

AHCHAY (later ARCHAY), William (Born Francis Quonsing Chay)



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Rank: Corporal

Service Number: 321

Unit: 4/7th Machine Gun Company/21st Machine Gun Company/1st Machine Gun Battalion

Place of Birth: Calliope, Queensland

Date of Birth: 27 July 1889

Enlisted at Rockhampton 27 January 1916 age 26 years 5 months. Next-of-kin was his mother, Mrs ER (Ester) Ahchay, Calliope, Boyne Valley Line, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 ft 10 ins and weighed 10 stone 10 lbs. His chest measurement was 35 inches. His occupation was dairy farmer. After serving in France, he returned to Australia on 11 August and discharged on 5 November 1919.

During a training period in England during the war, on 6 August 1918, William married Winifred Edith Sykes. She returned to Australia with him. They took over a butcher shop in Calliope, which was a gift from his sister and brother-in-law. William died 19 October 1954.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Paulette Flint, 2023