## George McCullagh

Private (Pte) 3636 George McCullagh enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion at Rockhampton on 20 October 1916. He embarked overseas on 24 January 1917 and disembarked in Devonport on 27 March, where he joined the Pioneer Training Battalion at Parkhouse Camp.

He was admitted to the Sutton Veny Military Hospital with pneumonia on 8 December, then transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Dermatological Hospital at Bulford with venereal disease from 13 December – 8 February 1918.

After the war had ended, Pte McCullagh left England on 29 December 1918. He landed in France later the same day and was transferred and taken on strength of the 5<sup>th</sup> Field Bakery in the 5<sup>th</sup> Australian Division at Rouen.

A field bakery comprised a compliment of between 90 and 100 men and included six bakery sections of ten ovens each, capable of making bread to support up to 26,000 troops.



Australian Field Bakeries staff at Rouen stacking bread for despatch to Australian Troops, 4 September 1918

He returned to England on 4 June 1919 and embarked for Australia on 18 July.

Private 3636 George McCullagh disembarked in Melbourne on 7 September, where he was discharged from the AIF on 15 October 1919.

Name: McCullagh, George	
Service Number	3636
Date enlisted	20 October 1916
Place enlisted	Rockhampton, Queensland
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	1 <sup>st</sup> Pioneer Battalion
Date and ship embarked for	24 January 1917
overseas	HMAT A68 Anchises
Stated age/DOB (if known)	22 years
Place of birth	Geelong, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Painter
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	McCullagh, Mr John, father, Stokes
	Street, Queenscliff, Victoria
Permanent address	Brisbane, Queensland
Appearance	Dark complexion, black hair,
	grey/green eyes, height – 5 feet 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
	inches, weight – 8 stone, 10 lbs, chest
	measurement – 35/37 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	5 <sup>th</sup> Field Bakery
Theatres of war served in	n/a
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for	18 July 1919
Australia	HT Takada
Date discharged	15 October 1919
Nature of discharge	Termination of Period of Enlistment
Honours/medals	British War Medal
Notes	Also remembered on the Borough of
	Queenscliffe Roll of Honor.