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GEORGE ROBERT BULLOCK

George enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and was allocated to D Company. On his attestation papers he stated he was born in Sunninghill, Berkshire, UK and was 27 years old. He was a pastrycook by trade and listed Clarice May Adamson (probably his fiancée at the time), 6 Trafalgar Street, Newtown as his next of kin. He stated he was in the Marines for 9 years.

He served in the AN&MEF until his discharge, time expired, on 18th Jan 1915, a total of 161 days.

Shortly after his return from Rabaul on 30th Jan1915, he married Clarice.

Both George and Clarice left Australia for England in August 1915, where two weeks later George enlisted in the British Army Service Corps (ASC) and was promoted to Staff Sergeant. Some time later he was charged with embezzlement, reduced in rank to private and transferred to the Royal Scots Fusiliers which was, at the time, encamped at Seaforth. Clarice lived nearby and all went well until the Royal Scots were mobilised to go to France. George subsequently deserted and Clarice, now deprived of any income returned to her husband's parent's home and worked in the family bakery business in Ascot.

After the war, in 1920, Clarice returned to Australia. In the same year, an R T Adamson was arrested in South Africa, suspected of being a deserter from the British Army. Clarice's brother was able to confirm from a photograph that the said R T Adamson was in fact George Robert Bullock. He was advised that George, under his assumed name, had remarried a Dora Violet Turner in South Africa, thereby committing bigamy. George and Dora had a child and in 1922 George was found guilty of bigamy by the South African Court and fined 50 pounds.

Clarice was granted a divorce on the grounds of desertion in 1922. Clarice remarried Dante Garner in 1924.

George returned to Australia and was living in South Australia variously under the name R T Adamson and George Robert Bullock.