

A Soldier of the Great War

Charles Albert Rake 1181



Service Number: 1181

Rank: Private

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of embarkation: 5 June 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT *Borda* A30

Charles Albert Rake was born in Adelaide on the 5th September 1893 and was a farmer and grazier from South Australia who enlisted on the 8th February 1916 at the age of 22 years and 3 months.

Initially he was trained at No 1 depot squad and later he joined the 41st Battalion. During Training in March 1916 it appears that he was to become part of a Machine Gun Company of the 42nd Battalion and as he departed Australia he was deployed as a member of the 42nd Battalion.

After final training he embarked for England on the 5th June 1916 aboard the HMAT *Borda* A30. Finally arriving at Southampton, he was involved in more training around the Salisbury plains area before he finally arrived in France on 25th November 1916.

Winter of 1916-17 was horrendous with the battalion spending much of its time on the front line and the remainder being spent alternating between training and labouring in the rear areas .

It was around Abbeville that he was initially station about 45km north west of Amiens on the Somme River.

It was near here that on the 21st January 1917 he was to be wounded with severe gunshot wounds to the legs.

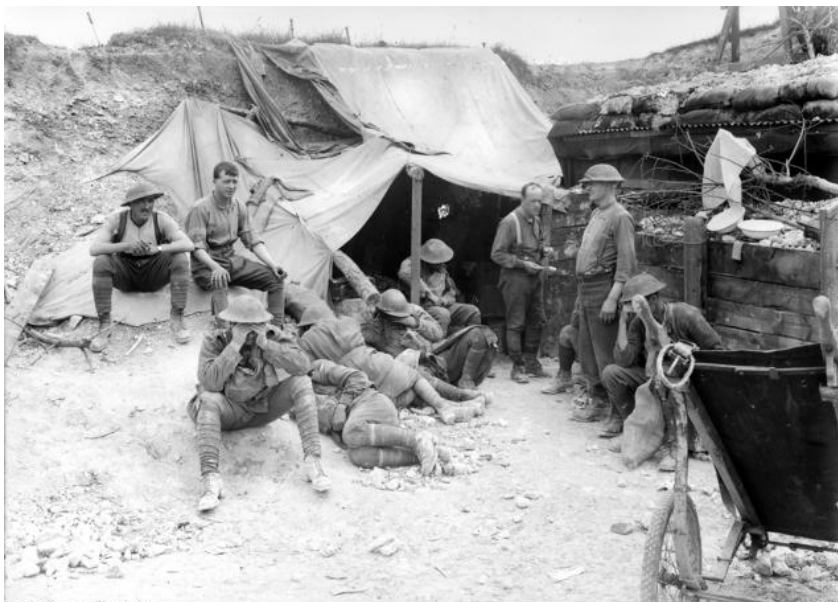
He was repatriated to Boulogne on the coast to hospital and then back to Weymouth in England to recover from his wounds.

After recovery he was to rejoin his battalion on the 23rd July 1917. Much of the action seen at this time was to be around the Ypres area.

During this time he would have taken part as reserves in the major battles at Messines Ridge, Warneton, Broodseinde, and Passchendaele. Even though the battalion was in reserve for Passchendaele it proved costly with over a third of its strength lost due to gas attacks and trench foot caused by the sodden condition of the battlefield.

Charles was to succumb to gas attack on the 26th May 1918 and spend another stint in hospital finally rejoining his battalion again in late August 1918. He was fortunate to miss major battles at Hamel during this time but was to remain on active duty until the Armistice in November 1918.

He finally embarked for Australia in May 1919, arriving back in Australia on the 1st July 1919.



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Here some of the 42nd Battalion recover at an aide station after suffering gas attack near Passchendaele.

Could Charles be one of these men?

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MILITARY FORCES.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1181

Name Charles Albert Rake

Unit 42 ND BATTALION 21/4/16

Joined on 15-12-15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Charles Albert Rake
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Adelaide in the County of South Australia
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalised British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 22 3/4
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Farmer & Grazier
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... no
7. Are you married? ... no
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father / Albert Rake
Marlborough Queen's Park
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... no
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? ... no
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... no
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... no
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... no
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Charles Albert Rake do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 15-12-15

C. A. Rake

Signature of person enlisted.

