

## Anzac Soldiers of Barlee St

Around the 100th anniversary of the Anzacs landing at Gallipoli, the Mount Lawley Society Inc. History & Archiving Subcommittee undertook a project to find out how many soldiers enlisted for World War 1 whilst they or their next of kin were living in what was or is now known as Mount Lawley in the years 1914-1918.

We found over 470 men who enlisted from the area. About 360 of that number were found in the [National Archives of Australia](#), and the additional men were found via seven other sources.

That project provided the starting points for the stories of 6 men who enlisted from Barlee St. We present here a brief outline of their military lives; their families; and their lives after the war.

For this submission, we have compiled information from both free-to-access and paid sources. Where it is free, we have provided links. Where it sits behind a paywall (Ancestry.com and MyHeritage.com) we can provide source citations upon request. This applies especially to family associations and births, deaths, and marriages.

We would also like to acknowledge retired Police Historian Peter Conole who researched some of our 470 soldiers further, including 2 of the 6 that we are presenting here. Peter focusses in [more detail](#) on how those two soldiers fitted into the military actions of the day.

42 Barlee St: Herbert Cecil Moss

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE**  
Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 264 Name Herbert Cecil Moss (M.M.)  
Unit 58th Brigade 11 Oct 1914  
Joined on 11 Oct 1914 R.F. HEADQUARTERS

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your name? Herbert Cecil Moss  
2. In or near what Parish or Township were you born? St. Andrew's  
3. Are you a natural born British subject or a Naturalized British subject? (If not, fill in the latter paper to be filled in.) Yes  
4. What is your age? 24 yrs (0-6-90)  
5. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, when, and what, and for what? No  
6. Are you married? No  
7. What is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Herbert Archibald Moss  
8. Have you ever been sentenced by the Civil Power? No  
9. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Dishonour, or as Ineligible and Punitive, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been discharged with Disgrace from the Army? No  
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Navy, the Marines, the Royal Air Force, the Royal Flying Corps, the Royal Naval Air Force, or the Royal Naval Air Service? If so, state which, and if not, state your year of discharge. No  
11. Have you served in any other branch of the Imperial Forces? If so, state which, and if not, state your year of discharge. No  
12. Have you served in any other branch of the Imperial Forces? If so, state which, and if not, state your year of discharge. No  
13. (If a member of any religious denomination, state the name of the denomination, and whether you are a member of the same.) Anglican  
14. Do you declare that the above answers are true and correct, and that you are willing and ready to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth?  
Date 11 Oct 1914  
Signature H. C. Moss  
Signature of Commanding Officer H. C. Moss

National Archives of Australia NAA: B2455, MOSS HERBERT CECIL

Private [Herbert Cecil Moss SN304](#) was a 24-year-old bank clerk living at 42 Barlee St at the outbreak of War. He lived with his father [Herbert Archer](#) (1852-1942) and mother Ada (1847-1930), and his sister Ada Gladys (1888-1986). The family lived at number 42 from 1912 to 1915.

Herbert enlisted soon after the outbreak of war in October 1914 and was allocated to the 58<sup>th</sup> Brigade.

He embarked on HMAT Mashobra bound for Alexandria, Egypt on 8 February 1915. Unfortunately, he suffered from appendicitis for 5 months from August to December 1915 (pre antibiotics) and was hospitalised all that time.

Upon release from hospital in December 1915, Pte Moss was promoted to Sergeant. He was transferred to AIF headquarters in Wareham, Dorset, where he both undertook and commanded training at the Course of Instruction School #3 until September 1917. Sergeant Moss then reverted to active duty, rejoining the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion in October 1917 in France.

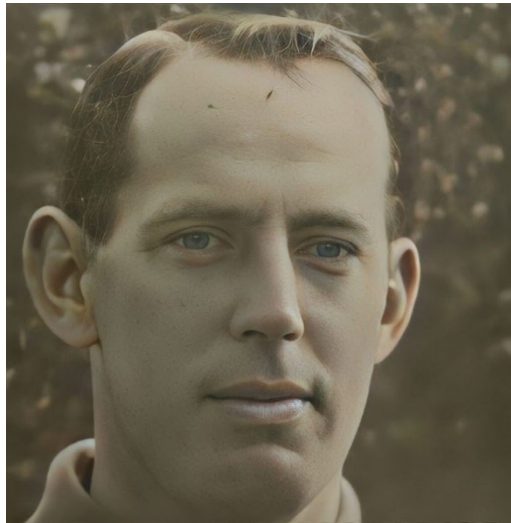
Sgt Moss distinguished himself in the field by his actions in Peronne, France, on 2 September 1918. He was awarded a [Military Medal](#) for Bravery in the Field due to 'conspicuous gallantry'. A vivid description of his actions can be found in the link above to the Australian War Memorial. A notable achievement indeed.

