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**Above:** Private 12593 Albert George Brown, 11<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance, a 19-year-old iron-moulder of North Croydon, SA. Albert enlisted 14 June, 1915, and returned 12 June, 1919. State Library of South Australia, Item GRG26/5/4/448.

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