

# Frederick Arthur (Fred) LANE



Regimental No. 393  
 Religion Church of England  
 Occupation Axeman  
 Address Monbulk, Victoria  
 Marital status Single  
 Age at embarkation 21 years 10 months  
 Next of kin Mother, Mrs M E Lane, Monbulk, Victoria. Later 'Etura' The Patch.  
 Enlistment date 16th February 1915  
 Rank on enlistment Private  
 Unit name 23rd Battalion, B Company

AWM Embarkation Roll No. 23/40/1  
 Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A14 *Euripides* on 10th May 1915  
 Rank from Nominal Roll Corporal  
 Unit from Nominal Roll 23rd Battalion  
 Recommendations (Medals and Awards) Distinguished Conduct Medal  
 '(Pozières) For conspicuous gallantry during bomb attack on the enemy trenches.'  
 Recommendation date: 9th August 1916

1915 30th August Embarked HMT *Southland* for Gallipoli with section of 23rd Battalion.  
 1915 2nd September HMT *Southland* was torpedoed at 10am. Was among those who volunteered to go down into Stoke Hole so as to beach the *Southland*, which was achieved. Transferred to Hospital Ship after being picked up by boats as the troops went overboard at the beaching.  
 Later transferred to the troopship *Pennsylvania*.  
 1915 7th September Landed Gallipoli and joined Unit. Battalion moved forward to join up with Brigade on Lone Pine defenses.  
 1915 5th October Admitted to Field ambulance - sick. Rejoined Unit on 12th October.  
 1915 24th November Promoted to Temporary Corporal.  
 1916 26th February Disembarked at Marseilles.  
 1916 February - March In training in Sinai Desert: Hoggs Back.  
 1916 20th March Embarked with 2nd Division for France from Alexandria.  
 1916 26th March Arrived Marseilles - after 10 days training.  
 1916 10th April Front line at Fleurbaix.  
 1916 28th July Wounded in Action - France. Gun Shot Wound to left hand. Transferred to England 1st August.  
 1916 21st September Awarded the Military Medal for patrol duty.  
 1916 22nd September Discharged from hospital. Weymouth.  
 1917 11th April Admitted to hospital at Larkhill - old wound to left hand.  
 1918 3rd March Admitted to hospital from Sutton Veny with fractured lower jaw sustained while drunk on 24th February  
 1918 5th June Admitted to hospital from Sutton Veny with cut wrist.  
 Fate Returned to Australia on HMAT A41 *Bakara* on 22nd December 1918

Other details Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal, Military Medal  
 Born 17th April 1893 to Mary Emily *nee* Cooney and Henry Lane  
 Described as 5 ft., 7 1/2 in., 10 stone 8 lb., blue eyes and fair hair.  
 Married Hilda Jane Gordon Hill. Fred lived on part on the original property in Monbulk. He worked as a Council Patrolman for many years.  
 Died 8th August 1980

## CITATION OF MILITARY MEDAL AWARD

*His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Military Medal for bravery in the field to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer No.393 Corporal FA. Lane.*

*Awarded after recommendation by Major Brind of B. Company 23rd Battalion "for patrol duty after Armentieres".*

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 184

Date: 14th December 1916

Sons On Active Service  
 World War Two

1. W.3092 R.A.N.R. Stoker F.G. Lane HMAS Reserve, sea going tug.
2. W3205 R.A.N.R. Stoker David H. Lane HMAS Dubbo, 20th Mine Sweeping Flotilla.