

Russell was born in Hobart, Tasmania, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1895, the only son of Charles Creed and Hannah Creed, nee Ridges. On 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he enlisted in C Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a cook and single, giving his father at 42 Goulburn St, Hobart, as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 7<sup>th</sup> April he joined C Company, 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, regimental number 1034. He sailed from Sydney aboard the BERRIMA, eventually arriving on the Gallipoli Peninsular in late August 1915. He was withdrawn along with the battalion on 20<sup>th</sup> December and promoted corporal (cook) on 20<sup>th</sup> December 1915.

He was further promoted, to sergeant (cook) on 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1916 and moved with the battalion to France (Marseilles) aboard the IGOMA in March. On 27<sup>th</sup> July during the battle at Poziers, Russell was killed in action. In a file note by an Officer acting on behalf of the C.O. 20<sup>th</sup> battalion it was noted:

“...as the entire battalion records covering the period in question were destroyed by enemy action on 28<sup>th</sup> October last it is regretted that no official particulars can be given in connection with the death of the above-named non-commissioned officer (1034 Sgt. CREED R.C.)

Exhaustive enquiries have been made throughout the Unit and it is learned that Sgt. Creed was hit in the head by a piece of shell whilst carrying water forward on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1916. His death was instantaneous and from the information gathered his body was buried by members of his unit in the GORDON DUMP CEMETERY, SAUSAGE GULLY, situated between what were the villages of La Boisselle and Contalmaison, about 3 miles N.E. of ALBERT.”

Russell is commemorated at the Australian Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux and on Panel 90 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.