



WILLIAM WADE

Service No: 1021

Rank: Sergeant

Regiment: Australian Engineers

Unit: 4th Div. Signal Company

Date of Death: 21st October 1917

Age: 24

Casualty type: Died of Wounds

Grave: Menin Road Cemetery, Belgium

Awards: D C M

Born 15 April 1893. Parents were Winifred and James Wade. Mrs. Wade later married Mr. Harnett of Gorge Road, Fairlie

Educated at Fairlie School, being admitted on the 6th July 1904, having previously attended the Marist Bros school. He left school on the 12th December 1906 destination home. He was then re enrolled at Fairlie School on the 19th February 1907 and his guardian was J. Robinson. He continued his schooling until 20th September when his destination again was home.

He embarked at Sydney on the 31st May 1915, a board the HMAT "Anaja" serving in the 4th Light Horse Brigade.

William was awarded the DCM . This report appeared in the London Gazette 6th Feb. 1918, page 1752.

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty." While repairing cables the NCO in charge was wounded. He promptly took charge, and with utter disregard for personal danger directed their work from crater to crater. He worked his party under continuous shell fire and completed his task. He maintained these communications for five successive days. "

He died of wounds on the 21st October 1917. He is remembered on the Fairlie War Memorial, Timaru Memorial Wall and the Menin Road Cemetery, Belgium.
