Sep 1918
 Embarked on HS "Guildford Castle" (GSW R shoulder & burns) from Rouen for England on 16th Sep 1918
 Admitted 3rd West Gen Hospital, Cardiff (GSW R shoulder) on 17th Sep 1918
 Discharged from 3rd West Gen Hospital to Admin HQ on 20th Nov 1918
 Granted leave on 20th Nov and to report No 4 Comm Depot on 4th Dec 1918
 Marched in to No 4 Comm Depot from AIF HQ on 4th Dec 1918
 RTA per "Aeneas" due GSW R shoulder on 18th Dec 1918
 Discharged at Brisbane on 19th Mar 1919
 Married Eva Bell on 6th May 1926 and together they had 8 children.
 From 1936 onwards they were living at 28 King Edward Drive, Darra, Ipswich Line, Qld
 James died 25th Feb 1951 and after a private funeral his ashes were interred at Mt Thompson Crematorium.
James UNDERDOWN embarked with the 12th Rfts, 31st Bn along with George Henry Rowe. He was also posted to 'A' Coy, 31st Bn in Oct 1917 along with George Rowe, William Berghagan and Frederick Harry Smith as replacements after Polygon Wood. He was with III Platoon for the Battle of Amiens and Villers Carbonnel and was wounded in action on 7th September 1918 with a GSW R shoulder. Following evacuation to England he was returned to Australia, due his wounds, in December 1918.

UNDERHILL



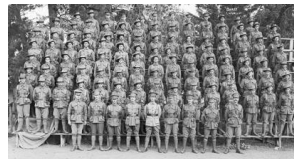
William

Service No	2492
Rank	Pte
Born	Birmingham, England
NoK	(f) Mr William Underhill & (m) Mrs Sarah Underhill, 12 Campbell St, Balmain, Sydney, NSW (w) Mrs Caroline Margaret Underhill, C/o Mrs Borges, Lawrence St, Gympie, Queensland
Enlistment	24 th Jan 1916 Balmain, Sydney, NSW
Age	31
Status & Religion	Married, C.of E.
Occupation	Stereotyper/ Printer
Address	Balmain, Sydney, NSW
Outcome	KIA on 20 th Jul 1916 at Fromelles, remembered Villers Bretonneux-France
Notes	1st Pioneers/ 4 th Rfts, 31 st Bn Embarked at Melbourne, on HMAT A68 "Anchises", 14th Mar 1916 Disembarked at Suez on 15 th Apr 1916 Marched out to 1st Pioneers, Tel el Kebir from 8 th Trng Bn, on 9 th May 1916 Taken on strength of 1st Pioneers on 6 th Jun 1916 KIA (shell explosion) on 20 th Jul 1916 at Fromelles Remembered Villers Bretonneux-France

UNDERWOOD Benjamin
Service No 2493
Rank Pte
Born Hull, England
NoK Mrs Alice Mary Underwood, "Almondell" Rooty Hill, Sydney, NSW
Enlistment 24th Jan 1916 Rooty Hill, Sydney, NSW
Age 41
Status & Religion Married, C.of E.
Occupation Labourer
Address "Almondell" Rooty Hill, Sydney, NSW
Outcome RTA per HT "Ulysses" from Plymouth on 13th Feb 1917
Notes 4th Rfts, 31st Bn
Embarked at Melbourne, on HMAT A68 "Anchises", 14th Mar 1916
Disembarked at Suez on 15th Apr 1916
Taken on strength of 31st Bn from 4th Rfts, at Duntroon Plateau, on 20th Apr 1916
Embarked to join BEF per HMT "Hororata" at Alexandria on 16th Jun 1916,
Disembarked at Marseilles on 23rd Jun 1916
(Battle of Fromelles, 19th/20th Jul 1916)
WIA (septic hands) on 20th Jul 1916 at Fromelles
Admitted 1st CCS (septic hand) on 21st Jul 1916
To Amb Train, on 22nd Jul 1916
Admitted 8th Stat Hospital, Wimereux, (ICT hands), on 22nd Jul 1916
Admitted 1st Conval Depot, Wimereux, on 26th Jul 1916
Discharged to Base Details, on 16th Aug 1918
Admitted to 5th ADBD, Etaples, from Marlboro Details, Wimereux, on 17th Aug 1916
Proceeded to rejoin unit on 14th Sep 1916
Rejoined unit on 15th Sep 1916