He returned to Australia in December 1918 not long after these events. He and his family were notified of the Military Medal in November 1919 about a year later.

Herbert married Marion Louise Buttle (1896-1945) in September 1919. They had 4 children born between 1920 and 1924. In 1925 the family moved to Harvey to take up farming.

Herbert died on [13 September 1957](#).

45 Barlee St: Ernest Charles Power



Private [Ernest Charles Power](#) SN 7513 was born near London England and was one of 12 siblings who migrated to Fremantle in 1912.

On 15 February 1916 Ernest married Veronica Muriel Fox. He and Veronica moved into his father-in-law Samuel Alfred Fox's house at [45 Barlee St](#). Samuel Fox was the Corporal of Police in Perth. Veronica's sister Victoria Magdalene Fox also lived at number 45. The Fox family lived at number 45 from 1912 to 1920.

In November 1916 Ernest and Veronica had twin sons Ronald Ernest (1916-1977) and Aubrey Raymond (1916-2002).

In March 1917 two important things happened. Tragically, Veronica died from Addison's disease on 23 March 1917 at the age of 24 leaving her infant twin sons. Six days later on 29 March 1917 Ernest enlisted. Ernest's Will with the army showed that he left the care of his 2 infant sons to Veronica's sister Victoria Magdalene Fox.

Perhaps added to the pressures on Ernest, his brother [Arthur George Power](#) was wounded in action in France and died of his wounds in hospital in Dover, England in February 1917. This was just the month immediately prior to his own wife's death.

Ernest embarked from Fremantle at the end of June 1917. In December 1917 he was taken on strength to France. In February 1918 he was admitted to hospital with trench foot. He was wounded in action gunshot wound to his left arm in August 1918, and returned to Australia in October 1919.

It is unclear whether Ernest fathered his three year old twin sons when he returned from war.

Ernest next appears in records at his parent's house at Railway Crescent Bayswater in 1925. In 1927 he remarried to a Pearl Nichols (1899-1968) and they had 3 children- Neil (1928-1985), Kevin (1932-1990) and Pauline (1940-2009).

Ernest died on [26 February 1950](#).

49 Barlee St: Arthur James Richmond

**A** 6624  
 1916 SOCIAL TREATMENT BOARD  
 AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**  
 Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.  
 No. 6512 Name Richmond Arthur James Richmond  
 in full Christian Name  
 Unit 11<sup>th</sup> Bn Enlisted on 21/11  
 Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.  
 1. What is your Name? Arthur James Richmond  
 2. In the Parish of Karrakee or near the Town of W.A. in the County of Yes  
 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Yes  
 4. What is your Age? 21  
 5. What is your Trade or Calling? Farm hand  
 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, when, to whom, and for what period? No  
 7. Are you married? No  
 8. Who is your next of kin? (Add name and relationship to be stated.)  
 The name in this question shall not be entered as in the column of a wife.  
Mother Mrs Annie Richmond 6 Gleadowe St 8<sup>th</sup> Div W.A.  
 9. What is your permanent address in Australia? 49 Barlee St Mt Lawley  
 10. Do you ever belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the British, the Indian, the Royal Naval, the Royal Air Force, or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state name of discharge.  
 11. Have you enlisted this while, if any, of your previous service? No  
 12. Have you ever been reported as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, in what particular? No  
 13. (For medical men, soldiers, sailors, and officers only.)—Do you understand the medical regulations which will be issued in respect of your service, and do you consent to be bound by them? Yes  
 14. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox, and against diphtheria?  
 I, A. J. Richmond, do hereby declare that the above answers made by me in this above questions are true, and I am willing and lawfully voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia until or beyond the term of the Commonwealth.  
 Add I further agree to allow not less than 100/- of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.  
 Date 21/11/16

[Arthur James Richmond](#) SN 6512 was determined to serve his country in War but had a chequered time of it.

He enlisted out of 49 Barlee St, which was occupied by an [Albert E Jennings](#), so Arthur was likely a boarder. It was October 1916 and Arthur was 22 years old. He was assigned to the 11th Infantry, 21st Reinforcements. Arthur arrived in England in December 1916 but was admitted to hospital immediately until February 1917 with gastritis. He returned to training for a couple of months until April 1917 but was discharged from the services as "medically unfit with cardiac debility and anaemia" He was returned to Australia on 8 April 1917, so did not see active overseas service.

Upon his return Arthur served in a home guard in the No. 5 District.

He attempted to enlist again for overseas service In November 1917 but was rejected as medically unfit in February 1918.

Being unfit for service may have been a blessing in disguise for Arthur's family especially his parents Joseph Thomas Richmond (1856-1918) and his mother Annie Jane (1855-1937).

