

The AIF Project



James CHALMERS

Regimental number	16526
Place of birth	Newcastle New South Wales
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Draftsman and surveyor's assistant
Address	Minmi, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	21
Next of kin	Father, James Chalmers, Back Creek, Minmi, via Newcastle, New South Wales
Enlistment date	9 October 1916
Rank on enlistment	Sapper
Unit name	December 1916 Reinforcements (/showUnit?unitCode=ENG.DEC16R)
AWM Embarkation Roll number	14/42/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A67 <i>Orsova</i> on 2 December 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lance Corporal
Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Field Company Engineers
Recommendations (Medals and Awards)	Military Medal
	Recommendation date: 12 October 1917
Fate	Returned to Australia 16 June 1919
Medals	Military Medal
	'During the operations east of YPRES on 4th October 1917, he was employed as a runner between strong point on BECELAERE RIDGE and Company Headquarters WESTHOEK. He had to pass through the enemy barrage eight times in the execution of his duty, but each time his despatches were delivered safely and in quick time. While not acting as runner he worked on the construction of the strong point and displayed very great coolness and pluck throughout the operation. When his Section was relieved he volunteered to guide the relieving section.'
	Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 31
	Date: 7 March 1918