

Lieutenant Bertram ATKINSON

Lieutenant Bertram Atkinson was born 1889 at Buninyong, Victoria, the son of Rev. James Cooke Atkinson and Margaret (McCullagh) Atkinson, of Alexandra Avenue, Clayton, Victoria, later 22 Glyndon Avenue, Brighton, Victoria. He was educated at East Malvern Grammar School, Victoria.

His rank at enlistment into the AIF (24 Mar 1915) was 2nd Lieutenant. He had been 2nd Lieutenant in the 60th Infantry in the Citizens Military Forces. His address on enlistment was Alexandra Avenue, Clayton, Victoria, and he named his wife Mrs Ursaline A C Atkinson, 81 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria as next of kin. Aged 26 years he had been an estate agent prior to enlistment, was 5'6 tall and weighed 11 stone 12 lbs.

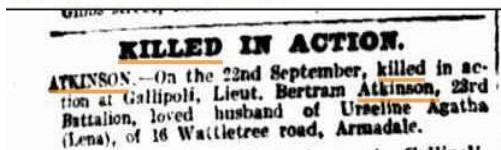
Lieut. Atkinson embarked with the 23rd Battalion, 'B' Coy from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A14 *Euripides* on 10 May 1915.

Lieut. Atkinson was killed in action on 21 Sep 1915 at Gallipoli, aged 26 years 11 months. He was buried in the Lone Pine Cemetery (Plot I, Row E, Grave 5) Gallipoli, Turkey.

He is commemorated on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial (Panel 98) and on the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen, Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria.



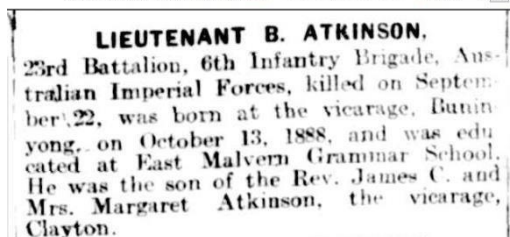
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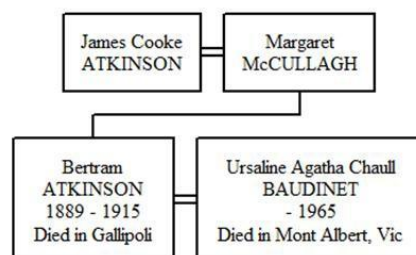
ATKINSON. - On the 22nd September, killed in action at Gallipoli, Lieut. Bertram Atkinson, 23rd Battalion, loved husband of Urseline Agatha (Lena), of 16 Wattletree road, Armadale.

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Lieutenant B. Atkinson 23rd Battalion, 6th Infantry Brigade, Australian Imperial Forces, killed on September 22, was born at the vicarage, Buninyong, on October 13, 1888, and was educated at East Malvern Grammar School. He was the son of the Rev. James C and Mrs Margaret Atkinson, the vicarage, Clayton.

Descendants of James Cooke ATKINSON



The Late Lieut B. Atkinson Fund

Friends of the late Lieut B. Atkinson, only son of Rev J. C. Atkinson, of Clayton, intend to have a stained glass window put in St Matthew's Church, Wellington, and beneath the window a brass plate suitably inscribed will be space to add names of any other members of the above church who may die for the king and country. Anyone wishing to give to this fund may send their contributions to H. Broom, "Green Hills," Springvale, hon treasurer. As the majority of us know this brave young man, who, like many

more went to fight for our freedom among a greatly daring people, leaving home and loved ones to help to rescue our bleeding nation but perished in the attempt, and as he was the first member of our church to be killed the opportunity arose of paying a tribute of appreciation to his memory. He has gone, appreciated by every section of our citizens, and leaves behind a memory that will be always pleasant to cherish. May the earth lay lightly on his grave and God give a place in Eternal mansions to his genial soul. Liberty! thou art a prize truly and indeed invaluable! for never canst thou be too dearly bought.

Thee, Dardanelles, thy wild heath among
Thee fam'd for martial deed and sacred
song,
To thee we turn with swimming eyes;
Where is that soul of freedom led;
Immingled with the mighty dead;
Beneath the hallow'd turf where Bertie
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Hear it not, Bertram, in thy bed of
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Ye babbling winds in silence sweep,
Disturb not ye the hero's sleep.

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