

BERRY, William



William Berry

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William Berry was born at Nansori, Rewa River, Fiji, in 1894 to William and Ethel May nee Tufnell. William was 2 years old when he arrived in Australia. According to a 1923 letter in William's Service Record from his mother, William had two sisters, Ethel May b.1897 in NSW and Ivy Annie b.1908 in Qld (died January 1910).

William attended Scotch College, Melbourne, Victoria. William's father died in December 1909. William entered HAC (aged 16 years old), in 1910, where he studied Special Courses from 1910 to 1911.

William's mother remarried, Joseph David Caterer, in 1914.

William was a farm labourer when he enlisted in the 15th Battalion, 14th Reinforcement on 6 September 1915. Prior to World War One William had served for a year in the Cadets.

Embarking from Brisbane, Queensland aboard HMAT A 62 Wandilla on 31 January 1916, William arrived in Egypt that March. Transferring to the 47th Battalion in April 1916, William was then sent to France, arriving in Marseilles in early June.

Killed in Action at Pozieres on 7 August 1916, William was 22 years old. With no known grave, William is commemorated on the Australian National Memorial Villers-Bretonneux, Villers-Bretonneux, France.