CROW, Alfred William Filby Goddard



Rank: Sergeant

Service Number: 277

Unit: 15th Battalion/16th Battalion/13th Battalion

Place of Birth: Bundaberg, Queensland

Date of Birth: 30 July 1891

Enlisted at Gladstone, 23 September 1914 age 23 years 2 months. Next-of-kin was his father, Mr Irvin Sydney Crow, Gladstone, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 10 inches and weighed 11 stone 8 lbs. His chest measurement was 34-37 inches. His occupation was grazier. Crow embarked from Australia on 22 December 1914. He served in Egypt, Gallipoli, and Western Front. In July 1915 he was admitted to hospital in Malta with shrapnel wound to his right leg and thigh, then transferred to England in September. In November 1916 he proceeded overseas to France and was wounded in action (gunshot wound to back) on 29 January 1917 and was again admitted to hospital in England. He returned to action in France and was wounded in action for a second time on 9 August 1917 but remained on duty. He was again wounded in action on 26 September 1917 and remained on duty. On 31 October 1917 he was awarded the Military Medal. He returned to Australia 26 March 1919 and was discharged 31 August 1919.

Military Medal:

'Showed great gallantry and devotion to duty while in action near ZONNEBEKE on 26th September, 1917. He was in charge of the Company Ration Party and his work was of the highest standard. On several occasions at great personal danger he got rations and ammunition up to the Front Line through heavy enemy artillery fire although wounded in the head early in the attack he remained on duty the whole time the Battalion was in the line.' Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 31 Date: 7 March 1918

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