

FAEHRMANN, Edward Theodore William (6078) AIF



Name	FAEHRMANN, Edward Theodore William Private
Service Number	6078 AIF
Date of Birth	30th May 1887
Died	16th April 1952
Place of Birth	Woodside SA
Resident	Murray Bridge SA
Cemetery	Murray Bridge (Adelaide Road) Cemetery SA

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Edward, or Ted as he was known, was born at Woodside South Australia, on 30 May 1887. He was the eldest of two children of Theodore Christoph Otto Faehrmann and Anna Pauline Faehrmann (nee Mangelsdorf). His given occupation was as a carpenter, he was single and living at Murray Bridge when he enlisted in the AIF on 29 August 1916.

Ted was posted to the 17th Reinforcement Unit of the 27th Infantry Battalion on 17 October, after his initial training at Mitcham. A short stint of leave was followed by the Unit's embarkation aboard the HMAT A19 Afric from Port Adelaide on 7 November 1916. During the voyage, Ted was admitted to the ship's hospital on 5 December for five days with 'infected lungs' and again on 25 December with mumps. The men disembarked at Plymouth, England on 9 January 1917, and immediately departed for the sprawling Australian base at Rolleston.

The training undertaken was intense and done under the supervision of battle-hardened veterans from the Front. Some leave was given during this time, however Ted overstayed a leave pass and was charged with being AWOL from 1200 hours on 19 March 1917 until 1700 on 20 March. The penalty awarded was two days confinement to barracks and a forfeiture of one day's pay.

On 22 May 1917, Ted embarked for service in France and after a stint at the 2nd Divisional Base Depot, he arrived at the 27th Infantry Battalion on 12 June, at that time encamped at Senlis undergoing training.

The previous month had been particularly bad for the 27th – the Battalion has lost 26 soldiers killed, and 69 wounded. On 16 June, the Battalion moved to Brickfields, on the Bapaume-Merricourt road. Most of July was spent training with only a few night operations being mounted. August also saw a month of training in preparation for the forthcoming offensive around Ypres. By this time, the Division was near Steenvorde Belgium and on 20 September the Battalion moved to the front line at Westhoek.

They moved at night in platoon formation, and in single file and a 100-yards between platoons in order to minimise casualties from shellfire. Considerable artillery fire fell during their advance at

Chateau Wood but there were no casualties. Victory was followed up with the capture of Broodseinde Ridge on 4 October, in which the 27th Battalion also fought.

Rushed back to France in April 1918 with the rest of the Australian forces to counter the German Spring Offensive, the 27th Battalion fought long and hard. It took part in the major battles that forced the Germans back. It attacked around Morlancourt on the night of 10 June; acted in a supporting role during the battle of Hamel on 4 July; and was in the first wave at the battle of Amiens on 8 August. On 8 August, the Battalion captured 9 artillery pieces, 25 machine guns and over 200 prisoners.

The Battalion's last actions of the war were fought as part of the effort to break through the Beaurevoir Line in the first week of October 1918; on 11 November, the day the Armistice was declared, the Battalion was in billets in the Berteaucourt-Yzeux area. Later in the month, it moved to Le Grand-Fayt, about 60 kms north-east of Saint Quentin. On 23 January 1919, Ted was transferred to the 20th Army Service Corps Company, part of the 2nd Divisional Train, which was responsible for logistics and supply to the Division.

At war's end there was an acute shortage of ships necessary for the repatriation of soldiers to their homes countries. Ted was granted leave to England and arrived there on 31 May 1919; five days later he was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital suffering from cellulitis to the left leg and was hospitalised for a month. He spent the rest of his time in England carrying out general duties until embarking aboard the Euripides on 7 September 1919. Disembarking at Port Adelaide on 18 October, Ted was demobilised on 4 December 1919.

Ted later married Ivy Beatrice Whitehead and there were eight children of the marriage. Ted died in Murray Bridge on 16 April 1952.

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Appendix



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Image 3 ©Janice Haynes Private Collection 2025



Image 4 ©Janice Haynes Private Collection 2025
Edward Theodore William Faehrmann with friend
Harry Davey from the 27th Battalion AIF



Image 5 ©Janice Haynes Private Collection 2025

Edward Theodore William Faehrmann, sitting on the left with Machine Gunners of D Company 27th Battalion AIF. From the left : Allan Oscar Cook R/N 6548, Harry Davey R/N 6076, Hohn Eric Plush R/N 6620, and Edward Walters R/N 4777 seated



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Group of soldiers with Edward T.W. Faehrmann sitting in front, far right. The original of this photo is in my personal collection.

