

Clifford William Henry Barker



Private (Pte) 55109 Clifford William Henry Barker enlisted in the 5th General (Victorian) Reinforcements at Geelong on 2 April 1918.

He embarked overseas on 5 June and disembarked in Liverpool, England on 11 August, where he was initially allotted to the 60th Battalion reinforcements at Codford Camp.

He was subsequently transferred to the 8th Battalion reinforcements at Hurdcott Camp on 2 October, then embarked for France on 22 November, where he was taken on strength of the 8th Battalion, in the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Australian Division, at Sars Poterries on 2 December 1918.

Pte Barker was detached for duty with the 1st Division Artillery Depot of Supply from 22 February – 13 May 1919, then returned to England on 24 May and embarked for Australia on 23 July.

Private 55109 Clifford William Henry Barker disembarked in Melbourne on 10 September, where he was discharged from the AIF on 25 September 1919.

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| Name: Barker, Clifford William Henry | |
| Service Number | 55109 |
| Date enlisted | 2 April 1918 |
| Place enlisted | Geelong, Victoria |
| Rank on enlistment | Private |
| Initial Unit | 5 th General (Victorian) Reinforcements |
| Previous military service | Rejected three times. Existing heart condition and twice due to age. |
| Date and ship embarked for overseas | 5 June 1918 RMS <i>Orontes</i> |
| Stated age/DOB (if known) | 21 years 3 months (4/1/1897) |
| Place of birth | Leopold, Victoria |
| Marital status | Single |
| Occupation | Farmer |
| Religion | Methodist |
| Next of kin and address | Barker, Mr James, father, Leopold, Victoria |
| Permanent address | Leopold, Victoria |
| Appearance | Fair complexion, reddish brown hair, blue eyes, height – 6 feet, weight – 11 stone, 5 lbs, chest measurement – 37 inches |
| Final Rank | Private |
| Final Unit | 8 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 |
| Notes | Home Service WW2 (SN V91890). Died 1966. Also remembered on the Leopold State School Honor Roll, Leopold & District Honor Roll and Leopold War Memorial |