Original
R103
24/11/17

Embarked from Aust. 5.6.16. (Judge Card)

Statement of Service of No. 1181 Name Ranke Charles Albert

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11 th D. Bn	Private	10.2.16		10 th Capt
401 Depot Sqad	do	22.3.16	27.3.16	22 MAR 1916
1011 Machine Gun Coy.	do	27.3.16	12.5.16	27.3.16
B. Coy. 42 nd Battrn	—	13.5.16		13.5.16
PROCEEDED OVERSEAS, FRANCE.				
		Southampton	25.11.16.	7 R. 1500. D/o 25.11.16.
	Wounded in Action	France	21.1.17.	Pr. 7/0. 26.5. 16/17
	Embarked for England at Boulogne on H. T. Jan. Breydal (G. I. W. left thigh).		6.2.17.	Pr. 7/0. 28.5. 23/24.
	Admitted to Royal War Hosp. Tetley, G. I. W. 20.2.17.	Eng.	4.2.17.	7/08/911E. 19.2.17.
	Placed into No 2 Conv Depot Weymouth from Hatfield		9/4/17	2/0 23 2800
	P.B. No 304.244			L.R. 1821. 24/4/17.
PROCEEDED OVERSEAS, FRANCE				
	Placed in 42 nd Bn. Sup. depot (Eng.)	Stratford	23/1/17	6/140/ 4007E.
	Rejoined from England		1/8/17	2/0 39/4709 27 17
	This man was shown A.V. 2 17/4/17 in the 42 nd Bn.			6/18 431212/25/17.
	He applied 2/17		27.10.17	10057/ 6555 26.11.17
	2/17 Wounded in Action (foot) 2nd Occ.	France	26.5.18	10/024/2941 11.6.18
	2/17 Adm. to 2 of L. Hosp. from 2nd Occ.		3.7.18	10/081/3856 22.7.18
	Paid in France		2.5.18	
	2/17 Rejoined 2nd		29.8.18	10/039/5966 16/9.18
	2/17 Transferred from 42 nd Bn		14/10/18	10/044/7129 20/10/18

Discharged 1919 (1919) 16/10/19 1919/1919

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D/o 50/445 (1919) 20 43/7497 1918

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

2/17 Returned to Australia pr. Ranke 10.5.19 10 5289 10 147490 10 59411

+ Officer Godford. 3.5.19.
+ H. W. H. 2/17. 3.5.19. 10 0800 5.5.19.
+ Awarded. Honoured by Major J. H. Ferguson 6.5.19.
+ Total Yorkshire. 2 days pay.
+ Entry received subsequent to dispatch of Bore.

L.B. 5074 D/o 1919 106/ 874

A.I.F. 171 Form 8103 Part I. Service and Casualty Form. PART I. 1-5/18-12244.		(1) PRESENT UNIT <i>Alst.</i> 42nd Battalion		(2) Regtl. No. 1181	
(3) Present Rank L/Cpl		(4) SURNAME Rake			
(5) Decorations <i>beache</i>		(6) Christian Names. Charles Albert			
Particulars. <i>P.B. No - (N.A)</i>					
(7) Date of Enlistment 8th Feb 1916		(8) Place of Enlistment Rockhampton Queens			
(9) Age on Enlistment 22 Years 3 Months		(10) Any subsequent claim as to age after verification of Birth Certificate Years Months Auth. C.R. / /			
(11) Birthplace Adelaide Sth Aust.		(12) Religion Methodist			
(14) Trade or Calling Farmer & Grazier		(13) If Married No			
(16) Date of Embarkation from Australia 5.6.1916		(15) If an Apprentice			
(18)		(17) Whereabouts of Next of Kin, i.e. Australia or Abroad Aust.			
(19)					
(20)		(21) Special Notification Card No.			
(22)					

Nothing to be written in this Margin.

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Army Form B. 103.

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Casualty Form—Active Service.

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Regiment or Corps 42nd Bn A Coy Regimental Number 1181
 Rank Pte Surname Roke Christian Name Charles Albert
 Religion Test Age on Enlistment 22 years 3 months.
 Enlisted (a) 15.12.15 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service reckons from (a) _____
 Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____
 Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____
 or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer i/c Records.