Marched out from No 4 Comm Depot, Wareham, to No 2 CD, on 12th Dec 1916
Marched in to No 2 Comm Depot, Weymouth, from No 4 CD, Wareham, on 12th Dec 1916
RTA per HT "Ulysses" (splendylitis) from Plymouth on 13th Feb 1917
Disembarked at Sydney, on 12th Apr 1917
Discharged at Sydney on 16th May 1917

UNDERWOOD Charles William



Service No 2989A
Rank Pte
Born 1885, Oakey, Queensland
NoK Mr Henry Underwood, Oakey, Western Line, Queensland
Enlistment 11th Jan 1916 Toowoomba, Queensland
Age 31
Status & Religion Single, C. of E.
Occupation Labourer
Address Oakey, Western Line, Queensland
Outcome RTA per A14 on 31st Jan 1918
Notes Brother Pte Ralph Norman Underwood, 49th Bn, RTA
11th Depot Bn, from 19th Jan to 25th Feb 1916
14th Depot Bn, from 26th Feb to 31st Mar 1916
6th Rfts, 31st Bn, on 1st Apr 1916
Embarked at Sydney, NSW, on HMAT A40 "Ceramic", on 14th April 1916
Disembarked at Port Said, on 16th May 1916
Embarked on HMT 'Franconia' at Alexandria, on 6th Jun 1916
Disembarked at Plymouth on 16th Jun 1916
Offence: 8th Trng Bn, Larkhill, 27th Jul 1917. AWL from 6.30am 27/7/17 till 8pm 3/8/17 (181½ hours).
Award: 14 days CC and forfeit 20 days' pay. Total forfeiture 28 days' pay
Offence: 8th Trng Bn, Larkhill, 16th Aug 1917. Whilst on active service, AWL whilst a defaulter from 0630am parade 10/8/17 to 2100 22/8/17.
Award: 28 days FP No 2 by Major GT Knight, on 18th Sep 1917. Total forfeiture: 41 days' pay.
Proceeding overseas to France, from 8th Trng Bn, Codford, per 'Golden Eagle' via Folkestone, on 11th Nov 1916
Marched in to 5th ADBD, Etaples, from England, on 12th Nov 1916
Marched out to unit on 29th Nov 1916
Taken on strength of 'A' Coy, 31st Bn from Rfts, on 1st Dec 1916

