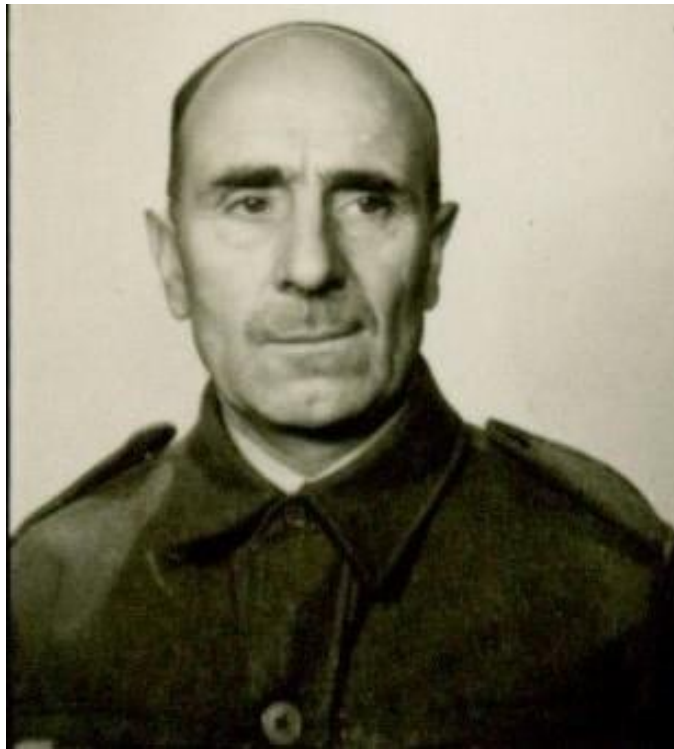


Walter James Webb



WW2 enlistment photo 1941

Private (Pte) 8225 Walter James Webb enlisted in the 2nd Field Bakery in the 2nd Australian Division in Melbourne on 6 July 1915.

He embarked overseas on 30 November and disembarked in Egypt in late December, where he contracted influenza and was hospitalised at the 2nd Australian General Hospital in Cairo on 19 January 1916.

Having recovered from his illness, he rejoined his unit, and they left Egypt on 17 March. They disembarked in Marseilles on 23 March, where they entrained north and established their ovens at Calais, where they would remain for the duration of the war.

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.

Pte Webb was evacuated sick to the Lahore British General Hospital at Calais with varicose veins from 13 – 21 April, which were operated on, then convalesced at various camps until late June. He rejoined the field bakery on 10 July 1916.

He enjoyed leave in England from 8 – 20 March 1917, was promoted to Corporal (Cpl) on 8 October, then granted further leave in England between 25 January – 8 February 1918.

He was hospitalised at the 30th General Hospital in Calais with debility and a fever between 30 March – 3 April, then spent the next six weeks convalescing before he rejoined the unit of 14 May.

After the war ended, he was hospitalised at the 39th General Hospital with scabies from 26 February – 3 March 1919, after which he left France on 12 March and returned to England, from where he embarked for Australia on 11 May.

Corporal 8225 Walter James Webb disembarked in Melbourne on 28 June, where he was discharged from the AIF on 22 August 1919.

Name: Webb, Walter James	
Service Number	8225
Date enlisted	6 July 1915
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	2 nd Field Bakery
Date embarked for overseas	30 November 1915
Stated age/DOB (if known)	19 years 10 months (29/9/1895)
Place of birth	London, England
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Baker
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Wells, Mrs J, aunt, Beach Street, Queenscliff, Victoria
Permanent address	Queenscliff, Victoria
Appearance	Sallow complexion, brown curly hair, brown eyes, height – 5 feet 6 ¾ inches, weight – 9 stone, 4 lbs, chest measurement – 33/35 inches
Final Rank	Corporal
Final Unit	2 nd Field Bakery
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, France
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	11 May 1919 <i>HT Zealandia</i>
Date discharged	22 August 1919
Nature of discharge	Termination of Period of Enlistment
Honours/medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Home Service WW2 (SN V19665). Also remembered on the Borough of Queenscliffe Roll of Honor.