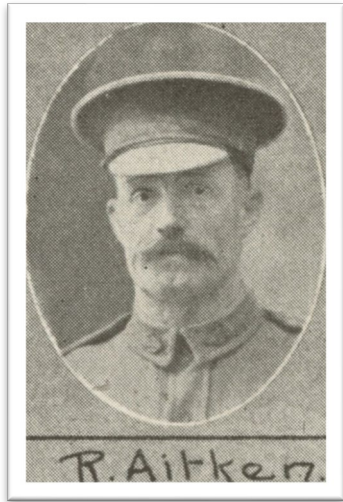


AITKEN Robert (Aitker on Honour Roll)



R. Aitken Depot, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1917. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Private

Service Number: 4245

Unit: 15th Battalion, then 11/31st Battalion

Place of Birth: Avonbridge, Stirling, Scotland

Date of Birth: 9 September 1871

Enlisted at Townsville, Qld on 5 September 1916 age 44 years 11 months 2 days. Next-of-kin was his sister, Mrs Margaret Simpson, Loanhead House, Torpichen, Linlithgowshire, Scotland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 8.5 inches and weighed 11 stone. His chest measurement was 35.5-37 inches. His occupation was labourer. He had been an apprentice to John Darling for 8 years in Edinburgh, Scotland. Aitken embarked for overseas on 17 November 1916, disembarking in Plymouth on 30 January 1917. Proceeded overseas to France on 14 May 1917. On 17 July 1917 he was taken to hospital sick with trench fever and transferred to England on 30 July 1917. Returned to Australia 31 October 1917 and discharged on 1 February 1918 due to trench fever, debility, and age.

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

Paulette Flint, 2023