

On his enlistment in E Company, AN&MEF, he stated that he was born in Ballarat, was 24, a labourer and single, giving a Mrs J Heaton, "Killarney", Allison Rd, Randwick as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 28th Jan 1915, having completed 171 days service.

There appears to be no record of an Albert Downes being born in Ballarat in 1890. In 1929 a Charles Down presented Albert's Certificate of Discharge to an RSL club claiming that he was really the said Albert Downes.