Offence: AWL, in that he was in the town of Amiens without the written leave of his commanding officer. Absent from 1100 to 1400 11th Jan 1917. Award 7 days FP No 2 by Lt Cpl CS Davies on 24th Jan 1917
 To hospital sick (trench feet) on 25th Feb 1917
 Admitted 15th Fld Amb (trench feet) and transferred to DRS, on 25th Feb 1917
 Admitted 5th DRS (trench feet) on 25th Feb 1917
 Transferred to and admitted 1/1 SM CCS, on 1st Mar 1917
 To Amb Train on 2nd Mar 1917
 Admitted 1st Can General Hospital, Etaples, (trench feet) on 3rd Mar 1917
 Transferred to England on 14th Mar 1917
 Embarked at Calais on HS 'Dieppe' for England, on 14th Mar 1917
 Admitted Norwich War Hospital, Norwich, (trench feet) on 15th Mar 1917
 Discharged to furlough on 10th Nov 1917 and to report to Trng Depot, Perham Downs, on 25th Apr 1917
 Marched in to No 1 Comm Depot, Perham Downs, from furlough and classified B1A, on 17th Apr 1917
 Marched in to No 3 Comm Depot, Hurdcott, from No 1CD, Perham Downs, Class B1A3, on 3rd May 1917
 Marched out to Drafting Depot, Hurdcott, on 26th May 1917
 Marched in to H & D Depot, Perham Downs, from No 3 Comm Depot, on 26th May 1917
 Marched in to Overseas Trng Depot, Perham Downs, on 25th Jun 1917
 Proceeded overseas to France, from Overseas Trng Bn, via Southampton, on 26th Jun 1917
 Marched in to 5th ADBD, Havre, from England, on 21st Jun 1917
 Marched out to unit on 8th Jul 1917
 Rejoined unit ex hospital, on 13th Jul 1917
 Offence: AWL from 10am 17/10/17 till 3.50 27/10/17, - 11days. ('A' Coy, RO 595)
 Award: 14 days FP No 2 and forfeit 14 days' pay Total forfeiture: £6/5/0, on 1st Nov 1917
(AWL with Pte Thomas Jarvis, also 'A' Coy)
 To hospital sick (chronic bronchitis) on 21st Nov 1917
 Admitted 8th Fld Amb (debility) and transferred to DRS, on 21st Nov 1917
 Admitted 5th DRS on 21st Nov 1917
 Transferred to and admitted 53rd CCS (debility) on 25th Nov 1917
 Transferred to No 34 Amb Train, on 26th Nov 1917
 Admitted 57th General Hospital, (debility) on 27th Nov 1917
 Transferred to 7th Conval Depot, Boulogne (debility), on 29th Nov 1917
 Transferred to 3rd Rest Camp, Boulogne, on 10th Dec 1917
 Marched out to Base Depot, on 12th Dec 1917
 Marched in to AIBD, Havre, from hospital, on 18th Dec 1917
 Classified 'PB' at AIBD, on 20th Dec 1917
 Proceeded to England ex AIBD, Havre, (age & chronic bronchitis) PB personnel, on 23rd Dec 1917
 Marched in to No 2 Comm Depot, Weymouth, from France, on 24th Dec 1917
 RTA per A14 HMAT 'Euripides' on 31st Jan 1918
 Disembarked at Melbourne on 23rd Mar 1918, thence by rail to Brisbane
 Discharged at Brisbane on 4th May 1918
 Married Eva Sharp, on 6th Apr 1929
 Died at Oakey, Qld, on 4th Jan 1931
 Buried Oakey Cemetery, Qld

UNDERWOOD

Clifton Allan
 Service No 3637
 Rank Pte
 Born 5th Nov 1891, Hindmarsh, SA
 NoK Mr Henry Underwood, Bertha St, Mt Gambier, SA
 Enlistment 27th Apr 1916 Geelong, Vic
 Age 21
 Status & Religion Single, C. of E.
 Occupation Labourer
 Address Bertha St, Mt Gambier, SA
 Outcome RTA per "Kaiser in Hind" on 6th May 1919
 Notes 8th Rfts, 29th Bn
 Embarked on

Transferred from 29th Bn on 11th Nov 1916

WIA (GSW L buttock) on 14th Dec 1916

Transferred to 29th Trng Squadron, AFC on 17th Jul 1917
 Appointed 2/AM and mustered Shoemaker, on 17th Jul 1917

Married Honor Eliza Watkins at Bedwelly Parish Church, Monmouth, England, on 1st Mar 1919
 RTA per "Kaiser in Hind" on 6th May 1919
 Discharged at Melbourne on 31st Jul 1919
 Lived Glenelg, Adelaide, SA
 Died at Naracoorte, SA, on 21st Jan 1950, aged 58 years
 Buried Mount Gambier Lake Terrace Cemetery, SA

UNDERWOOD Frank
Service No 1755
Rank Pte
Born 1872, Loughborough, England
NoK Miss Daisy Millman, Railway Estate, Townsville, Queensland
Enlistment 13th Aug 1915 Townsville, Queensland
Age 44
Status & Religion Single, C.of E.
Occupation Rigger
Address Railway Hotel, Townsville, Queensland
Outcome RTA 5th Apr 1918
Notes 2nd Rfts, 31st Bn
Embarked at Brisbane, on HMAT A55 "Kyarra", 3rd Jan 1916
Embarked at Melbourne, on HMAT "Demosthenes", 28th Dec 1915
Disembarked, ex 'Demosthenes', at Suez on 31st Jan 1916
To 8th Trng Bn, Cairo
Transferred to and taken on strength, 12th Bde MG Coy, Serapeum, on 25th Apr 1916
Proceeded to join BEF per 'Kingstonian' at Alexandria on 2nd Jun 1916
Disembarked at Marseilles on 11th Jun 1916
Delegation change to 4th MG Bn on 1st Apr 1918
With unit on 2nd Jun 1918
On leave to UK on 3rd Sep 1918
Returned from leave on 22nd Sep 1918
Marched out to England from AGBD, Havre, for RTA, on 27th Jan 1919
Disembarked via Weymouth, on 28th Jan 1919
Marched in to Overseas Trng Bde from No 1 Comm Depot, on 29th Jan 1919

