

Sergeant Frederick WRIGHT

No 1062, Sergeant Frederick Wright M.I.D. was born 1889 at Clifton Hill, Victoria to Frederick and Eliza Wright of 109 Head Street, Elsternwick, Victoria.

He was single, a 25 year old bushman when he enlisted on the 8/9 Sep 1914, naming his mother Mrs Eliza Wright, of Emerald Post Office, Emerald, Victoria, as next of kin. Rank on enlistment was Driver. Sgt Wright was 6' and weighed 13 stone with blue eyes and fair hair.

He embarked with the 7th Battalion, 'H' Coy from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A20 *Hororata* on 19 Oct 1914.

Sgt Wright was killed in action 27 Aug 1915 at Gallipoli, aged 26 years. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 28) at Gallipoli, Turkey; on the Roll of Honour at Australian War Memorial (Panel 52); and on the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen at Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria.

The Sergeant was recommended to be mentioned in despatches, which was awarded and promulgated 'London Gazette' Supplement No 29455 (28 Jan 1916); 'Commonwealth Gazette' No 44 (6 Apr 1916)

From the Roll of Honour Circular – 'He was detailed to stand behind the barricade at Lone Pine and catch the Turkish bombs and throw them back again over at the Turks to save the men holding the barricade. He was mentioned in despatches and recommended for Victoria Cross (although no medal was awarded) –

Further information could be had by referring to Brigadier General H E Elliot, Collins House, Melbourne, - Information from his mother.

Brother of Pte 1440 Syd Wright, 15th Battalion, killed in action 7 Aug 1915.

Descendants of Frederick WRIGHT