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotion, reduction, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
		"Borda" Embarked ... <u>Sydney</u>		<u>5.6.16</u>	
		Disembarked... <u>Southampton</u>		<u>23.7.16</u>	
1					
2	<u>25.11.16</u>	<u>CO 42 Bn</u>	<u>PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>25.11.16</u>
3	<u>1.2.17</u>	<u>Post. Amie</u>	<u>wounded in action</u>	<u>Lille France</u>	<u>1.2.17</u>
4	<u>3.2.17</u>	<u>CO 10 AFA</u>	<u>Adm 5565 L. High</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1.2.17</u>
		<u>Trans 6 2 A.C.C.S</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1.2.17</u>	
3	<u>7.2.17</u>	<u>CO 2.11.17</u>	<u>wounded in action</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>1.2.17</u>
7	<u>14.2.17</u>	<u>O.C. 40th Armies</u>	<u>Embarked for England</u>	<u>Southampton</u>	<u>6.2.17</u>
5	<u>17.2.17</u>	<u>CO 10 AFA</u>	<u>Transferred to A.T. 78</u>	<u>Lille France</u>	<u>1.2.17</u>
8	<u>7.2.17</u>	<u>Royal Vic Hosp</u>	<u>Adm to Hosp 5 W 56</u>	<u>England</u>	<u>7.2.17</u>
		<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Legs</u>		
6	<u>22.2.17</u>	<u>3rd Echelon 4th</u>	<u>Invalided to England from France</u>	<u>do</u>	<u>6.2.17</u>
		<u>B.E.F.</u>	<u>8 Staly Hosp</u>		

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
 (b) Signaller, Shoosmith & Co.

(109120) W 12612-5126 J. P. & Co., Ltd. Forpus B1002.

[P.T.O.]

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or its other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
6.3.17	O.C. 3rd Aux Hosp.	Trans to 3rd Aux Hosp.	England	6.3.17	
9.		from Royal Vic Hosp.			
10	9.4.17 O.C. 3rd Aux	Disch to depot Weymouth	-do-	9.4.17	
11	15.4.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	to 1st from Bedford	do	9.4.17	LK 1621, 2023E 27417 B213
12	17.6.17 O.C. No. 2 Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o to No. 1 Gen. Dep.			
		Perham Down.	do	16.6.17	LK 4348 B213
13	18.6.17 O.C. No. 1 Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from Weymouth			
		Depot P. Down	do	18.6.17	LK 4357
14	1.11.17 O.C. No. 1 Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o to 1st Gen. Dep.			
		Depot P. Down	do	26.6.17	LK 5050 B213
15	17.1.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.			
		Depot P. Down	do	26.6.17	LK 4984 B213
16	23.4.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.			
		Depot P. Down	do	23.4.17	LK 5857
17	28.7.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.	S. Hampton	28.7.17	LK 400E 28417
18	16.8.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.	do	16.8.17	LK 400E 28417
19	17.8.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.	do	17.8.17	LK 400E 28417
20	27.10.17 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.	do	27.10.17	LK 400E 28417
21	28.2.18 O.C. 1st Gen. Dep.	Pte. m/o from 1st Gen. Dep.	do	28.2.18	LK 400E 28417

Sheet 2

Regimental Number 1184

Casualty Form—Active Service

Regiment or Corps *43rd Satellite A.F.*

Rank *Lt* Surname *RAKE* Christian Name *Charles Albert*

Religion..... Age on Enlistment..... years..... months.....

Enlisted (a) Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of promotion to present rank..... Date of appointment to lance rank.....

Qualification (b).....

Extended	Re-engaged	or Corps Trade and rate
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Occupation..... Signature of Officer.....

