

CHARLES ROBERT ROONEY.

- Son of Tom Rooney, Curator of Ballarat Botanical gardens who died in 1914. Mother Katherine, lived at South Lodge until Tom died then Mrs Rooney lived at 12 Raglan St South.
- Born 1894. Worked as a gardener at Ballarat Botanical gardens until joining the army 9<sup>th</sup> July 1915 aged 21 years and 6 months.
- Had served as a cadet for a year and then the infantry for 4 ears and was still serving at the time of enlistment. 71 cadets then 71 Infantry. ? bugler.
- Embarked on Transport A40 "Caramic" on 23/11/15
- 4<sup>th</sup> training battalion until March 1916 when he was taken on strength of the 46<sup>th</sup> battalion of the A.I.F. at Tel-el-Kebir in Egypt.
- Promoted Corporal 14/4/16. Sergeant 27/5/16.
- Proceeded to join B.E.F. at Alexandria on 2/6/16 and transported to, Marseilles on the "Kinsfuans Castle" disembarking on 8/6/16
- Sept 1916 spent 5 days in hospital at Camiers with I.C.T HEELS. (? in growing toenails.)
- 18<sup>th</sup> November 1916. Shoulder and head gun shot wound and admitted to Rouen Hospital and from there to the Havre for passage to England on the "Formosa." and admission to the Southern general hospital from 21/11/5 to 23/12/16 when he was discharged to furough..
- Rejoined h46th Btn 9/3/17.
- Wounded in action 20/4/17 at Bullecourt and recorded as wounded and missing 19/6/17.
- 26/11/17 Recorded as killed in action.
- 22/10/15. Will – 100 pounds and bonuses to his mother, his bicycle to his his brother.
- 21/11/16



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**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE****Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.**No. 3896Name RooneyCharles RobertUnit 12th 16th RptsJoined on 9 July 191512th. P. Enl's  
14th. P. Enl's**Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.**

1. What is your Name? ... Charles Robert Rooney
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Ballarat in the County of Grenville
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (Note - if the latter, please to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 21 years 6 months
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Gardener
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) 12 Raglan St South Lodge  
St. Ballarat Botanical Gardens, Ballarat  
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 ... 7 badets 1 year  
7th Inf 4 years  
Still 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 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

3. Charles Robert Rooney 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 9/7/15

Charles Robert Rooney  
Signature of person enlisted.



Statement of Service of No.

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Name

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Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
Depot 12 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> Rfts		14/7/15	28/10/15	
46 <sup>th</sup>	TAKEN ON STRENGTH To be Corporal from —	6/3/16		P2/1/603. 27/4/16
	To be Sgt —	14.3.16.		P2/4/1889. 4.5.16.
	To Hospital (aick) France	20.5.16.		P2/4/3096. 30.5.16.
46 <sup>th</sup>	Rejoined 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn. A.S.F. from 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. Base Depot.	4-9-16.		P2/39. 5353. 21-9-16
	Wounded in action. In the field	30-9-16.		P2/48-5978. 20-10-16.
103 France 24-11-17	Adm: 1 <sup>st</sup> London gen: Paps: (g. S. W. Shoulder)	16-11.16		P2/5009. 7.12.16.
	Embarked on H.S. "Tormada" at Havre for England. g. S. W. Left Shoulder	21.11.16		P2/47 10906. 14.12.16.
	Rejoined Batt: Co Wounded	21.11.16		P2/57 7310. 18.12.16.
46 <sup>th</sup>	Sgt Wounded in Action End. Occasion	6.2.17		P2/47 1273. 30.2.17.
		France	11-4-17	P2/43/2927 21-4-17.
46 <sup>th</sup>	Reported MISSING	France	11-4-17.	Cir 1568
	Ref. 200 43 Sub para 2937. Subt complete entry which reads: Wounded in Action 4-4-17. In line thereof read Wounded & Missing in Action 11-4-17.		11-4-17.	Authority transferred 4/10/35/77. 12/11/35 17/17.
46 <sup>th</sup> Bn from ref	Reported Wounded's missing 1/4/17 KILLED IN ACTION. Court of Enquiry held 25/4/17 Entitled to 1914/15 Star	France	11-4-17	P2/104/4973. 6/12/17 C11312109
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				Subject Missing

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



CERTIFIED TRUE COPY.

K.K.



THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me CHARLES ROBERT ROONEY of Botanical Gardens Ballarat in the County of Victoria Australia.

I HEREBY REVOKE all Wills and testamentary instruments heretofore by me made I APPOINT Mr Edward Rooney of Albert Park Melbourne Vic.

and MR Refehaugie of Ballarat Victoria

to be the Executors of this my Will I DIRECT my Executors to pay and my just debts funeral and Testamentary Expenses.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH

I give the sum of £100/0/0 and bonuses (one hundred pounds) insurance money to my Mother Katherine Mary Rooney.

I give my bicycle to my brother Percy Thomas Tooney.

Witness my hand this 22nd day of October 1915.

(Testator to sign here) Charles Robert Rooney.

Signed by the above-named Testator as his last Will in the presence of us both being present at the same time, who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Witnesses to sign here	[ Edward Rooney Albert Park Melbourne
	Methodist Home Missioner.
with their address & Occupation.	[ John Henry Repshaugie. Principal A. H/
	School Ballarat.