

## **Clifford Irving Shepherd**

Driver (Dvr) 33160 Clifford Irving Shepherd enlisted in the Field Artillery Brigade reinforcements in Melbourne on 1 November 1916.

He embarked overseas on 11 May 1917 and disembarked in Plymouth on 19 July. During the voyage he was also admitted to the ship's hospital with an unknown illness between 2 – 17 June.

On arrival in England, he joined the Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery at Larkhill Camp, where he was later re-mustered as a Gunner (Gnr) at his own request, on 25 August.

With training complete, Gnr Shepherd departed England on 14 November. He disembarked in France the next day, where he was taken on strength of the 1<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery Brigade at Doulieu on 25 November 1917, one of 93 reinforcements received on the day.

The brigade moved up and took over the front line positions covering the Messines sector for the entire period between 18 December – 5 February 1918, then left the line for billets in Petit Sec Bois.

Gnr Shepherd was evacuated sick with a disorderly action of the heart on 21 February. He was admitted to the 14<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Wimereux from 24 February – 5 March, then sent to the Rest Camp at Boulogne from 5 – 28 March.

On his return, Gnr Shepherd was re-mustered as a Private (Pte) and formally transferred and taken on strength of the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Convalescent Depot at le Havre on 18 April, where he remained for the next six months.

He was granted leave to Paris from 19 – 30 September, then became ill with jaundice and was hospitalised at the 40<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hospital at le Havre between 21 October – 8 November.

He returned to England on 26 November and embarked for return to Australia on 4 January 1919.

Private 33160 Clifford Irving Shepherd disembarked in Melbourne on 20 February, where he was medically discharged from the AIF on 20 March 1919.

Name: Shepherd, Clifford Irving	
Service Number	33160
Date enlisted	1 November 1916
Place enlisted	Melbourne, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Driver
Initial Unit	Field Artillery Brigade reinforcements
Date and ship embarked for overseas	11 May 1917 HMAT A9 <i>Shropshire</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	20 years 2 months
Place of birth	Geelong, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Clerk
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Shepherd, Mr Frank, father, Wallington, Victoria
Permanent address	Wallington, Victoria
Appearance	Fresh complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 10 inches, weight – 8 stone, 9 lbs, chest measurement – 32/35 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	1 <sup>st</sup> Australian Convalescent Depot
Theatres of war served in	France, Belgium
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	4 January 1919 HT <i>Morvada</i>
Date discharged	20 March 1919
Nature of discharge	Medically Unfit (illness)
Honours/medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Died 13 September 1933. Also remembered on the Leopold & District Honor Roll, Leopold War Memorial, Geelong & District Peace Memorial and the Geelong College Roll of Honour.