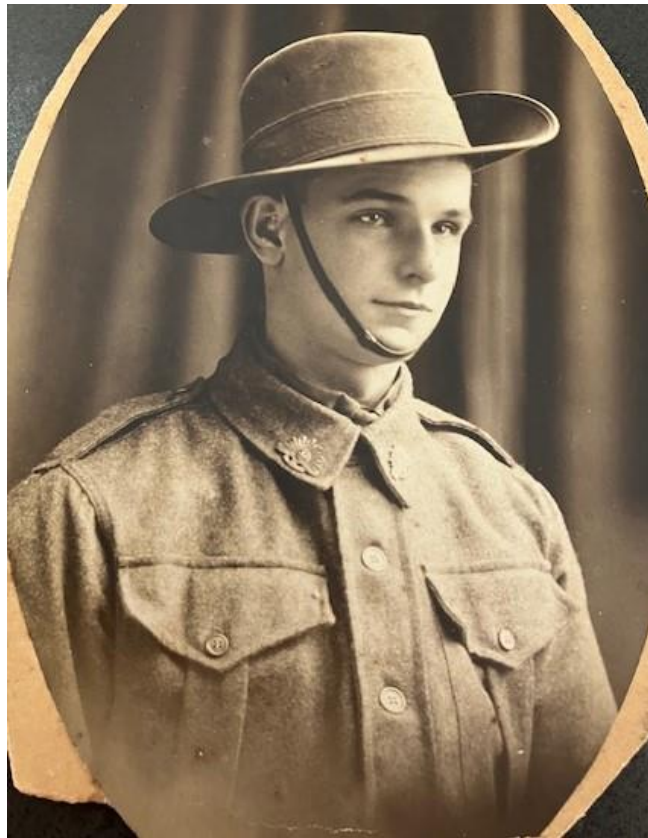


Horace Jack Thompson



Private (Pte) 6966 Horace Jack Thompson enlisted in the 24th Infantry Battalion in the 6th Infantry Brigade of the 2nd Australian Division at St Kilda on 20 March 1917, aged 18 years. He embarked overseas on 11 May and disembarked in Devonport on 20 July, where he joined the 6th (Brigade) Training Battalion in Wiltshire.

He departed England on 29 April 1918 and landed in France the next day, where he was taken on strength of the 24th Battalion, resting at Pont Noyelles, on 7 May. The very next day, Pte Thompson was evacuated sick to the 6th Field Ambulance with a fever.

Later diagnosed with pneumonia, he was initially treated at the 12th General Hospital at Rouen from 11 – 23 May, then transferred to England where he was admitted to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital at Cosham from 24 – 30 May, and then to the 3rd Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford from 1 June – 10 July 1918.

After his discharge, he spent the next three months at various camps, then returned to France on 3 October, where he rejoined the 24th Battalion three days later, after they had just left the line for the last time.

On 10 November, Pte Thompson was evacuated sick with influenza and admitted to the 3rd Australian General Hospital at Abbeville between 10 – 20 November, then rejoined the battalion on 3 January 1919.

On 20 April, he was transferred to the Australian Corps Headquarters, but before he could take up his new duties, he returned to England on 5 May and then embarked for Australia on 20 June.

Private 6966 Horace Jack Thompson disembarked in Melbourne on 6 August, where he was discharged from the AIF on 6 September 1919.

Name: Thompson, Horace Jack	
Service Number	6966
Date enlisted	20 March 1917
Place enlisted	St Kilda, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	24 th Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	11 May 1917 HMAT A11 <i>Ascanius</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	18 years 2 months
Place of birth	Charters Towers, Queensland
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Baker
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Thompson, Mrs Sarah, mother, 12 Oxford Street, South Yarra, Victoria
Permanent address	12 Oxford Street, South Yarra, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 6 inches, weight – 7 stone, 14 lbs, chest measurement – 33 ½ inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	Australian Corps Headquarters
Theatres of war served in	France
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	20 June 1919 HT <i>Konig Friedrich August</i>
Date discharged	6 September 1919
Nature of discharge	Termination of Period of Enlistment
Honours/medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal
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