

Spencer Pedder



Spencer Witt Pedder was born in Hobart and was regarded as the best bowman in Tasmania before moving to Melbourne in 1911 where he joined the Albert Park club. His first win at Albert Park was at the 1911 Henley-on-Yarra in the senior eight for the Grand Challenge Cup. He went on to win in the senior pair, four, eight and champion four and eight between then and 1914. He resided at 155 Nelson Rd, Albert Park.

Spencer was 35 and working as a labourer when he enlisted on 22nd December, 1914 in the 6th Battalion. He was present for the first landing at Gallipoli and was promoted to lance corporal on 17th June 1915. He was later transferred to France where he received the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry.

Spencer received a gunshot wound in the back on 20th September, 1917 and died four days later in Ypres. He is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium.