

EAGER, Martin James (Eagar on Honour Roll)

Rank: Private

Service Number: 3353

Unit: 42nd Battalion

Place of Birth: Mount Morgan, Queensland

Date of Birth: 20 May 1897 (Registered in Qld BDM as Martin James EAGAR)

Enlisted at Rockhampton 7 February 1916 age 18 years 8 months. Next-of-kin was his mother, Mrs Frances Mary McKenna, 363 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 6 inches and weighed 8 stone 10 lbs. His chest measurement was 34 inches. His occupation was stockman. Prior to enlistment he had been in Cadets for 12 months. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A49 *Seang Choon* on 4 May 1916.

On leaving Australia he was taken on strength in 5th Division in Tel-El-Kebir on 9 July 1916 and proceeded to Alexandria. Admitted to hospital England on 22 August 1916. Taken on strength 8th Training Battalion on 23 September 1916, then sick on 23 October 1916. Proceeded overseas to France on 29 May 1917.

He was killed in action on 4 October 1917 in the field in France. His body was not recovered and he is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial at Ypres, Belgium.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024