

Royden was born in Wollongong in 1889, the son of James Dean and Mary Anne Dean, nee Anderson. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he joined D Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a tailor by trade and single, giving his mother at Crown St, Wollongong as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1915.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March he joined B Company, 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, service number 514, and sailed for Egypt with the battalion aboard the CERAMIC, leaving Sydney on 25<sup>th</sup> June. On 3<sup>rd</sup> September he arrived with the battalion on Gallipoli and then transferred to the newly formed 4<sup>th</sup> Field Company of Engineers, which formed from members of the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> battalions following the withdrawal from Gallipoli. He was assigned a new regimental number – 4077. On 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1916 he was admitted to hospital at Tel-El-Kebir and was discharged and returned to his unit on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

On 7<sup>th</sup> June he moved with his unit to Marseilles. On 26<sup>th</sup> June 1918 he transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Battalion and returned to Australia on the CLONY CASTLE, departing Devonport on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1919 and arriving in Sydney on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

He was discharged from the AIF on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1919 and returned to his trade as a tailor.

In 1929 he married Mary Askew and died in Wollongong on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1969. He is buried in the Wollongong City Memorial Gardens.