

MY JOURNEY TO THE GREAT WAR

My name is Victor Sanders (known as Vic) and I was born in Warwick, Queensland on the 7th September 1880. Shortly after, we moved to Toowoomba living at "Matlock" in Arthur St. I attended the North Toowoomba State School. Just prior to war being declared I was the manager of a plantation in New Hebrides.

I enlisted on the 26th August 1914 at Toowoomba, along with my nephew Charles Fortescue (known as Chas) who was a 2nd Lieutenant in the AMF and this carried over to the 9th Battalion AIF. This is my 'mugshot'. On the 24th of Septmeber 1914 both of us boarded the HMAT Omrah A5 at Pinkenba, Brisbane on our way to the Great War. We sailed to Melbourne where we spent about 2 weeks training, boarding the Omrah again for Albany, Western Australia.



While we did a training march around Albany, so described by an Officer, my nephew Chas in a postcard to his mother on 25/10/14.



Albany, W. A.

"We went for a march yesterday. Turned to the left when we got off the jetty, came along to a road about the bottom of the picture turned to the right and went as far as the beach which you cannot see in the post card and around the hill back again."