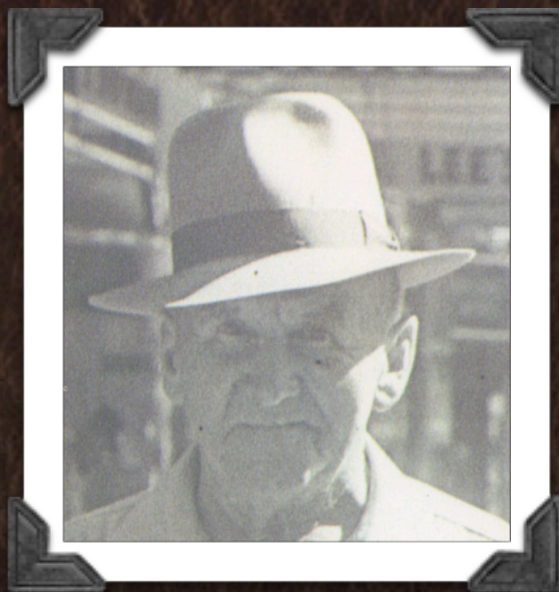


# James Lyons Youngson



*13 October 1881 - 16 June 1966*





## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ He was born in Newhills, Aberdeenshire Scotland on 13 October 1881 (he misstated his year of birth in his army records)
- ❖ His parents were George Youngson, a mill worker, born 1853 in Newhills and Mary Watson Lyon, born 1856 in Old Machar, Aberdeenshire
- ❖ His mother's parents were James Lyon, and Elizabeth Blake of Old Machar

(Newhills and Old Machar are adjoining parishes)



## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ His father's parents were George Youngson, born 7 June 1797 in Papermills of Stoneywood, Newhills and Janet Stephen, born prior to 31 May 1815 in Woodend, Newhills
- ❖ His mother's parents were James Lyon and Elizabeth Blake, born in Old Machar



## Ancestors of James Lyons Youngson

James DUGUID  
b. C.1738, Old Machar ABD  
& Jean MASSON  
b. C.1739, Old Machar ABD  
m. 29 Oct 1758, Old Machar ABD

Mary DUGUID  
b. pre-13 May 1759, Newhills ABD  
d. 1841+, Newhills  
& William YOUNGSON  
b. C.1750, Newhills ABD

George YOUNGSON  
b. 7 Jun 1797, Papermills of Stoneywood Newhills ABD  
d. 13 Feb 1879, Newhills ABD  
& Janet STEPHEN  
b. pre-31 ay 1851, Old Machar ABD  
m. 1840, Woodend Newhills ABD

George YOUNGSON  
b. 1853, Newhills ABD  
& Mary Watson LYON  
b. 31 Dec 1854, Old Machar ABD

James Lyons YOUNGSON  
b. 13 Oct 1881, Aberdeen SCT  
d. 16 Jun 1966, Concord Hospital NSW  
& Edith MABER  
b. 29 Sep 1885, Goulburn NSW  
d. 23 Jan 1969, Garrawarra Hospital, Waterfall NSW



## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ James' siblings were Elizabeth (Lizzie)(1872), Charles(1874), George(1876), Jessie(1878) and Alexander(1892)
- ❖ He was apprenticed for 5 years to stonemasons Andersons of Aberdeen