RTA per 'Armagh' on 5th Apr 1918
Discharged at Brisbane on 14th May 1919

Died in Queensland on 7th Jul 1938

UNDERY Christopher
Service No 254A
Rank Pte
Born 1893, Lismore, NSW
NoK Mr Ralph Undery, Wardell, NSW
Son: Ralph Leonard Undery
Enlistment 13th Feb 1915 Ballina, NSW
Age 22
Status & Religion Single, Pres.
Occupation Farrier
Address Wardell, NSW
Outcome RTA 21st Mar 1919
Notes 25th Bn
Embarked A70 HMAT Ballarat on 19th Feb 1917 at Melbourne (#7318)

Transferred to 31st Bn on 6th Apr 1916

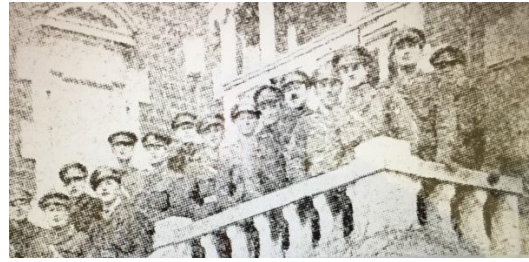
Embarked to join BEF per HMT "Hororata" at Alexandria on 16th Jun 1916,
Disembarked at Marseilles on 23rd Jun 1916

Awarded **MM** for actions *"At BELLICOURT on 29-9-1918 this man was a No 1 Lewis Gunner. He showed splendid initiative and bravery in repeatedly manoeuvring his gun into positions favourable for covering fire, thus materially assisting the advance of his company. His work throughout the whole three days during which the Battalion was engaged in these operations was splendid."*

RTA per "Kildonian Castle" on 21st Mar 1919
Discharged at Brisbane on 14th Jul 1919
Married Catherine Kavnah in 1920s
Died in Ballina, NSW on 29th Jul 1959
Buried in Wardell Cemetery, NSW

UNWIN

Charles King



Rank	Lieut
Born	c1876, Mount Gambier, South Australia
NoK	Mrs Agnes Bell Unwin, Wilson St, Paddington, Brisbane, Queensland
Enlistment	27 th Nov 1915 Paddington, Brisbane, Qld
Age	38
Status & Religion	Married, Pres.
Occupation	Lineman
Address	Wilson St, Paddington, Brisbane, Queensland
Outcome	RTA per "Kenilworth Castle" on 12 th May 1918
Notes	Served as No 16, 3 rd Queensland Mounted Infantry in Boer War 14 th Rfts, 31 st Bn Embarked at Sydney, NSW, on HMAT A20 "HORORATA", 14th June, 1917

RTA per "Kenilworth Castle" on 12th May 1918
Died in Brisbane on 22nd Jun 1958

UPSTILL

Service No	Fred
Rank	3644
Born	Pte
NoK	Woodbirk, Victoria
Enlistment	(w) Martha Upstill, Carinya, GPO Kogan, via Warra, Qld
Age	1 st Feb 1916 Toowoomba, Queensland
Status & Religion	44
Occupation	Married Agnostic
Address	Baker
Outcome	Carinya, GPO Kogan, via Warra, Qld
Notes	Discharged 11 th Depot Bn from 21 st Feb to 1 st Apr 1916 8 th Rfts, 31 st Bn from 1 st Apr to 22 nd Jul 1916 Discharged at Thompson's Paddock on 21 st Jul 1916 (medically unfit)