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Daniel

Service No: 1542



BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Dunn

Service Number: 1542

Date of Enlistment: 16/1/15

Age at Enlistment: 22 years 1 month

Civil Occupation: Labourer

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914/15 Star

Height: 5 Ft 4 ½ inches

Weight: 126 Lbs.

Chest Measurement: 34 inches

Complexion: Fair

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Light brown

Father: Daniel

Mother: Alice Louisa (nee Bacon)

Marriage: Margaret Mary Rose Fox

Life Story

Daniel Dunn was born in Bermondsey, London, in England around 1893. His mother died in 1899, and his father married his second wife, Catherine Sarah Franks, in February 1902. On the 12th August 1909, the family of three disembarked *Otway* at Fremantle. By 1910, The family were living at Main Camp, York, where Daniel Senior was working as a carrier.

Around the age of twenty-one, young Daniel became the leader of Scout Troop Fourteen at York, and his name was added to the W.A. Scout Roll of Honour in October 1915.

A letter in his service record file notes that Daniel was working as an orderly at the York Hospital before he enlisted in the A.I.F. His address was noted to be "care of Mrs Bygraves, Avon Terrace, York," and his father, Mr D. Dunn, was listed as Next of Kin.

Daniel enlisted as a Private on the 16th January 1915 and, on the 22nd February, he embarked aboard HMAT A50 *Itonus* to join the 16th Battalion, 2nd Reinforcements on route to Gallipoli.

On the 21st August 1915, Daniel suffered a gunshot wound to the left wrist and was transferred to hospital in Malta. Discharged from hospital on the 1st September, he remained on the island until he embarked H T *Karoo* on the 26th September for Alexandria, in Egypt. From there, Daniel embarked on H S *Borda*, in Alexandria, on the 18th October, to return to his unit.

By August the following year, Daniel was fighting in France. On the 10th of the month, he was wounded again (shell shock) but was able to rejoin his unit after only five days. At the end of November, Daniel was taken sick to hospital from the Field and spent another eight days recovering.

On the 13th January 1917, while on leave in the U.K., Daniel was admitted to the 2nd Aust. Auxiliary Hospital in Southall, England, suffering from "I.C.T. left toe" (inflammation of the connective tissue of the left toe).

He remained there until discharged on the 1st February. A 1918 letter sent by his father in York to the War Department stated, perhaps mistakenly, that Daniel was also suffering from shell shock at this time.

On the 11th April 1917, Daniel was reported as Missing in Action in the Field. This date coincides with the date of the First Battle of Bullecourt which began on that same day. The 16th Battalion's War Diary records that the Battalion commenced battle at 4.45am with seventy officers and 700 other ranks going over the top in four waves. By 11.30am, when the decision was made to withdraw the battalion back to their original line, only three officers and eighty-seven other ranks returned.

At the beginning of May, word was received that Daniel had been captured at Riencourt and was a Prisoner of War in Germany.



Limburg Camp Germany 1915
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Daniel spent the rest of the War interned at Limburg Camp in Germany. He was repatriated to England on the 4th January 1919 and, four months' later, finally boarded a ship to Australia. His war finally ended with his discharge at the end of July 1919.

On the 16th January 1921, Daniel announced his engagement to Margaret Mary Rose Fox of Cottesloe. At that time, his address was given as East Fremantle. After their marriage in 1921, they were to have seven children; Alice Margaret (1922), a stillborn child (1923), Frederick Daniel (1924), Henry Ormonde (circa 1926), Edmund William (circa 1929), Annie Belle (circa 1931) and Joseph Thomas (circa 1933).

From 1929 to 1954, electoral roll enrolments showed the family home was at 12 Coode Street, Maylands/Mt Lawley.

Daniel Dunn died on the 24th September 1952. A funeral notice requesting members of the Inglewood Lodge, No.112 of the United Ancient Order of Druids, attend his funeral noted he had been a past Arch Druid of the Lodge.

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