FACEY									
5072	Pte.	FACEY	David Ronald	39th Battalion.	31.1.16	K.I.A.	25.8.18		
3564	Pte.	FACEY	Herbert	1st L.H.	11.9.17	R.T.A.	13.3.19		
1840	Pte.	FACEY	John	1st Pioneers	2.12.15	R.T.A.	6.5.19		
3066	Pte.	FACEY	John	39th Battalion.	8.1.17	R.T.A.	10.12.18		
	2/Lieut.	FACEY	John Henry	30th Battalion.	15.4.15	Disch.	22.6.18		
396	Pte.	FACEY	Joseph Thomas	10th L.H.	1.10.14	K.I.A.	14.9.15		
1756	Pte.	FACEY	Ray Bunker	11th Battalion.	15.1.15	K.I.A.	28.6.15		
	2/Lieut.	FACEY	Stephen George(DCM)	59th Battalion.	24.2.16	K.I.A.	4.7.18		
1132	Pte.	FACEY	Thomas George	6th Battalion.	10.9.14	R.T.A.	4.11.15		
1126	Dvr.	FACKENDER	Eric William	1st M.T.S.	18.9.16	R.T.A.	13.7.19		
5535	Dvr.	FACKERELL	Humphrey	3rd F.A.B.	12.9.15	D.O.W.	4.9.18		
1929	Pte.	FACKERELL	Herbert William	10th F.A.B.	14.6.15	R.T.A.	4.1.19		
1700	Pte.	FACKRELL	Leslie James	57th Battalion.	21.2.16	K.I.A.	4.8.17		
4556	Pte.	FACON	Ernest Louis	1st Fld.Bky.	26.6.17	R.T.A.	22.7.19		
	Lieut.	FACY	Ernest Roy	12th Battalion.		R.T.A.	31.5.19		
2727	Pte.	FACY	Peter Watson	2nd Battalion.	20.6.15	R.T.A.	25.1.19		
2400	Pte.	FADDEN	John	54th Battalion.	15.4.16	D.O.W.	26.4.18		
359	Dvr.	FADDY	Ernest Adrian	1st F.A.B.	24.8.14	R.T.A.	24.9.18		
4106	Pte.	FADDY	Frederick	1th M.G.Bn.	1.11.15	R.T.A.	19.2.19		
	2/Lt.	FADDY	Francis Horatian	13th Battalion.		K.I.A.	3.5.15		
3844	Pte.	FADDY	George Erwin(MM)	18th Battalion.	2.10.15	R.T.A.	20.5.19		
3578	Pte.	FADDY	Herbert Spencer	30th Battalion.	30.11.16	R.T.A.	5.7.19		
19277	Gnr.	FADDY	Thomas Hammond	7th F.A.B.	10.8.15	R.T.A.	11.5.19		
34759	Gnr.	FADER	Mervyn Abraham	5th M.G.Bn.	7.12.16	R.T.A.	6.6.18		
5590	Pte.	FADDY	Walter Henry	M.G.Details	12.3.16	R.T.A.	19.2.19		
6078	Pte.	FAEHRMANN	Edward Theodore	20th A.S.C.	29.8.16	K.T.A.	6/9/19		
17223	Gnr.	FAERBER	Alexander Henry	1st F.A.B.	19.1.16	D.O.W.	26.7.17		
29077	Gnr.	FAERBER	Augustus William	2nd F.A.B.	3.5.16	K.I.A.	25.6.17		
51358	Pte.	FAGAN	Albert Edward	22nd Battalion.	21.9.17	R.T.A.	23.7.19		
2258	Pte.	FAGAN	Bernard Joseph	24th Battalion.	8.7.15	R.E.A.	17.10.16		
2133	Pte.	FAGAN	Bartlet Avon	11th Battalion.	4.5.15	R.E.A.	21.3.19.		
4777	Pte.	FAGAN	Charles	6th Battalion.	5.10.15	R.T.A.	21.12.17		
38005	Dvr.	FAGAN	Charles	4th D.A.C.	19.4.17				
4492	Pte.	FAGAN	Edward Joseph	6th Battalion.	20.7.15	R.T.A.	12.5.19		
38335	Gnr.	FAGAN	Harold	7th F.A.B.	2.5.17	R.T.A.	3.7.19		
3009	Pte.	FAGAN	Hugh Robinson	5th L.H.	2.6.16	R.T.A.	26.7.19		
640	Pte.	FAGAN	Jack	13th L.H.		R.T.A.	3.1.16		
1853	Pte.	FAGAN	James	8th Battalion.	6.5.15	R.T.A.	21.3.19		
1920	Pte.	FAGAN	John	18th Battalion.	24.6.15	Disch.	15.7.19		
2631	Pte.	FAGAN	John	29th Battalion.	22.8.16	K.I.A.	29.7.18		
3807	Pte.	FAGAN	Joseph	5th Battalion.	19.7.15	K.I.A.	4.10.17		

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Army Form B. 103.

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CASUALTY FORM - ACTIVE SERVICE.

Regiment or Corps 17th Rein 27th Battalion

Regimental No. 6078 Rank Private Name FAEHRMANN Edward Theodore William

Enlisted (a) 29-8-16 Terms of Service (a) Service reckons from (a)

Date of Promotion to present rank 19th Troop (Embodied, Disbanded)

Service reckons from (a) roll of N.C.O.s

Extended Re-engaged

Report. Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, amalgamations, etc., 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.

Date.	From whom Received.	Place.	Date.	Remarks
1	6th Troop.	Adelaide.	7/1/16.	taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
	19th Troop (Embodied, Disbanded)	Albion.	7/1/17.	(11/2/17)
2/1-17.	4th Tug. Bn.	Marched in from Pekau	Pekau	20.1.17. 8.R. 9.24.5. 80 6/12. 3-2-17
3/15-1-17.	4th Con Det.	Marched in	Pekau	13.1.17. 8.R. 9.21.5.
4/10-1-17.	OB Shop.	Can Millie Troop Sect.	Devonport.	10.1.17.
6/12-16.	OC. Troop.	Can Ships Troop.	"9th"	5/12/16. 807.
27/12/16.	Disb.	Wash from do	26/12/16.	
7/4/17.	13069 4th Ing. Bn.	Offence Rollstone and from 1/1/17 to 1/1/17 reporting at 5pm 20.3.17 award 2 days 66 by J.W. Blair Capt. 2/3/17 pay 1 day pay R.W.	Rollstone	L.R. 1104. Do 23/12/17 10.4.17 2329
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(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into section D. Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.

(b) e.g. Signaller, Shoemaking, &c., &c., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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17/6/18	do	Leave from Eng leave	do	5/8/18	B213 B22/67	
18/6/18	do	Leave from Paris leave	do	5/8/18	B213 B22/62	
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