# Newhills, Aberdeenshire, Scotland



**Newhills**, a parish of SE Aberdeenshire, containing Auchmill and Stoneywood villages, with Buxburn station on the Great North of Scotland railway, 4 miles NW of the post-town, Aberdeen. It anciently formed the SE corner of the extensive parish of Old Machar, but having acquired a chapel in 1663 on the lands of Keppelhills, with mortification of those lands for maintaining a minister, it was constituted a parish in 1666, and took the name of Newhills in allusion to the changed status of Keppelhills. It is bounded N by Dyce, E by Old Machar and Woodside, S by Banchory-Devenick, SW by Peterculter, and W by Skene and Kinnellar. Its length, from N to S, varies between  $2\frac{5}{8}$  and 5 miles; its utmost breadth, from E to W, is  $4\frac{5}{8}$  miles; and its area is  $10,321\frac{3}{4}$  acres, of which 39 are water. The river Don winds  $2\frac{3}{8}$  miles south-south-eastward along the Old Machar boundary; and six burns drain the interior, either to the Don or towards the Dee. The surface, in the vicinity of the Don, is low and flat, sinking to 50 feet above sea-level; elsewhere it rises westward to 403 feet near Craibstone House, 604 near Kingswells manse, 578 at Cloghill, and 870 at Brimmond Hill. Granite is the prevailing rock, and is extensively quarried, both for home use and for exportation. The soil, in the low level tract, is a deep rich mould; elsewhere is mostly black, light, shallow, and spongy. Nearly one-ninth of the entire areas pastoral or waste; 400 acres are under wood; and the rest of the land is in tillage. Antiquities are a large cairn, several tumuli, remains of a Caledonian stone circle, and vestiges of an old chapel; whilst a chief curiosity is a cavern in a ravine of Elrickhill, supposed by the vulgar to penetrate for miles under ground, and celebrated in legend as the retreat of a noted robber and his gang. The granite quarries and extensive paper works employ a large number of the population. Oldmill Reformatory (1857), near the eastern border,  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles W of Aberdeen, is a large building, occupied by about 100 boys. A cottage home for convalescents, with accommodation for from 12 to 15 patients, was opened in July 1882, the work having been started eight years before by Mrs Smith of the Manse. Mansions are Cloghill, Craibstone, Fairley, Hazlehead, Kingswells, Springhill, Stoneywood, and Waterton; and 7 proprietors hold each an annual value of £500 and upwards, 19 of between £100 and £500, 10 of from £50 to £100, and 24 of from £20 to £50. Newhills is in the presbytery and synod of Aberdeen; the living is worth £709. The parish church,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mile W by S of Auchmill, is a good building of 1830, with 1100 sittings. Other places of worship are Stoneywood Established chapel of ease (1879; 800 sittings), Newhills Free church at Auchmill, Kingswells Free church (4 miles W of Aberdeen), and St Machar's Episcopal church (1880) at Buxburn. Six public schools—Blackburn, Buxburn, Keppelhills, Kingswells, Stoneywood, and Stoneywood infant—with respective accommodation for 87, 480, 96, 141, 411, and 120 children, had (1883) an average attendance of 83, 395, 51, 101, 174, and 85, and grants of £69, 8s., £349, 9s. 6d., £44, 14s. 6d., £95, 0s. 6d., £156, 15s., and £73, 4s. 6d. Valuation (1860) £14, 789, (1884) £24, 453, plus £677 for railway. Pop. (1801) 1305, (1831) 2552, (1861) 3463, (1871) 4210, (1881) 5480.—*Ord. Sur.*, sh. 77, 1873.

(Frances Groome, *Ordnance Gazetteer of Scotland* (1882-4); © 2004 Gazetteer for Scotland)

**Newhills**, par., SE. Aberdeenshire, on river Don, 10,282 ac., pop. 5480; the church is 4 miles NW. of Aberdeen.

(John Bartholomew, *Gazetteer of the British Isles* (1887))





# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ James migrated to New South Wales in about 1906 after a period working in South Africa
- ❖ On 24 March 1910 he married Edith Maber at The City Temple, Campbell Street Sydney. Her parents were William Abraham Maber and Ann Surry



Edith Youngson, nee Maber



# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ Their daughter Edith Irene Dorothy May was born on 29 June 1910



- ❖ Their son George was born on 2 February 1915



# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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❖ James and Edith's son  
Sydney Victor was born on  
6 February 1921



## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ In 1917 his daughter Mary was born. Gunner was at that time employed as a railway porter and was living at 95 Pitt Street Waterloo
- ❖ Mary died, aged 3, on 25 October 1920, of pneumonia following measles and whooping cough



# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

- ❖ On 24 July 1916 he enlisted in the army and on 30 July was sent to 2nd Cootamundra Depot Battalion
- ❖ On 17 November 1916 he sailed on the troopship *Port Napier*, arriving at Devonport England on 29 January 1917





Original Duplicate

# Application to Enlist in the Australian Imperial Force.

To the Recruiting Officer

VICTORIA BARRACKS N.S.W.

