

9. Frederick William (1890 - 17.5.1918).

He died in France in World War I,  
a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> A.I.F.



Artie Wanke

Fred Wanke

Transferred to

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 6379  
 Rank pte Name WANKE F. W.  
 Unit 5<sup>th</sup> Batta D3 W 7/13

Casualty WOUNDED  
 Died 17.5.18 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Amb. G.S.W. head comp. fract.  
 25/6/1807 H 27/3/18 29/9/1868  
 OIBL 25734/1417

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"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"  
 Memorial sent to W. Wanke on 21.11.21

MEMORIAL SCROLL  
 To Father.  
Mr. W. Wanke

DATE 1/6/18 A F B. 103 Received PURPORT. 345750  
17/3/18 M. C. 3 ADVISED, DIED OF WOUNDS. 25.7.21

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS.

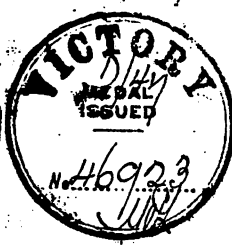
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF  
 Cable No. 25734 12/88 3/6/18  
 "WIII" to D.P.M. 3 M.D. 33,757

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. metal bag

Circular B.R.M. 45/1868 & Booklet re Graves despatched 21/10/21  
Chaser 21/10/21 mm

PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT

WAR HISTORY INDEX



BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 3rd M.D.J.R.M. 53/58  
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8.4.21

MEMORIAL  
PLAQUE  
To  
Father Direct  
M<sup>r</sup>. J. Wanke  
345750  
3.11.22  
D. @6/11/22

30 MAR 1923

VICTORY MEDAL to *Father*..... B. R. P. F. 42  
Registered Post No. .... 4324 ..... G. P. O. Melbourne.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 6379 Name WANKE, FREDERICK WILLIAM  
V42413 Unit 19th Battalion 28/5/1916  
 Joined on 28/4/1916

*Handwritten signature*

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Frederick William WANKE
2. In the Parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in or near the Town of Narre Warren in the County of Victoria
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural born British Subject
4. What is your Age? 26 years 5 months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Farmer
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice?—If so, where, to whom, and for what period? No
7. Are you married? Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Wife Bertha Wanke, Narre Warren, Victoria
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? No
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

Major  
Officer in Charge Records  
4-4-21

Frederick William Wanke 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 APR 28 1916

Frederick William Wanke  
Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.  
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

MILITARY FORCES  
CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct. *W.H.D.*  
(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)

Date APR 28 1916

*W.H.D.*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.\*

3. Frederick William Wankhe swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from APR 28 1916 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

*Frederick William Wankhe*  
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at Perth in the State of Victoria

this twenty eighth day of April 1916, before me—

*W.H.D.*  
Signature of Attesting Officer.

\*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of Fredrick William Wankel on Enlistment.

Age	26 years 5 months	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <i>Scar on right hip</i>
Height	5 feet 9 1/4 inches	
Weight	115 6 lbs.	
Chest Measurement	34-40 inches	
Complexion	<i>Fair</i>	
Eyes	<i>Blue</i>	
Hair	<i>Light Brown</i>	
Religious Denomination	<i>Ep. of Brit.</i>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. —

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date APR 28 1916

Place Pakenham

*George J. Lee Capt. A.M.C.*  
Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to Co. 1st Regt. 5th Bn.

Date 8/9/16 June 6<sup>th</sup> 1916

Place Broadmeadows

D. 377 (A. 15) — 0. 1657.

*W. J. ...*  
Commanding 1st Regt 5th Bn.  
W. J. ...  
o.c. 2015 - Keith





# APPLICATION TO ENLIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

To the Recruiting Officer

(OFFICIAL STAMP.)

at \_\_\_\_\_

I, Frederick William Wanke  
hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service  
Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the  
Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS.  <u>Stave Warren</u> <u>Victoria</u>	Signature <u>F. Wanke</u> Occupation <u>Farmer</u> Date <u>28.4.16</u>
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(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

### CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment  
of my <sup>son</sup> <sub>ward</sub> for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.  _____ _____	Father's Signature _____ Mother's Signature _____ or Guardian's Signature _____
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### PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age— <u>26</u> yrs. <u>5</u> mos.	Height— <u>5</u> ft. <u>9 1/4</u> ins.	Chest Measurement (fully expanded)—
Married. <del>Widower.</del> Single.	<u>34—40</u> inches.	

### PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Decision of Medical Authority { FIT for Active Service.  
~~UNFIT~~, for the following reasons:—

Place <u>Pakenham</u>	<u>George J. Key</u>
Date <u>APR 28 1916</u>	Signature of Medical Authority.

I Concur	
Place <u>Pakenham</u>	<u>George J. Key Cap. R.A.M.C.</u>
Date <u>APR 28 1916</u>	Signature of M. O. at Central Recruiting Depot.

### CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally ACCEPTED ~~REJECTED~~ this applicant for enlistment  
in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place <u>Pakenham</u>	(Signature) <u>W. J. Bean Capt</u>
Date <u>APR 28 1916</u>	Recruiting Officer.