Arthur's brother [Robert Andrew Richmond](#) aged 23 travelled on the same ship as him to England in December 1916. Robert did see active service. Sadly, he died from his wounds in France in August 1918 and is buried at Villers-Bretonneux. Also, Arthur's older half-brother [Henry William Morgan](#) served. He enlisted in October 1915 but died from "bronchial pneumonia" in France in July 1916 aged 35.

By 1922 Arthur was living in Tasmania. He married Susan Jane Maumill (1906-1942) in 1925 and continued to live in [Tasmania](#). In most records he is listed as having "no occupation" for the remainder of his days.

Arthur died on [9 July 1957](#).

### 53 Barlee St Three Rowland Brothers

The Rowland family had a 46-year association with 53 Barlee St from around [1899](#) until [1945](#). Robert James Rowland (abt1859-1945) and Esther Elizabeth Bridges (1868-1919) had 4 sons and two daughters. Their three eldest sons [Percival, Albany and Roy](#) enlisted for the war. Their daughters Neta (1897-1963) and Marjorie Louisa (1903-1975) and son Hector John (1905-1970) were youngsters when their older brothers enlisted.

#### Percival Robert William Rowland(s)

20 Jan  
A 33742  
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.  
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.  
Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.  
No. 522 Name ROWLANDS Percival Robert William  
Unit 44th BATTALION  
Joined on 11.1.1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Percival Robert William Rowlands
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? In the Parish of St. Francis in or near the Town of W.A. in the County of ...
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or (if Naturalized British Subject) (If so, state the date, papers or act shown) ...
4. What is your age? 26 1/2
5. What is your trade or calling? Senior Packer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whom, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Father, Percival Rowland, 53 Barlee Street, Perth, Western Australia
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 of dishonour and without, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Breach of any regulations, 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 Imperial Yeomanry, the Imperial Light Infantry, or any other Force? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state date 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 widows and children) Do you understand that no application for leave will be issued in respect of your service beyond the amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? Yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and typhoid fever? Yes

I, R. W. Rowlands do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and freely 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 abide not less than three fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Dated 11.1.1916  
Signature of person enlisting: P. Rowlands

National Archives of Australia NAA: B2455, ROWLANDS PERCIVAL ROBERT WILLIAM

[Percival Robert William Rowland](#) SN 522 was born in 1891 and enlisted in January 1916 (when he added an "s" to his name.) He listed his trade as Senior Packer.

Percival was allocated to C Company 44th Batt as a Private and left England for France 25 November 1916. He only saw a few months of active service as he received a severe gunshot wound to the left thigh and a compound fracture to the femur on 13 March 1917. He was admitted to hospital then returned to Australia in July 1917 as unfit for service. His file also notes "limited movement" and so he was discharged from service in December 1917.

He returned to live in the family home at 53 Barlee St and worked as a storeman. He did not marry and remained at Barlee Street with his father for the remainder of this life.

Percival died on [14 February 1945](#) just eight months before his father, who passed on 24 December of that year. Touchingly, Percival and his father Robert and mother Esther are buried together at Karrakatta Cemetery.



## Albany Jeffrey Walter Rowland

**A 3624** *Brett* *51st Bn*

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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. *3624* Name *ALBANY* *Albany Jeffrey Walter*

Unit *51st Bn, Depot Coy*

Joined on *24-9-15*

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *Albany Jeffrey Walter Rowland*
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? *Perth*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (If No.—If the latter, please to be shown.) *Yes*
4. What is your age? *22 1/2*
5. What is your trade or calling? *Fitter*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whom, to whom, and for what period? *Yes, Fred Jeffrey, Perth, W.A.*
7. Are you married? *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) *Father, Robert Jeffrey, Perth, W.A.*
9. Have you ever been sentenced by the Civil Power? *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces with Ignominy, or as Incapable and Worthless, or on account of Desertion of Duty, or of a sentence of Penal Forfeiture, 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 Imperial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state name of discharge? *No*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? *Yes*
13. Have you ever been reported as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, in what particular? *No*
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and widows who are the sole support of widowed husband—If you are married, or have been so, you will be bound to sign a solemn declaration that you will support your wife and children, and if you are a widower, you will be bound to sign a solemn declaration that you will support your wife and children.) *Yes*
15. Are you prepared to undergo instruction against assault upon and against force? *Yes*

I, *Albany Jeffrey Walter Rowland*, do solemnly declare that the above answers given me by the above-named person, and I am willing and freely 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 allow not less than *twentieth* of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service, for the support of my wife and children.

Date, *24-9-15* *A. J. M. Rowland*  
Signature of person attested.

\*This document should be stored in the safe of the nearest police station or other place of deposit.  
†This form may be altered in the safe, and if any one wishes to see it, they may be shown.

NAA: B2455: ROWLAND ALBANY-JEFFREY WALTER

[Albany Jeffrey Walter Rowland](#) SN 3624 was born in 1892. He enlisted in September 1915 at the age of 22 with his occupation given as fitter.


