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Regimental number	5026
Date of birth	17 October 1893
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	School teacher
Address	36 Olway Street, Ballarat, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Father, Mr. J. Ainsworth, 36 Olway Street, Ballarat, Victoria
Enlistment date	23 July 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	7 July 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	7th Battalion, 16th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/24/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A23 <i>Suffolk</i> on 1 April 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Machine Gun Battalion
Promotions	2nd Lieutenant

Unit: Gen INF Rein
Promotion date: 17 December 1918

Lieutenant

Unit: 1 MG Btn
Promotion date: 17 March 1919

Major

Promotion date: 11 June 1937

Lieutenant Colonel

Unit: 1st Armoured Car Regiment
Promotion date: 12 December 1939

Recommendations (Medals and Awards) Distinguished Conduct Medal

'Consistent gallantry and devotion to duty as runner, also valuable services in action. (East of Ypres)'
Recommendation date: 13 October 1917

Fate

Returned to Australia 22 August 1919

Medals

Distinguished Conduct Medal

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty as a runner during an attack. He continually volunteered for the most dangerous work under heavy fire, and was invaluable to his section officer. With one other man he captured a machine gun and seven prisoners and showed splendid courage and initiative.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 95

Date: 27 June 1918

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