

Edward John Hughes

Private (Pte) 55639 Edward John Hughes enlisted in the 7th General (Victorian) Reinforcements in Melbourne on 29 March 1918.

He embarked overseas on 23 July and disembarked in London on 27 September where he joined the 1st Training Brigade at Fovant Camp.

Pte Hughes absented himself from camp without leave on 15 November and was apprehended by the Provost Corps (Military Police) in Bristol three days later. He was returned to camp and awarded seven days' Field Punishment (extra work duties) and docked 10 days' pay.

He left England on 28 January 1919 and landed in France the next day, where he was taken on strength of the 7th Infantry Battalion at Couillet on 2 February.

Two days later, he was detached for duty with the YMCA, which generally provided recreational facilities, entertainment, libraries and even religious services for the troops. He remained in this role until 13 May.



He returned to England on 16 May and then embarked for Australia on 23 July.

Private 55639 Edward John Hughes disembarked in Melbourne on 10 September, where he was discharged from the AIF on 25 September 1919.

Name: Hughes, Edward John	
Service Number	55639
Date enlisted	29 March 1918
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	7 th General (Victorian) Reinforcements
Date and ship embarked for overseas	23 July 1918 HMAT A74 <i>Marathon</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	18 years 3 months (21/12/1899)
Place of birth	Queenscliff, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Labourer
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Seal, Mrs Mabel, mother, 6 Caroline Street, South Yarra, Victoria
Permanent address	6 Caroline Street, South Yarra, Victoria
Appearance	Fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 4 ³ / ₄ inches, weight – 7 stone, 15 lbs, chest measurement – 31/34 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	7 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	n/a
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	23 July 1919 HT <i>Suevic</i>
Date discharged	25 September 1919
Nature of discharge	Termination of Period of Enlistment
Honours/medals	British War Medal
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