

## WWI - Charles Reginald (Reg) Carrucan

Charles Reginald (Reg), the oldest surviving child of John and Mary Jane Carrucan, was born 13<sup>th</sup> July 1890 at the family home in Kew. He was one of the many grand children of Peter Carrucan and Hannah Woods.

Reg enlisted for World War 1 in January 1916 at 25 years of age. He was appointed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division Signal Company and trained at Broadmeadows before shipping out for overseas in May 1916. He served in France in the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion and in June 1917 was admitted to hospital for gas poisoning. He returned to Australia in June 1919 on the "*Kaiser i hind*". Whilst stationed in England, Reg was fined for drunkenness and being AWOL.

Reg married Lottie Thomas on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1922, initially living 188 Autumn Street Geelong West before moving to 13 Eureka Street.

Their first child, Eileen May was born in 1923 but died from gastroenteritis 29<sup>th</sup> March 1925 at 18 months. She is buried at Geelong East Cemetery. Their second child, Thelma Jean, was born 15<sup>th</sup> October, 1924.

They lived at Geelong for some 11 years and moved to Melbourne in 1935. Reg worked at the Post Offices in Geelong then Brighton, Prahran and Windsor.

Jean attended Brighton Road Primary School and Wilson St. Primary School Brighton, then went to Bradshaw and Everett Business College after winning a Scholarship.

In 1939, Jean got a job as a typist at Leonard Joel Auctioneers where she worked, with a 16 year break, until her retirement in 2000.

When Jean married Robert James Ferguson on 4<sup>th</sup> September 1948 at Williamstown, her father did not attend. According to her, Reg fell out with his family because of a clock of Mary Jane's (Reg's mother) which was left to his wife Lottie. Jean remembers her father as being a hard man prone to excessive drinking. Reg died in 1952 and is buried at Brighton Cemetery. Lottie continued to live in Brighton but eventually moved to live with Jean after a stroke. She died 21<sup>st</sup> July 1971.



Charles Reginald Carrucan, born 1890, and his brother John Alyousios, born 1906