(OFFICIAL STAMP)

I, James Youngson hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

POSTAL ADDRESS <u>27 Dunblane St Camperdown Sydney N.S.W.</u>	Signature <u>James Youngson</u>
	Occupation <u>Railway Porter</u>
	Date <u>16-7-16</u>

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant)

### CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS (For Persons under 21 years of Age)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my son for Active Service Abroad.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.	Father's Signature _____
	Mother's Signature _____
	or
	Guardian's Signature _____

### PERSONAL PARTICULARS.

Age—33 yrs. 7 mos. Height—5 ft. 7 ins. Chest Measurement (fully expanded) 37 1/2 inches.

Married.  Widower.  Single.

### PRELIMINARY MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Decision of Medical Authority  FIT for Active Service  UNFIT, for the following reasons:—

Place VICTORIA BARRACKS N.S.W.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Medical Authority \_\_\_\_\_

I Concur

Place VICTORIA BARRACKS N.S.W.

Date 16 JUL 1916 Signature of M.O. at Central Recruiting Depot C. McAllister

### CERTIFICATE OF RECRUITING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that I have this day provisionally  Accepted  Rejected this applicant for enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force.

Place VICTORIA BARRACKS N.S.W. Signature [Signature] Recruiting Officer.

Date JUL 15

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MILITARY FORCES.

# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. A/6834 86891 Name YOUNGSON, J.

Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Jined on 24/7/16 July 15 1916

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- What is your Name? James Youngson
- In the Parish of North Hills in or near the Town of Aburdeen in the County of Scotland
- Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) Natural Born
- What is your age? 33 years
- What is your trade or calling? Porter
- Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period, Apprenticed to A. Anderson, Aburdeen 5 years
- Are you married? No
- Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) Wife, Edith Youngson, 13 Gourlie St, Glasgow, Scotland
- Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
- Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge No
- Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
- Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
- Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which, together with Pay, would reach eight shillings per day? Yes
- Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small-pox and enteric fever? Yes

I, James Youngson do solemnly declare that the above answers made me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

\*And I further agree to allot not less than three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children

Date 24 July 1916 Signature James Youngson of person enlisted.

\*This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

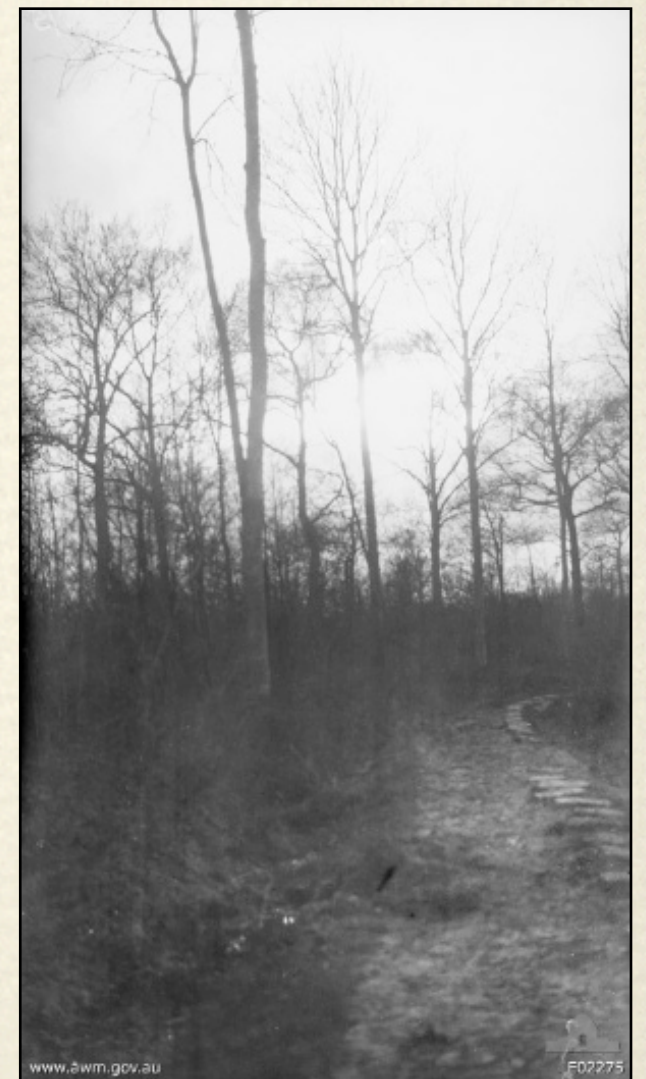


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- ❖ On 14 May 1917 he embarked for France, after being transferred to the 8th Battalion, AIF
- ❖ On 14 April 1918, near Nieppe Forest in northern France, in the Battle of Lys, he was wounded in action, suffering shrapnel wounds to his elbow and on the 17th was invalided to the UK



