



# Connecting Spirits

## Victor Best

**Name** Victor Best

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** 3122

**Units Served:** 8<sup>th</sup> reinforcement of the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion



**Personal Details:** Victor Best was born in 1896 in Adelaide South Australia. His parents died as a child but he was fostered by his half sister; Margret Whipp. Before enlisting he worked as a labourer. He was 5 foot 10 inches tall with a medium complexion, blue eyes and dark brown hair. He was a Catholic by religion.

### Enlistment Details:

Herbert enlisted on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1916. He was assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> reinforcement of the 50<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

### Details about his role in War:

Best embarked from Adelaide on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 1916 on the troop ship 'Berrima' and disembarked in Devonport, England on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 1917. Unfortunately, shortly after his arrival, Victor became very sick, after a month being admitted and discharged from hospital, Victor eventually passed away in the Sutton Venney military hospital from bronchial pneumonia on the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 1917. He was laid to rest on the 18<sup>th</sup> in the Sutton Venney Graveyard.

**Age at Death:** 20

**Cemetery or Memorial Details:** Best was laid to rest on the 18<sup>th</sup> in the Sutton Veny Graveyard Grave Number 286.C.II

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Dylan van den Brink  
26th November 2010

*Far, far from the home of his  
childhood;  
Away o'er the ocean so deep,  
In a faraway land, dear Victor,  
Is taking his last long sleep.  
Sweet is the memory he left  
behind  
Of a life that was manly, true  
and kind,*