



Alexander Walker AITCHISON

Regimental number	1128
Place of birth	Penrith, New South Wales
School	Cleveland High School, New South Wales
Religion	Presbyterian
Occupation	Cook
Address	101 Trafalgar Street, Annandale, Sydney, New South Wales
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	30
Height	5' 3"
Weight	111 lbs
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Elsie May Aitchison, 101 Trafalgar Street, Annandale, Sydney, New South Wales
Previous military service	Served in the Royal Navy HMS 'Pioneer', in the capacity as cook.
Enlistment date	19 February 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	19 February 1915
Place of enlistment	Liverpool, New South Wales
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	18th Battalion, D Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/35/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A40 <i>Ceramic</i> on 25 June 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	18th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 22 August 1915
Place of death or wounding	Gallipoli, Turkey
Date of death	22 August 1915
Age at death	31
Place of burial	Hill 60 Cemetery (Secial. Memorial 1), Gallipoli, Turkey.
Panel number, Roll of Honour,	84

Australian War Memorial

Miscellaneous information from
cemetery records

Parents: David Frith and Elsie AITCHISON; husband
of Elsie Mary AITCHISON, 10 Banks Avenue,
Daceyville, New South Wales. Native of Penrith, New
South Wales

Other details

War service: Egypt, Gallipoli

Embarked Alexandria to join the Mediterranean
Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, 16 August 1915.

Reported missing, between 21 and 25 August 1915.

Court of Enquiry, held at Tel el Kebir, 16 January
1916, concluded: 'Reasonable to suppose dead'.

Statement, Red Cross File No 00401016, 1168
Sergeant R.J. EVERSON, 18th Bn (patient, Montazah
Convalescent Camp, Egypt), 4 November 1915:
'Witness says it was common knowledge that
Aitchison on Aug. 22 in an advanced trench had all
the front of his face blown off and no medical aid was
obtainable, he was still alive when the fellows who
told Everson left the trench but he seemed a hopeless
case. A lot of men were buried round this spot a few
days after.'

Second statement, 1313 Pte J. WHITE, D Company,
18th Bn (patient, All Saints' Hospital, Malta), 12
November 1915: 'On the 27th Aug. we were close to
Hill [?]. We left our trench, charged and took an
advanced trench from which we had to retire to our
old quarters. There we saw Aitchison lying with his
face terribly injured but not quite dead. The bearers
refused to move him as his case was hopeless. He
died.'

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory
Medal

Sources

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