Albany was allocated to the 51st Battalion, departing Fremantle in January 1916 bound for France. On 11 October 1917 Albany was wounded in action. Thus began a downward spiral for him. On 13 October he was diagnosed with shell shock, which today would be called combat stress disorder. He remained in hospital for only two months until December 1917 then was discharged back to active service. After that, Albany was in and out of hospital and went AWOL on a few occasions. He was finally evacuated for return to Australia in January 1919.

Albany is next tracked to Subiaco in 1922, having married Lily Eva Smith (1904-1930) in 1921. They had 3 children Allan Robert Walter (1921-2005), Roma Jean (1923-2011) and Norma Joy (1924-2004) but the relationship was one of tension and domestic violence. The couple separated 1 May 1930 and Lily moved with their 3 children to her mother's home at 154 Sixth Ave Maylands. In a family tragedy, on [15 July 1930](#) Albany shot his wife dead and then shot himself. Further reports on this event are [here](#) and [here](#).

This event was one tragic outcome of a war that had a profound impact on Albany's mental health, his wife and children and extended family, for decades to come.

Robert (Roy) aka John (Roy) Rowland(s)

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**A** 144265 **STRALIAN**  **MILITARY FORCES.**

**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 551 Name ROWLANDS Roy  
 Unit 44th Battalion  
 Joined on 20/1/1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Roy Rowlands
2. In the Parish of Perth in or near the Town of W.A. in the County of ...
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? ... 20 1/2
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Clerk
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, whom, to whom, and for what period? ... NO
7. Are you married? ... NO
8. What is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Father, Robert James Roy Rowlands 53 Barlee Street Mount Lawley W.A.
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 Inevitable and Worthless, or on account of Character of Prisoner, 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 ... 89 Infantry Self Serving
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 mothers)—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? ... yes
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... yes

I, Roy Rowlands 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.

Done 11. 1. 1916

R. Rowlands  
Signature of person enlisting.

\*This certificate should be struck out in the case of unaccompanied men or widowers without children under 12 years of age.  
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

National Archives of Australia NAA: B2455. ROWLANDS ROY

[Roy Rowlands](#) (as he enlisted) SN 551 was born in 1895 and enlisted in January 1916 giving his occupation as clerk. He was allocated to the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion and left Fremantle on the HMAT Suevic in June 1916, arriving in England July 1916.

Unlike his brothers, Roy escaped the war without injury. However, he was hospitalised twice briefly for mumps in November 1916 and then in September 1918 for another unnamed illness. In between Roy appears to have served without injury near Rouen and Rouelles in France.

In October 1918 he was promoted to Lance Corporal and retained that rank until discharged in May 1919. Roy was shipped out from France to England in February 1919, and travelled from Southampton arriving in Fremantle June 1919. He was discharged on 28 July 1919.

There is no record of Roy getting married. Roy's life after the army is something of a mystery including why there are two names recorded on his death certificate.

He died [14 July 1962](#), his names being recorded as [Robert Roy Rowland](#) aka John Roy Rowland.

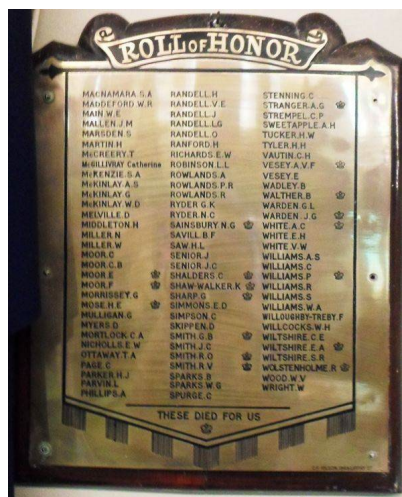
53 Barlee St in closing

The Rowland family had a nearly half century connection to 53 Barlee St, joy through many births and marriages in the family, sorrow through death and wars.

Esther, mother to three Anzac sons, passed away on 6 January 1919. She may have spent a year or so with her oldest son Percival as he was repatriated to Australia 13 months earlier. She may have seen her second son Albany as he arrived back in Fremantle but it was a scant 3 days before she passed. Sadly, she did not reconnect with her third son Roy as he returned five months after her passing. Esther, her husband Robert and her son Percy are interred together at Karrakatta Cemetery.



All three Anzac sons are honoured by mention on the [Honour Board Memorial at Trinity Church](#) Perth City



The three other children of 53 Barlee got on with their lives, marrying and creating families of their own. Neta married Edgar George Brown in 1925 and had 3 children; Marjorie married Robert Lindsay Gordon Morrison in 1941 and they had no children; and Hector married Marcelle-Celestine Pierre in 1928 and had 3 children.

The joys of the families originating out of 53 Barlee St far outweighed that one tragic event of 1930.