O/B103 France  
18-12-16

Statement of Service of No. 6379

Name

Walter Frederick Wilkins

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From	To	
Castlemaine 20 Depot Batt Proceeded to 19 "Punf 5 Batt 20: 5th RFL	Private	5.5.16	31.5.16	
	"	1.6.16	20.7.16	
	"	21.7.16		
	G.S. Troops, Embarked: Malme, 11/9/16 Ruripides Disembkd. pmouth, 20-10-16			
	Wounded in Action France 25/11/16			
	Proceeding to sea for 55 Wounded from Folkestone	England	13/12/16	P.A. 60/2092E 8-12-16 PR 253L
	Wounded in Action	France	30.1.18.	D.O. 7/442. 9.2.18.
	Rejoined Unit from		18.2.18.	D.O. 11/699. 3.3.18.
	Wounded in Action	France	16.5.18	4026/1945 22.5.18
	<b>DIED OF WOUNDS</b> Wounded in Action 6292 2543			
	3rd Coy, 4th Bn, 1st Div		17.5.18	
	Barred			B1517-B1802

SEE COPY A.F. B103 ENCLOSED

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

3 Photographs of grave sent by D.G.P.E.  
(to mother) Mrs. Wainke Hillcroft, Harre Warren Vic. Aust  
Ref. 31/15015

Army Form B. 103.

20th Reinforcements

Regimental Number...6379.....

**Casualty Form—Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps...5th BATTALION INFANTRY A.I.F.

Rank Private.....Surname...W A N K E.....Christian Name...Frederick William.....

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

Enlisted (a) 28.4.16.....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.....

Occupation.....Signature of Officer.....

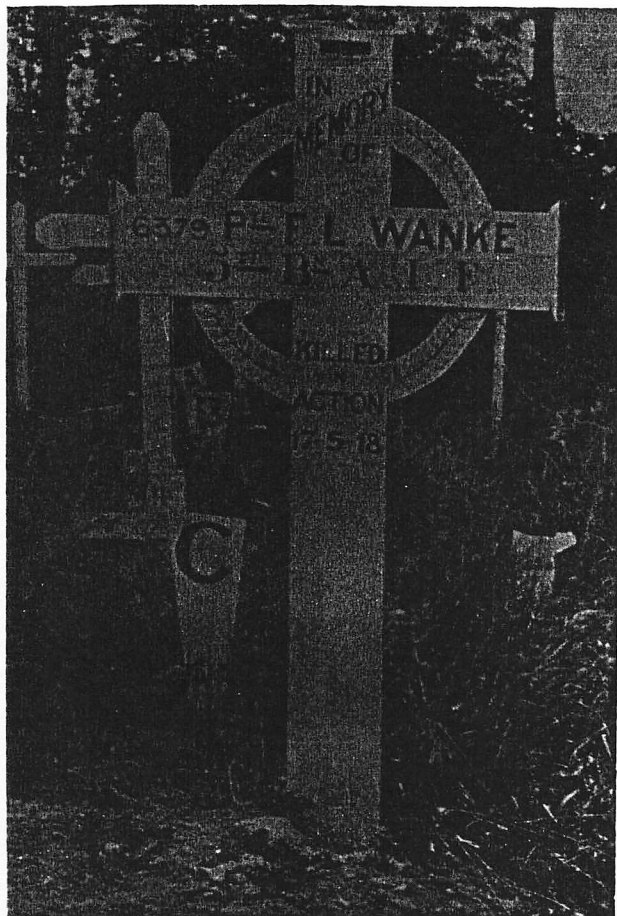
Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
	O.C. Troops	Embarked ... EURIPIDES	Melbourne	11.9.16	ER 8330
		Disembarked...	Plymouth	26.10.16	
18.10.16	A.M.C.	Admitted to Hospital	At Sea	18.10.16	
24.10.16	do	Discharged	do	24.10.16	ER 8330
17.12.16	2nd Tg Battn	PTE Preceeded 0'seas France	Folkestone	17/2.16	FR2566 D060E
		per "GOLDEN EAGLE"			8.12.16.
18.12.16.	1st A.D.B.D.	M/in ex England ex Rfts	Etaples	18.12.16	AX 3402
23.12.16.	do	M/out to Unit	do	23.12.16	AX3402
29.12.16	C05thBnB213	PTE Taken on strength	Field	25.12.16	AQ13669D03/293
2.2.18.	do	PTE To Hospital Sick	do	30.1.18	A13/57D07/442
31.1.18.	3rd A.F.Amb	S.T.A. Finger Left Hand.	do	30.1.18	AK2182/17
		Tfd to D.R.Stn.			
31.1.18	1st A.D.R.Stn	S.T.A. Finger. Tfd to C.C.S.	do	30.1.18	AK2182/42
18.2.18.	1st A.C.C.Stn	STA Finger. To duty.	do	18.2.18.	AK2182/89

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

(b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c



Bernie Bade tells of the day the family was notified of Fred's death. The minister rode up in his horse and trap and Auntie Adelaide knew, as soon as she saw him coming up the drive, why he was there...



1917. **THANKS.**  
MR and MRS Immanuel Wanke, of "Hillcraft," Narre Warren, desire to return their heartfelt thanks for telegrams, letters and cards received from friends in their recent sad bereavement, when official news came through that their son, Fred, had been killed at the war.

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE.**  
WANKE, Private Frederick William, aged 28 years 5 months, died on active service, somewhere in France, May 17th, 1918, on active service 1 year 8 months.  
His heart was good, his spirit brave,  
His resting place a hero's grave;  
To have, to love, and then to part  
Is the saddest story of a human heart.  
In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Tender, fond and true,  
There's not a day goes past dear Fred,  
But what we think of you.  
(Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters, and brothers.)