

Allan Brown



Private Allan Brown

Service No.3501

Allan Brown was a Christmas baby, born 25 Dec 1893 at Monteagle (actually Old Monteagle). He was the fifth child of seven boys. His father was working in the area as a labourer at that time. This is where Allan received his limited Primary education.

At Goulburn on 21 Nov 1916, at the age of 22 years 11 months, he enlisted in the Army. From Goulburn they were sent to Liverpool to await embarkation. On 24 Jan 1917 they sailed from Sydney on the Anchises and disembarked at Devonport on 27 Mar 1917.

For the duration of the war Allan was with the Veterinary Service, and spent most of his time in France at Calais with the 5th Mobile Veterinary Section. This was after the Battle of the Somme. His war service totalled 2 years, 228 days. After spending a month in hospital in France with influenza, Allan returned to Australia on 7 July 1919 via the Cheminity.

He was officially discharged on 16 Oct 1919. He had applied for the job of Postmaster at Greenethorpe on 26 Sep 1919, and began work there on 1 Jan 1920.

He married Dulcie Collins on 2 Nov 1929 at the Methodist Church in Young, and they lived in Greenethorpe for their married lives. Allan worked for over 50 years at the Greenethorpe Post Office.