

Arthur William Garner



Private (Pte) 960 Arthur William Garner enlisted in the 22nd Infantry Battalion in the 6th Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Australian Division in Melbourne on 10 February 1915. He was promoted to Lance Corporal (L Cpl) on 1 May and embarked overseas on 10 May. He disembarked in Egypt about four weeks later.

L Cpl Garner left Egypt on 30 August and landed on Gallipoli on 5 September. The next day, the 22nd Battalion entered the line in the Lone Pine sector, which was deemed a “quiet” part of the front by that stage, as most of the fighting continued to the north.

L Cpl Garner became ill and was evacuated from Gallipoli on 24 September. Diagnosed with rheumatic fever, he was treated at St John’s Hospital on Malta between 2 October – 7 January 1916.

He returned to Egypt on 11 January, where he was admitted to the No. 1 Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis for three weeks.

He embarked for Australia on 3 March and disembarked in Melbourne on 30 March.

Lance Corporal 960 Arthur William Garner was discharged from the AIF as medically unfit on 6 August 1916.

Name: Garner, Arthur William	
Service Number	960
Date enlisted	10 February 1915
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	22 nd Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	10 May 1915 HMAT A38 <i>Ulysses</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	18 years 1 month (20/2/1897)
Place of birth	Point Lonsdale, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Joiner
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	Garner, Mr William, father, 21 Normanby Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria
Permanent address in Australia	21 Normanby Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, light brown hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 8 ³ / ₄ inches, weight – 10 stone, 7 lbs, chest measurement – 33/35 inches
Final Rank	Lance Corporal
Final Unit	22 nd Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, Gallipoli
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	3 March 1916 HT <i>Argyllshire</i>
Date discharged	6 August 1916
Nature of discharge	Medically unfit (rheumatic fever)
Honours/medals	1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Also served in WW2 (V80401)