

Leo Edward Robinson



Private (Pte) 7550 Leo Edward Robinson enlisted in the 5th Infantry Battalion at Williamstown on 30 May 1917.

He embarked overseas on 4 August and disembarked in Glasgow on 2 October, where he joined the 2nd (Brigade) Training Battalion at Durrington Camp.

While on leave in the local village of Warminster on 22 November, Pte Robinson was deemed to be in possession of a “defaced pass” and was subsequently awarded 28 days’ Field Punishment No. 2 on his return to camp. This usually involved undertaking extra work duties.

On 29 December, he was diagnosed with a hernia and sent to the No. 2 Convalescent Camp at Weymouth. He obviously didn’t recover from his condition, as he later embarked for return to Australia on 31 January 1918.

Private 7550 Leo Edward Robinson disembarked in Melbourne on 13 April, where he was medically discharged from the AIF on 18 May 1918.

Name: Robinson, Leo Edward	
Service Number	7550
Date enlisted	30 May 1917
Place enlisted	Williamstown, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Private
Initial Unit	5 th Infantry Battalion
Previous military service	Naval Reserve – 4 years
Date and ship embarked for overseas	4 August 1917 HMAT A32 <i>Themistocles</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	18 years 10 months
Place of birth	Williamstown, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Boilermaker
Religion	Roman Catholic
Next of kin and address	Robinson, Mrs Mary, mother, 48 The Strand, Newport, Victoria
Permanent address	Newport, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, fair hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 7 inches, weight – 9 stone, 1 lb, chest measurement – 33/36 inches
Final Rank	Private
Final Unit	5 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Nil
Fate	Returned to Australia
Date and ship embarked for Australia	31 January 1918 HT <i>Osterley</i>
Date discharged	18 May 1918
Nature of discharge	Medically Unfit (hernia)
Honours/medals	British War Medal
Notes	Attended St Leonards State School. Brother of George, Henry and John Robinson. Remembered on the St Leonards Honor Roll.