Typical farm cottage, Nieppe, France  
30/7/1917 by Cyril Trevithick



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## Australian Military Units

### German Spring Offensive

March 1918 - May 1918

This term relates to the three major German attacks on the Western Front in late March, April and May 1918, known collectively as the "Kaiserschlacht" (Kaiser's Battle) offensive. Using troops released from the Eastern Front, following the revolution and collapse of the Russian Armies in late 1917, the German General Staff attempted to win the war before the Americans arrived in sufficient force to tip the strategic balance firmly in favour of the Allies. The first German attack in March was launched against the British Fifth Army in Arras (Somme area); the second attack in April centred on Lys in Flanders, and the third offensive in May focused on the Aisne, where British Divisions recuperating from the March attacks were again subjected to severe losses. Despite sweeping early gains in each of their attacks, German forces (which incurred huge casualties in their all-out attacks) outdistanced their supply lines and became themselves exhausted by the constant fighting. The final German advances were repulsed at the Marne in mid-June 1918, and the scene was set for the Allied counter-offensives of the summer.

Nieppe Forest



# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

- ❖ On 18 April he was admitted to Colchester Military Hospital





# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ Gunner embarked for Australia on the *Persic* on 17 July 1919, arriving back in Sydney on 2 September 1919



*Persic* was built in 1899, started out in life as a cargo ship and was used on the Liverpool to Sydney run. She was used as a troop ship in 1918. In 1920 she was converted for ship use as a passenger ship and continued in that role until 1927 when she was scrapped in Holland



## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

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- ❖ Between the wars Gunner lived at Paddington and worked as a stonemason at various sites in the Eastern Suburbs
- ❖ On 19th October 1940 he enlisted in the army - at his age, 57, it was “Dad’s Army” - the Citizens’ Military Force - but he wanted to do his bit. This included guard duties at Bunnerong Power Station
- ❖ Later, he was at Glenfield, Narellan, Dubbo and Cowra and Hume(?) as an officer’s batman,



## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

- ❖ Gunner was a loved and respected, tough old Scotsman and no doubt as a result of his army training, always neatly turned out, cleanly shaven, shoes polished
- ❖ Gunner had lived through the battles in France in WWI, been wounded and sent back to the trenches, so on 31st May 1942, the night when the Japanese submarines entered Sydney Harbour and sirens wailed and searchlights raked the sky, it seemed all Sydney panicked except our grandfather. He was on leave and staying with us 41 Park Road Marrickville and thought we children were ridiculous as we fled and tried to hide under the bed in which he was sleeping. "Get out of here you silly buggers and let me get to sleep" he said!



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AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES

# MOBILIZATION ATTESTATION FORM

To be filled in for all Persons at the Place of Assembly when called out under Parts III. or IV. of the Defence Act, or when voluntarily enlisted.

Army No. N79366 79616  
 Surname YOUNGSON Christian Names James  
 (BLOCK CAPITALS)  
 Unit 1st Army Depo  
 Engineers (The Day)  
 Moore Park Road  
 Paddington  
 Enlisted for war service at W.S.W. (Place)  
 (State) 19-10-40 (Date)

## A

Questions to be put to persons called out or presenting themselves for voluntary enlistment.\*

1. What is your name? .. .. . 1. Surname YOUNGSON  
 Other names James  
(BLOCK LETTERS)
2. Where were you born? .. .. . 2. In or near the town of Aberdeen  
 in the state or country of Scotland
3. Are you a British Subject? .. .. . 3. Yes
4. What is your age and date of birth? .. .. . 4. Age 57  
 Date of Birth 13. 10. 83.
5. What is your trade or occupation? .. .. . 5. Bricklayer Labourer
6. Are you married, single or widower? .. .. . 6. Widower
7. Have you previously served on active service? If so, where and in what arm? .. .. . 7. James 8th Batt
8. Who is your actual next of kin? (Order of relationship:—wife, eldest son, eldest daughter, father, mother, eldest brother, eldest sister, eldest half-brother, eldest half-sister) .. .. . 8. Name Daughter: Edith Leavelly  
 Address 63 Grove St  
Carlwood  
 Relationship Daughter
9. What is your permanent address? .. .. . 9. 92 Lwinpool St  
Paddington
10. What is your religious denomination? (This question need not be answered if the man has a conscientious objection to doing so) .. .. . 10. C of E

