



John HALLIFAX

Regimental number	3756 and V365511
Place of birth	North Fitzroy, Victoria
Religion	Methodist
Occupation	Carpenter
Address	East Malvern, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Father, John Hallifax, 'Glenebra', South Sassafras, Victoria Later: 100 Tooronga Road, East Malvern, Victoria
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	15th July 1915
Place of enlistment	Melbourne, Victoria and to camp Broadmeadows.
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	14th Battalion, 12th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/31/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A40 <i>Ceramic</i> on 23rd November 1915 for the Middle East with 12th Reinforcement Group for the 14th Infantry Battalion, 4th Brigade, 1st Division. Arrived Port Said 17th December 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Sergeant
Unit from Nominal Roll	46th Battalion
1915 20th December	Disembarked Alexandria and to camp Zeitoun with 4th Infantry Training Battalion.
1916 6th March	To 46th Infantry Battalion, D Company, 12th Brigade, 4th Division, Tel el Kebir, Egypt.
1916 2nd June	Embarked Alexandria for Marseilles per Transport <i>Kinsfauns Castle</i> . Disembarked Marseilles 8th June 1916 and train to Northern France near Bailleul. Operations France and Flanders against the Germans from 2nd July 1916 near Fleurbaix then Pozieres.
1916 21st August	Appointed Acting Corporal, promoted to Corporal on 30th August 1916 then to Sergeant on the 19th February 1917.
1917 19th March	Operations Bullecourt and Messines Ridge.
1917 3rd - 7th June	Attached 47th Infantry Battalion then operations Wytschaete and Passchendaele.
1918 22nd February - 11th March	On leave in UK leave then operations, Lavieville, Monument Wood, Dernancourt and The Somme.
1918 19th August	Wounded in Action with Gun Shot Wound to neck during an enemy bombardment near Lihons and to 4th Field Ambulance then 37th Casualty Clearing Station. To 1st Australian General Hospital Rouen 21st August 1918.
1918 24th August	To United Kingdom and to Duchess of Connaught Military Hospital Taplow. Then to 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital Harefield 21st August 1918. From there to camp Sutton Veny 17th September 1918. Embarked United Kingdom 15th January 1919.
Fate	Returned to Australia 15th January 1919 per Transport <i>City of Exeter</i> . Disembarked Melbourne 2nd March 1919.
Other details	Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Military Medal awarded on 23rd June 1917. Discharged Melbourne 16th April 1919. War service: Egypt, Western Front Date of Birth: 1st April 1892 in North Fitzroy, Victoria Described as Height -5' 7", Weight - 154 lbs, chest 33 to 35 inches, fresh complexion, grey eyes and dark brown hair. Died 1976 in Donvale.

Recommended for a Distinguished Conduct Medal but awarded Military Medal vide London Gazette of 14th August 1917.

Citation reads:

'During the attack on final objective East of Messines on 7/9 June, Sergeant HALLIFAX was in charge of a carrying party. During these 3 days he made numerous trips up to the front line with ammunition and supplies. His coolness when under heavy shell fire was a fine example to his men and did much to keep them together and so enable adequate supplies to reach the front line.'