

WOODS

Colin Cameron

Stanley

Service No: 5231



BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Colin Cameron Stanley Woods

Service number: 5231

Date of enlistment: 9/2/1916

Age at Enlistment: 21

Service Occupation: Private

Civil Occupation: Butcher's Assistant

Medals, Honours, Awards:

Height: 5 feet 2 ½ inches

Weight: 110 Pounds

Chest measurement: 34 ½ inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Dark brown

Father: Jesse Woods

Mother: Hannah Scott

Siblings: Rhoda Robina, Alwyn Robert
John, Alan George,



Courtesy of Kate Bousfield

Life Story

Colin, the youngest of six children, was born to Jesse and Hannah Woods in York in 1894. He attended York State School and did quite well, winning a prize for writing.

After leaving school, Colin worked as a butcher's assistant and also served in the Cadets and Citizens' Military Forces for four years after the introduction, in 1911, of compulsory training for all males aged between twelve and twenty-six years of age.

Against the wishes of his family, Colin enlisted with the A.I.F. on the 9th February 1916 and commenced his initial training at Blackboy Hill. He was later sent to Fremantle to board HMAT A9 *Shropshire* which sailed to Suez on the 31st March 1916.

Unfortunately, Colin's time on active service was short:

On the 2nd August 1916, Colin arrived at the Base Depot at Etaples in France. On the 13th of the month, he was Taken on Strength with the 11th Battalion 16th Reinforcements and posted to D Company.

On the 6th September, Colin was taken to hospital suffering from illness.

On the 9th November he was Killed in Action in the Field in France.

Colin Cameron Stanley Woods was buried in the AIF Burial Ground at Grass Lane Gueudecourt in France.

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