

PRIVATE FREDERICK STANLEY WILLIAMS – LYNDPOCH

First World War

Frederick Stanley Williams was born on 4 November 1899 in Brinkworth, South Australia. Frederick attend both Sutherland and Lyndoch Public Schools.

Together with a friend, Frederick went to Adelaide to join the Navy, but not knowing where to go, the friends went to the Adelaide Town Hall and joined the Army, signing each other's forms in lieu of parental consent.

He enlisted in the 1st Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 1 January 1917.

As part of the 10th Infantry Battalion, 24th Reinforcement, Frederick embarked on 23 June 1917 onboard the HMAT Borda for the Western Front.

Frederick displayed great bravery during an operation on 23 August 1918, together with three others. The foursome attacked an enemy strong post which was holding up the advance and despite heavy machine gun-fire they got close enough to use their bombs and drove out the garrison, capturing one heavy and one light machine gun, and killing four.

During General Birdwood's visit to Adelaide on 6 March 1920, Private Williams was awarded the Military Medal.

After the war Frederick joined the South Australian Police Force on 12 May 1923 and retired on 21 July 1952.

Private Frederick Stanley Williams died on 4 November 1982, aged 83 years.

Lest We Forget.



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