

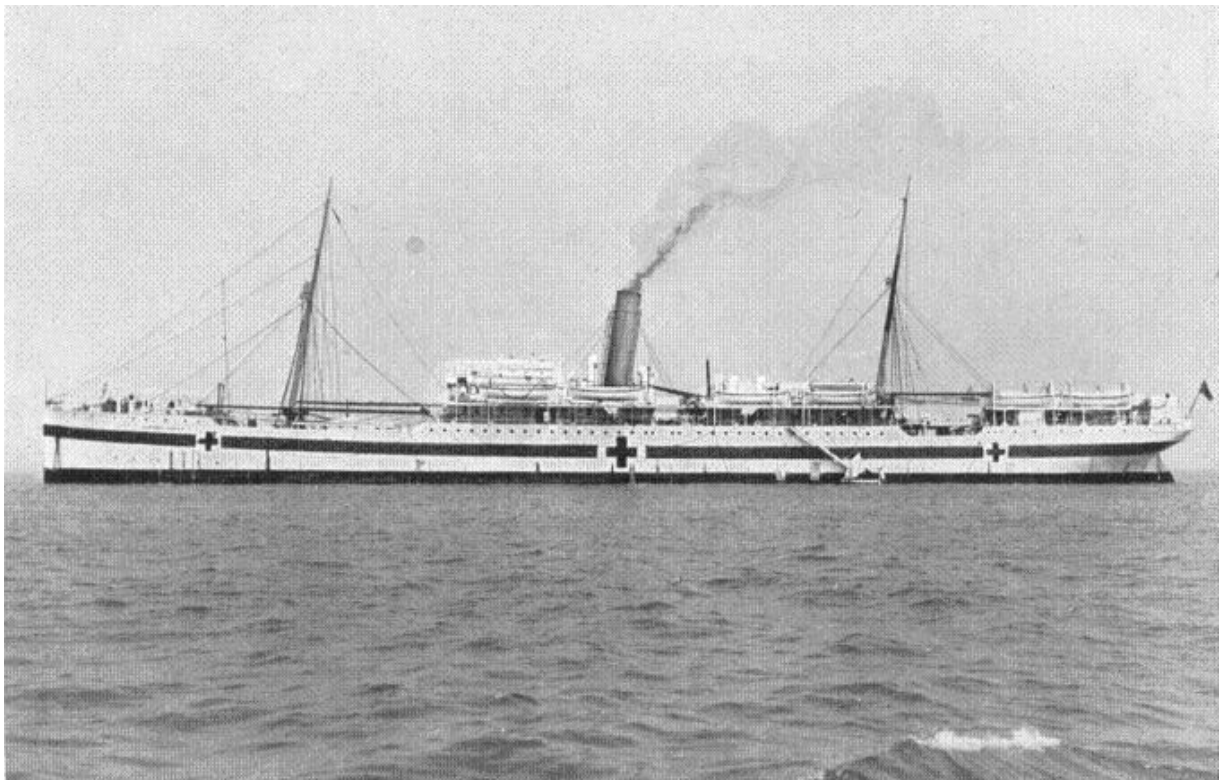
## Herbert John Lewis

Trooper (Tpr) Herbert John Lewis enlisted in the 13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment in Geelong on 26 January 1915. He embarked overseas on 28 May and disembarked in Egypt in late June, where he was later promoted to Lance Corporal (L Cpl) on 9 August.

After two months training in Egypt, the 13<sup>th</sup> Light Horse sailed for Gallipoli on 4 September (without their horses). They disembarked a week later and entered the front line trenches at Lone Pine on 14 September.

Although the main fighting had finished by this stage and a stalemate ensued, the position regularly came under Turkish artillery fire, and it was here on 19 September that L Cpl Lewis sustained multiple shrapnel wounds to his right leg (which was fractured), left arm and head.

He was evacuated to Egypt via HMHS *Guildford Castle* later the same day, where he was treated at the 15<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Alexandria from 25 September – 9 October.



*HMHS Guildford Castle c.1916 (torpedoed and sunk 26 February 1918)*

He was subsequently transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis between 9 October – 2 January 1916, then embarked for return to Australia the following day.

Lance Corporal 311 Herbert John Lewis disembarked in Melbourne later that month but wasn't medically discharged from the AIF until 5 January 1917.

Name: Lewis, Herbert John	
Service Number	311
Date enlisted	26 January 1915
Place enlisted	Geelong, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Trooper
Initial Unit	13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment
Date and ship embarked for overseas	28 May 1915 HMAT A34 <i>Persic</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	24 years 9 months (28/4/1892)
Place of birth	Connewarre, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Farmer
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	Lewis, Mr William, father, Moolap, Victoria
Permanent address	Moolap, Victoria
Appearance	Dark complexion, brown hair, brown eyes, height – 5 feet 5 inches, weight – 9 stone, 10 lbs, chest measurement – 37 inches
Final Rank	Lance Corporal
Final Unit	13 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, Gallipoli
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and place wounded	19 September 1915 Lone Pine, Gallipoli
Nature of wounds	Shrapnel wounds to right leg (fractured), left arm and head
Date and ship embarked for Australia	3 January 1916 HT <i>Ulysses</i>
Date discharged	5 January 1917
Nature of discharge	Medically Unfit (wounds)
Honours/medals	1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Home Service WW2 (SN V379195). Died 1947. Also remembered on the Leopold & District Honor Roll and Leopold War Memorial.