I, James Youngson do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true.  
 Witnessed by H. W. L. Lint  
 (Signature of Attesting or Witnessing Officer) J. Youngson  
 Signature

\*The person will be warned that should he give false answers to any of these questions he will be liable to heavy penalties under the Defence Act.

## B

### MEDICAL EXAMINATION

I have made full and careful examination of the abovenamed person in accordance with the instructions contained in the Standing Orders for Australian Army Medical Services. In my opinion he is—\*

1. Fit for Class I.
  2. Temporarily unfit for Class I.†
  3. Fit for Class II.
  4. Temporarily unfit for Class II.†
  5. Unfit for military service†
- Place Engineers' Depo H&I Moore Park Road Paddington Date 9. 10. 40  
 Signature of Examining Medical Officer W. W. L. Lint
- \*Classifications which are inapplicable to be struck out. †Reasons for unfitness to be stated.

## C

### OATH OF ENLISTMENT†

For persons voluntarily enlisted or called upon under Part III. or Part IV. of the Defence Act to serve in the Citizen Forces in time of war. Not compulsory for serving members of the Forces or those allotted to the Citizen Forces under Part XII. of the Act, but unless in any case an objection is raised, the oath should be administered to them as part of the ceremony of attestation.

I, James Youngson swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord, the King, in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia until the cessation of the present time of war or until sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed, and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained, and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So Help Me God!

Signature of Person Enlisted J. Youngson  
 Subscribed at Paddington in the State of W.S.W.  
 this 9th day of Oct 1940  
 Before me—  
 Signature of Attesting Officer H. W. L. Lint

†Persons who object to take an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Defence Act. In such case the above form will be amended accordingly and initialed by the Attesting Officer.





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**SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM**

A.F. B.103-1 (Adapted)

Army No. *N 79616*

Unit *1st Army L. Co. 2nd Aust Army Troop Coy*

Surname **YOUNGSON**  
(Block Capitals)

Rank *Sgt.* Christian Names *James*  
(On Enlistment)

Date of Enlistment *9-10-40*  
Place *Paddington*  
Date and Place of Birth *13-10-1883. Aberdeen Scotland*  
Trade or Occupation *Booklayer, Labourer*  
Religion *W.P.C.*

Marital Condition *Widower*  
Next of Kin *Edith FEARNHAY*  
Address of Next of Kin *41 Park Road  
Marionville*  
Relationship *Daughter*

Medical Classification—~~Class I~~  
Class II.  
(On Enlistment)

Identification—Color of Hair *Light Brown* Eyes *Blue*  
Distinctive Marks *Scar R. Forearm*

NOTHING TO BE WRITTEN IN THIS SPACE.

