

Researcher(s): Joseph Forsyth Date: July 10 2016		ORIGIN:		
INFORMATION		DETAIL	SOURCE(S)	
COMMENTS				
Surname		Appleby		
Forenames		Robert Newton	Baptism record	
Date/Place of Birth		November 1872, Alnwick, NBL	Birth Index record	
Last Recorded Address pre enlistment		Pottergate Place, Alnwick, NBL	1901 census	
1911 Census Address & details (or latest available)		Unable to trace in UK, US, Canada or Australia.	Month derived from attestation paper age No address on attestation paper or service record	
Schools/Colleges attended				
Religion/Church attended pre enlistment		Baptist	Attestation paper	
Organisation/Society/Club membership				
Occupation/Trade pre enlistment		woodman	Attestation paper	
Place of Work pre enlistment				
Name of Father		Thomas Appleby b. 1834, Alnwick, NBL d 1908, Alnwick, NBL	Baptism record, Death index record	
Name of Mother (maiden name if possible)		Elizabeth Newton b. 3 Apr 1833 Alnwick, NBL d. 1905 Alnwick, NBL	Baptism record, Death index record	
Parental Address (if known)		Bondgate Without, Alnwick, NBL	1901 census	
Parent's marriage(s)		1 Oct 1854, Lamberton Toll, Berwickshire, Scotland	Berwickshire News and Advertiser, 11 Oct 1904 Announcement of 50 th wedding anniversary.	
Siblings	Number	<p>John Newton Appleby. b. 1855 Alnwick, NBL m. Ann Wilson Patton 1877; m. Catherine Drysdale 1881 d.1933 Alnwick, NBL Nicholas Appleby b. 1857, Alnwick, NBL d. 1886 Alnwick, NBL</p> <p>Barbara Newton Appleby b. 1858, Alnwick, NBL d. 1890, Alnwick, NBL</p> <p>Thomas Appleby b. 1861, Alnwick, NBL d 7 Mar 1939, Alnwick, NBL</p> <p>Mary Jane Appleby b 1864, Alnwick ,NBL d. 1945 Alnwick, NBL</p> <p>William Newton Appleby b. 1865 Alnwick, NBL</p> <p>Isaac Newton Appleby b 1867 Alnwick, NBL m. Elizabeth Richardson betw 1891 and 1900 m. Annie Walker betw 1901 and 1906 d. USA George Newton Appleby b. 1868 Alnwick NBL m Catherine Hall 1890 d. 1945 Sunderland district, DUR Henry Newton Appleby b. 1871 Alnwick, NBL m Agnes Isabella Gilhespy 1901 d 22 Mar 1942 Alnwick NBL</p> <p>There was a 10th child who died as an infant.</p>	<p>Census and marriage records. Birth & death indexes Birth & death indexes</p> <p>Birth index, death notice Birth & death indexes Birth index</p> <p>Birth index, Boston passenger lists FMP BMD records</p> <p>FMP BMD records, probate index</p> <p>Anniversary notice</p>	<p>1st wife died 1879. 9 children.</p> <p>Alnwick Mercury 11 Mar 1939</p> <p>Unable to find after 1881 census Possible death 1953</p> <p>Alnwick Mercury 11 mar 1939</p>
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Wife's name and maiden name		Sarah English	Marriage record	
When and where married		29 Dec 1900, St. James, Shilbottle, NBL	Wife was deceased at time of attestation. English marriages 1538-1973	
Children's	Number			

names				
Remarriage of widow (if applicable)				
Relationship to other subjects				
Date of death and age	Date:	29 Mar 1925	Age:	54
				South Australia death index
Regiment at end of service	Australian Infantry Force			Service record
Battalion at end of service	50 th Battalion			
Rank at end of service	Private			
Service Number at death/end of service	402			
Place of death (if pre 1921)				
Place of death (if post 1921)	Adelaide, South Australia			South Australia death index
Address at death (if post 1921)				
Occupation at death (if post 1921)				
Battle at death (if applicable/known)				
Field of action at death (if applicable)				
Cause/Circumstances of death (if known)				
Location of Grave/Memorial	West terrace cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia			Billion graves index
Grave/Memorial reference (if known)				
Local/other memorials recorded on				
Details of any other WW1 service: Rank Service Number Regiment Battalion	10 th infantry Hospital in Gallipoli Transferred to prisoner of war company 30 th battalion Class B military police 50 th battalion transferred to prisoner of war company in field	30 Oct 1914 embarkation for Egypt 11 July 1915 with septic hand 9 Jan 1916 4 Feb 1916 1915 – 1916 Embarked for France 5 Jun 1916 15 Oct 1916	Service record	
Date of Enlistment (if known)				
Place of Enlistment	Morphetville, South Australia			Attestation paper
Medals, Decorations and Awards	1914/15 star, victory medal, British war medal			Service record
Service Record(s) if surviving.	http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/Search/Retrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3034514			
Destination Country				
Departure from UK	Date:	Vessel:	Port:	
Arrival at Destination	Date:	Port		
Return to England (if applicable)	Date:	Vessel:	Port	
Other Immigration Info (if stated)	The only immigration record found was for Robert N Appleby and Sarah Appleby leaving Liverpool on 19 Apr 1906 and arriving in Montreal, Quebec, Canada on 30 Apr 1906 on board the SS Dominion. Ages		UK outgoing passenger lists and Canadian passenger lists.	

	match and his profession is lumberman.		
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Additional Information – include any information of note

Robert Newton Appleby was the youngest child of Thomas Appleby and Elizabeth Newton. Thomas was a tailor and lived his whole life in Alnwick, Northumberland as did most of his children.

Robert was christened on 3 December 1872 and in the 1891 census is shown as a baker's apprentice. On 29 December he marries Sarah English at St. James Church in Shilbottle, a village 3 miles south east of Alnwick. No further information about Sarah was found except that on his attestation paper on 24 August 1914 Robert is listed as widowed.

Robert was a member of the 2nd Northumberland (Percy) volunteer artillery for 8 years. This volunteer militia company was founded in the 18th century and had a muster roll of over 400 men at the time Robert would have been a member.

It is not known how Robert came to Australia or whether Sarah accompanied him. The listing in the Canadian Passenger List for Robert N. Appleby and wife Sarah may be the couple although neither could be found in the 1911 Canadian census. Robert was not identifiable in the UK census of that year either.

Robert served in Egypt, at Gallipoli and in France. Since he had lied about his age there is some evidence to show he was not medically able to perform active service duties as on 16 October 1915 he was struck off strength as medically unfit in Anzac. He rejoins his unit some 5 months later after spending time in a hospital in Egypt and is made a military policeman. During World War 1 the AIF Police Corps originally consisted of servicemen who were either too old, or medically unfit for service with the fighting arms, and served in France, Gallipoli, Egypt and other overseas theatres. He was transferred to a prisoner of war company on 15 October 1916 and remained in that function until returning to Australia on 23 Oct 1918.

He was discharged on 3 Feb 1919 and his medical report remarks upon scarring on both fingers and the palm of his right hand, presumably a result of his septic hand injury at Gallipoli.

Robert died in Adelaide on 29 Mar 1925 and is buried in West Terrace Cemetery where his grave is marked with a veteran's headstone.