Signature of Officer

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B-219, Army Form A, 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B-219, Army Form A, 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked			
		Disembarked			
22	16.8.18	Coxswain Jn. Backhouse & Purser Longt	Sink Prince	7.8.18	B. 215 C. 2170
	27.5.18	White & Co. Lge Wounded in Action	D.O.C.	26.5.18	A.T. 2255 V.L. 758
23	1.6.18	Coxswain Jn. } Gas.			C. 2170 D.O. 2179/11
25	26.5.18	Oxgces Lge Armoured Car No. 3	D.S.	26.5.18	B. 4. 27245
24	27.5.18	Oct 11 B.D.A. Lge Armoured Car No. 3	D.S.	26.5.18	A. 4. 272157
27	3.7.18	O.C. Staffy No. 1 Lge Armoured Car No. 3	Abundant	3.7.18	R. 4. 2859/220
26	3.7.18	Lge C.C.S. L/C Transf. to 2nd Staffy	Field	3.7.18	D.O. 2113/456
28	16.7.18	2. Staffy Hq. L/C Transf. to A. Com. Depot	Hillville	16.7.18	R. 4. 2859/48
29	17.7.18	1. A. C. Depot L/C Rm. "W" Sand Hill	Hillville	17.7.18	R. 4. 2859/93
30	24.8.18	D.V. Lge. Busch to A. L.B.D.	D.V.	24.8.18	M. 2053/105

(g) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. *W.O. 37/5190/48*

(b) Signaller, Shoeing Smith, &c.

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Records Courtesy Australian War Memorial and National Archives Personal Records WW 1 collection

Report		Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received			
31 25.8.18	A.I.S.D.	Reg. In/In from hosp	24/9/18	AM 3905/136
32 28.8.18	do	Reg. In/Out to Unit	28.8.18	AM 3074/19
33 7.9.18	Col. M. D. N.	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	29.8.18	AM 3195
7.10.18	do	do	30.8.18	AM 3195
18.10.18	do	do	30.8.18	AM 3195
34 19.10.18	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
35 19.10.18	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
36 2.1.19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
37 25.1.19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
38 5.4.19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
39 8.4.19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
40 8.4.19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
41 10/5/19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195
42 1.7.19	do	Reg. M. D. N. from hosp	14.10.18	AM 3195

RAKE	Charles Albert (Pte)	1181	"A" Coy 42nd Btn
Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
PERPORT.	27	1st.M.D.	AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Sydney per A30 "Borda", on 5/6/16.			
6.3.17	Tfd. from Royal Vic. Hosp. Netley G.S.W. Left. leg	IB 184/42'17	
to 3rd Aux. Hosp.		" " " "	
9/4/17	Dischd from 3rd Aux Hptl to Wey'th GSW L Leg (HM)	IB 206/42-17	
25/11/16	Pro. O/S. to France ex Sth/ton. (HM)	Ldn.22/15-16	
1.2.17.	WOUNDED IN ACTION.	BEFO.8.3.17	
6.2.17.	Emb. for Eng. at Boulogne on HS. Aberdonian(GSW.L.Thigh)	" 9.1.17	
9.4.17	Marched into No.2. Com Depot Weymouth from Dartford	LDN 23/2-17	
23.7.17.	Pro O/S to France via S'Hampton ex O/S Tng Dep		
	Perham Downs	LDN40/4/17	
7.2.17	Adm. to Royal Vic. Hosp. Netley G.S.W 1t.Leg.	LDN.8/3-17	
27/10/17	Appointed L/Cpl	BEFO 57/2-17	
11/8/17	Rej 42nd Bn from Eng	BEFO 39/6-17	
14.10.18.	Trans. from 42nd bn. ex 41 Bn. (sts L/Cpl)		
2318-5/19.		(EH) BEFO 43/1918.	

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 1181
Rank Pte ^{L/Cpl} Name RAKE, C.A
Unit 1st Bn. 42nd Bk

Casualty Wounded C.I.B.L. 1066/8273^c 2^d London 14.2.17
Wounded 2nd over gas 0181 2604/1702^c 2^d London 14.2.17

Porty to Aust per H.T. "Wahcho" embarked 10/5/19
"L.B.L. 5869/6072" P. did Lon 15/5/19, Rec B.R. 22/5/19

Returned to Australia per A. Wahcho
Disembarked 1st M.D. 1/4/19 Test 272 73.

DATE	Form 8. 103. Received	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
18 FEB 1917	N. O. K. Advised Wounded		
26 2 17	<u>Daag. 1st particulars of N. O. K.</u>		
JUN 13 1918	N. O. K. Advised Wounded <u>2nd over gas.</u>		
4.6.19	N. O. K. Advised Returning to Australia. Form <u>72.</u>		
Discharged <u>1st M.D.</u>			
WAR HISTORY INDEX			
  			
LIST. D.F. 4/5.12.—C.9442.—104.			

