

Frank Sterling Wood

Private (Pte) 55477 Frank Sterling Wood enlisted in the 6th General (Victorian) Reinforcements in Ballarat on 24 April 1918. He embarked overseas on 17 July and while in transit was hospitalised with venereal disease from 19 – 23 July.

He disembarked in London on 27 September, where he was allotted to the 6th Infantry Battalion reinforcements at Fovant Camp in Wiltshire the same day. He spent a week in the Camp Military Hospital with an unspecified illness from 14 – 21 October, then transferred to the No. 2 Convalescent Depot at Weymouth on 30 November.



Fovant Camp, 1918

Fovant Camp in 1918 with the chalk badges overlooking the camp

He was subsequently declared medically unfit for overseas service (due to asthma) and embarked for return to Australia on 10 December 1918.

Private 55477 Frank Sterling Wood disembarked in Melbourne on 8 February, where he was medically discharged from the AIF on 23 February 1919.

Name: Wood, Frank Sterling	
Service Number	55477
Date enlisted	24 April 1918
Place enlisted	Ballarat, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	6 th General (Victorian) Reinforcements
Date and ship embarked for overseas	17 July 1918 HMAT A30 <i>Borda</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	19 years 1 month (26/3/1899)
Place of birth	Minyip, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Hairdresser
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	Wood, Mr William Bloomfield, father, 10 Hotham Street, Ballarat, Victoria
Permanent address	10 Hotham Street, Ballarat, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, dark brown hair, brown eyes, height – 5 feet 4 inches, weight – 7 stone, 12 lbs, chest measurement – 30/33 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	6 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	n/a
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	10 December 1918 HT <i>Somali</i>
Date discharged	23 February 1919
Nature of discharge	Medically Unfit (asthma)
Honours/medals	British War Medal
Notes	Listed on the Ballarat Arch of Victory and Avenue of Honour (Tree 3617). Brother of John William Wood (SN 2177). Served in WW2 (at home) with 51 st Garrison Battalion – SN V146587. Cousin of John William Wood (SN 2095).