

Private David Andrew ALLISON

His army record shows that he enlisted on 11 Oct 1916 in 94 Depot at Fremantle WA as a Private No.7205, having previously been medically discharged from the army in 1915 with varicose veins. He was 43 yrs & 11 mo., height 6' 2" occupation Teamster, born 1872 at Murpy's Creek, Toowoomba, Qld. Son of David Samuel & Elizabeth Allison. Religion: Presbyterian. He was married to Elizabeth Rachel Allison resident at 378 Perth St, Subiaco WA., when she was granted probate on 8.4.18 her address was 27 Lawler St, Subiaco.

On 19.1.17 he embarked Fremantle on HMAT 'Miltiades' and disembarked 27.3.17 at Devonport, England. On 2.7.17 at Durrington he was transferred to the 11th Bn. AIF, and on 9.7.17 to the Field Ambulance Divn in London, but was transferred back to Larkhill Camp and on 3.8.17 after complaining of leg pain a Medical Board Rept. on Invalid at 3rd Training Bn. Larkhill: Old fracture to left leg, pain since enlistment Nov 1916 at Fremantle. Fractured in Police force 5 yrs ago. Leg is 1.5" shorter than Rt leg. Unfit for further service. 22/10/17 Sutton Veny: Chronic enlargement & oedema to leg, also Q chronic ulcers. Permanently unfit.

His transfer to the Weymouth depot is not recorded, but was at Westham Camp & then died of pneumonia, pleurisy & pericarditis at The Royal Hospital on 16 Dec 1917. He was buried on the 18th at Melcombe Cemetery with full military honours. The Army Chaplain F Chas. BREMER was with him in his final hours, and found him calm and contented.

War pensions to wife & sons Leslie Irvine & Robert Arthur & dau Lila Ethel. Also a son David Samuel 1898-1965 Subiaco. See several Ancestry.co.uk trees, showing his father Samuel bn 10.4.1828 at Strabane, Ireland d.1909 Brisbane married Elizabeth Irvine 14.9.1855 Paisley Abbey, Renfrew.

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