REPORT		Record of all casualties regarding promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), appointments, transfers, postings, attachments, &c., forfeiture of pay, wounds, accidents, admission to and discharge from Hospital, Casualty Clearing Stations, &c., Date of disembarkation and embarkation from a theatre of war (including furlough, &c.).	Date of Casualty	Place of Casualty	Authority W.3011, B.2069, or other Document	Initials of Officer Certifying Correctness of Entries
Date	From whom received					
<i>13-10-50</i>	<i>1st Army</i>	<i>taken on strength 1st Army Depot and detached to 1st Field Army Regt.</i>	<i>10-10-40</i>	<i>Glenfield</i>	<i>W 3011 No 13/130</i>	<i>J.C.</i>
<i>29-1-51</i>	<i>1st Army</i>	<i>taken on strength</i>	<i>29/1/51</i>	<i>Marcellan</i>	<i>W 3011 R/O 1/1</i>	<i>H.C.</i>
<i>18-12-51</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>still on strength Vide Nominal Roll</i>	<i>10-12-51</i>	<i>Dubbo</i>		<i>R.F.</i>
<i>19-1-52</i>	<i>1st Army</i>	<i>Ch. of address N.K. now 41 Park Rd. Marionville</i>	<i>17-1-52</i>	<i>Marionville</i>	<i>W 3011</i>	<i>L.S.</i>
<i>Oct 17-52</i>	<i>2nd Army</i>	<i>New Unit Designation 2nd Aust Army Troop Coy</i>	<i>16-10-52</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>No 1/21</i>	
	<i>W.</i>	<i>taken on strength in 1st Army Regt.</i>	<i>18-</i>	<i>Roll</i>	<i>55/1338</i>	
<i>28-2-53</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>Granted 10 Days Recreational Leave</i>	<i>from 26-2-53 to 7-3-53</i>	<i>Home</i>	<i>W 3011</i>	
<i>4-12-53</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>still with unit on staff</i>	<i>5-12-53</i>	<i>NSW.</i>	<i>non-roll</i>	<i>L.W.</i>
		<i>STILL WITH UNIT (Pool)</i>	<i>6 MAY 1944</i>			<i>K.W.</i>
<i>13/7/44</i>	<i>1st Army</i>	<i>Infant to RR. &amp; G.D.D. NSW Local area (Re allotment)</i>	<i>12/7/44</i>		<i>W. 3011 No 52/7805/44</i>	<i>R.W.</i>



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(PRO FORMA D.9)

N.S.W. L. OF C. AREA RECORDS OFFICE.

Receipt is acknowledged of the undermentioned, in respect of my service in the A.M.F.

- 1. Discharge Certificate No. 69086
- 2. Active Service Badge No.
- 3. Army Form A.121 purporting to contain my Will.
- 4. Advice re Maltria, etc.

*J. Youngson*

P.A. *Wick*

Ex. N 79616 *Youngson J.*

*Sam and*

DATE..... 29-7-44

AUG - 1 1944

WITNESS..... *W. Bennett*

3/7/44







PARTICULARS OF DISCHARGE PROCEEDINGS.

ARMY NO. N79616 RANK Ynr  
NAME James YOUNGSON  
UNIT 2 Aust Anti Tank Coy (Regt)  
ENLISTED FOR THE AMF ON 10/10/40

AND SERVED ON CONTINUOUS FULL TIME WAR SERVICE WITH THE  
AMF P.T.D. FROM 10-10-40

FOR A TOTAL EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF 1389 DAYS INCLUDING  
10-10-40 - 29-7-44  
A/SERVICE IN AUST. 838 DAYS OUTSIDE AUST. Nil DAYS

FROM 14-4-42 EMBARKED  
TO 29-7-44 DISEMBARKED

MEDALS & DECORATIONS  
(A/S. BADGE NO. Nil)  
(CHECKED A/S. BADGE REG.)

AND IS DISCHARGED FROM AMF  
TO TAKE EFFECT FROM 29-7-44 AT SYDNEY

COMPLEXION Fair HEIGHT 5-6 1/2 HAIR Brown EYES Blue  
MARKS OR SCARS Scar Rt arm

AGE ON DISCHARGE 23.60 yrs SERVICE TRADE GROUP  
DISCH. AUTHORIZED BY GOC NSW LofC MA AUTH. NCH 18633 DATE 29-7-44

REASON FOR DISCHARGE 1) THERE BEING NO SUITABLE VACANCY IN WHICH HIS SERVICES COULD BE EMPLOYED.

PARTICULARS EXTRACTED BY G. Bailey CHECKED BY  
DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE NO. 49086 (A.A.F. A. 101) ABAD

D/C. CHECKED BY W. Hall ENTERED REGISTER 28-7-44  
ADDRESS 41 Park Rd Newcastle

CONFIRMED BY [Signature]



# James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life

## World War Two Service

**GUNNER**  
**JAMES YOUNGSON**  
**N79616**



<b>SERVICE</b>	AUSTRALIAN ARMY
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	13 OCTOBER 1883
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND
<b>DATE OF ENLISTMENT</b>	9 OCTOBER 1940
<b>LOCALITY ON ENLISTMENT</b>	PADDINGTON, NSW
<b>PLACE OF ENLISTMENT</b>	PADDINGTON, NSW
<b>NEXT OF KIN</b>	FEARNLEY, EDITH
<b>DATE OF DISCHARGE</b>	29 JULY 1944
<b>POSTING AT DISCHARGE</b>	2 AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY TRAINING REGIMENT



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Veterans' Affairs**



## James Lyons (Gunner) Youngson - His Life



❖ Back in civilian life, Gunner took me, his grandson Terry, aged 13, to a cricket test match between England and Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground. I had never been to a test prior to this but it was a day that goes down in history.

