

Bertie was born in Grimbsy, England on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1885 and came to Australia alone aboard the Morayside in 1890. On 4<sup>th</sup> November 1907, in Perth he joined the Australian Naval Forces for a period of 5 years and served aboard the CAMBRIAN as a stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he joined F Company, AN&MEF, stating that he was a Seaman and married. He gave his unnamed wife as his next of kin stating that she resided c/- G Bradford of Cairns NZ. I can find no trace of Cairns, NZ, and when he was granted a pension in 1916 there was no wife's pension granted. It would appear he was not married.

Bertie returned from Rabaul and was discharged from the AN&MEF, term expired on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 1915. This discharged was cancelled and he was eventually discharged on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1916 as medically unfit due to a septic leg, malaria and rheumatism.