

## **GILBERT, William**

Rank: Sapper/shoeing smith

Service Number: 2179

Unit: 1<sup>st</sup> Field Squadron Engineers/5<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment

Place of Birth: Ballarat, Victoria

Date of Birth: c. 1882

Enlisted at Rockhampton 24 September 1915 age 33 years. Next-of-kin was his mother, Jane Gilbert of Ballarat, Victoria. On enlistment he was 5 feet 10 inches and weighed 11 stone 11 lbs. His chest measurement was 39 inches. His occupation was miner. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A67 *Orsova* on 11 March 1916. Taken on strength 25 June 1916 Egypt. 12 June 1918 malaria to hospital. Accidentally injured whilst on MD 11 September 1918. Kick from mule. Incised wound over left tibia upper 1/3 of left leg – not serious. Returned to Australia 3 July 1919

Medals: British War Medal; Victory Medal.

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

*Paulette Flint, 2023*