



## CRESWICK-SMEATON RSL Sub-Branch

Name ALFRED Middle Name: WILLIAM Surname RACHINGER

Date of Birth 21 August 1893 Place of Birth: Broomfield

History before Service Youngest son of James August Rachinger and Alice nee Hetherington. James was a butcher in Broomfield.  
A volunteer with Colonial Forces, 71st Ballarat Infantry as a 2nd Lieutenant in Creswick.

### Military History

Enlistment date 17 July 1915 Service No. 3132 Rank Lieutenant.

Service Joined the 6th Battalion, sent overseas as part of 10th reinforcement. Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force.

Arrived France, Marseilles, 2 April 1916.

Wounded 13 June 1916, England for training, back to France, wounded again on 23 August 1918 at battle in Roven, Herleville Wood.

Hospital in England, sent back to Aus. on the Takada, sailed 24 Dec 1918.

Service End Date 5 April 1919 (medically unfit for active service)

### History after Service

Worked as a butcher with his father in Broomfield. Married in Melbourne in 1920, two daughters born in Allendale. Moved to Hampton by 1928. Worked as a stationer, then a car salesman.

Service Photo

Date of Passing 18 August 1942

Where Buried Cheltenham Cemetery

Known as 'Bill'