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Regimental number	358
Place of birth	Middle Swan, Western Australia
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Father, J H Minchin, Balkaling, York, Western Australia
Enlistment date	21 September 1914
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<a href="#">16th Battalion, A Company</a>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/33/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Troopship A40 <i>Ceramic</i> on 22 December 1914
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	16th Battalion
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Mention in Despatches  Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette', second Supplement, No. 29890 (2 January 1917);

'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 103 (29 June 1917).

Recommendation date: 27 September 1916

Military Cross

Recommendation date: 1 October 1917

Bar to Military Cross

Recommendation date: 5 July 1918"

Mention in Despatches

Awarded, and promulgated, 'London Gazette' No. 31089 (31 December 1918); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 61 (23 May 1919).

Fate

Returned to Australia 28 March 1919

Miscellaneous information from  
cemetery records

Parents: James and Charlotte MINCHIN

Medals

Distinguished Service Order

'For conspicuously gallant conduct during an attack. He led his platoon on the first enemy positions and personally killed one officer and several other men capturing in all one officer, twenty other ranks, one machine gun, and one heavy minesweeper. In his advance he next rushed a machine gun nest, killing six of the enemy (two of whom he accounted for personally) and capturing the balance of the crews and the guns. Then, discovering his company commander had been killed, he assumed command and brilliantly completed the task assigned to the company.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 23

Date: 12 February 1919

Military Cross

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. Before the attack he led a carrying party to the front line over most difficult ground, through a very heavy enemy barrage, and by his coolness and good leadership and courage, and did valuable work in consolidating the captured ground under heavy fire.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 120

Date: 7 August 1918

Family/military connections	Cousin: 2687 Pte Samuel Sydney MARTIN, 51st Bn, killed in action, 11 April 1917.
Other details	Medals: Military Cross and Bar, Distinguished Service Order, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Date of death	1 November 1936
Age at death	42
Place of burial	Beverley Cemetery, Western Australia

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