❖ Opener Sid Barnes had scored 60 runs when Bradman came to the wicket. Bradman went on to score 234 runs and finally got out. Barnes, showing great respect for Bradman, batted on until he scored 234 and threw down his wicket, not wanting to overshadow the champion. And that's respect for you!



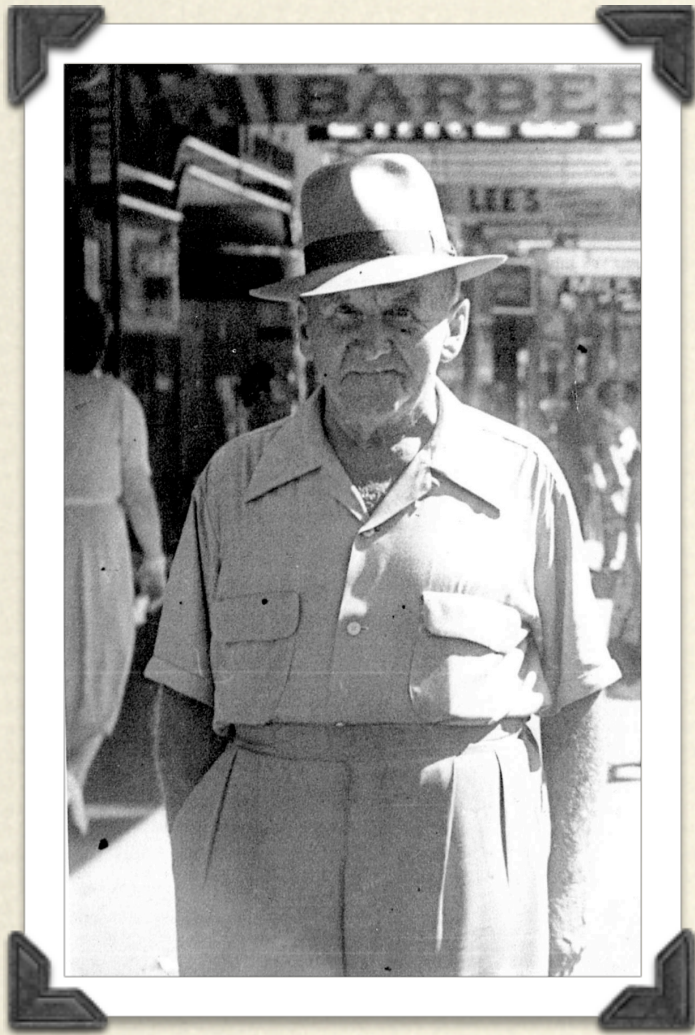
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- ❖ Gunner passed away aged 86 on 16 June 1966 at the Repatriation General Concord Hospital and is buried at Rookwood Cemetery
- ❖ He also has a plaque in the Rookwood War Memorial

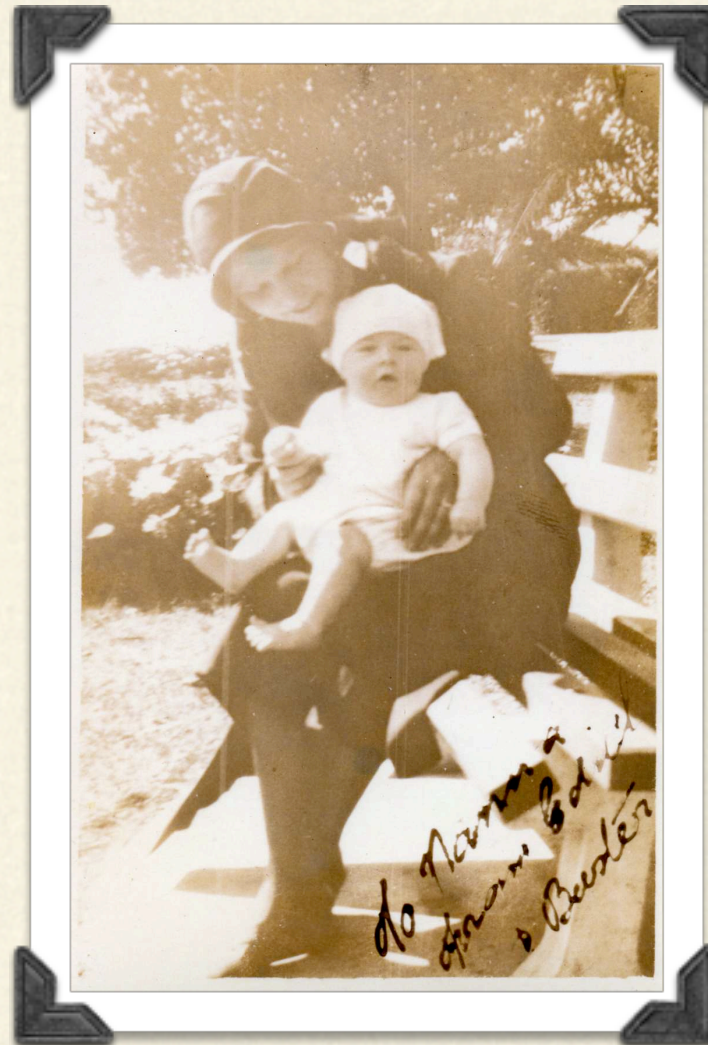




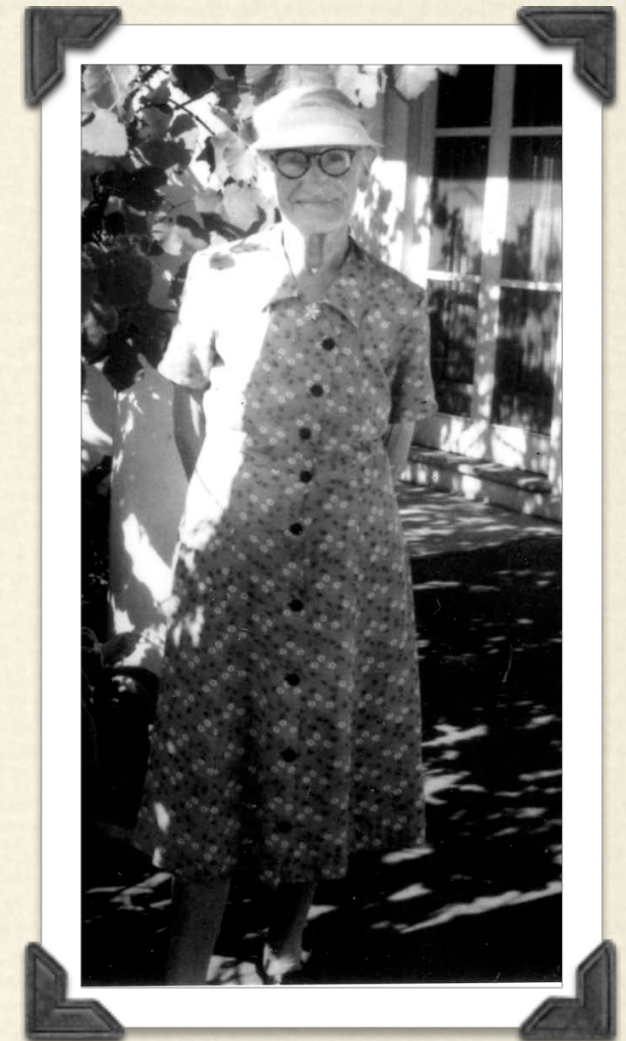
# Photo Album



Gunner Youngson



Edith Fearnley with  
eldest son Ron



Edith Youngson



# Photo Album



Edith Irene Dorothy May Fearnley nee Youngson -1910-1997



Syd & Edna Youngson & Edith



Syd - RAAF, WWII



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*Prepared by Terry & Pat Fearnley  
2009*

