

William Henry (Bill) LANE



Regimental No. 2704
Religion Church of England
Occupation Gardener
Address The Patch PO via Belgrave,
Victoria
Marital status Single
Age at embarkation 34 years 2 months
Next of kin Mother, Mrs E Lane, The
Patch PO via Belgrave,
Victoria
Enlistment date 13th July 1915
Rank on enlistment Private
Unit name 22nd Battalion, 6th
Reinforcement

AWM Embarkation Roll No. 23/39/2
Embarkation details Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A38 *Ulysses* on 27th October 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll Private
Unit from Nominal Roll 59th Battalion

1916 15th March Transferred 57th Battalion. Taken on strength.
1916 19th July Wounded in Action. Admitted to hospital with shrapnel wound to left arm, both thighs and chest.
Transferred to England 31st July.
1917 3rd February Proceeded overseas to France per SS *Victoria* from Folkestone.
1917 9th February Wounded in Action.
1917 26th September To hospital sick with shell shock wound.
1918 18th January Rejoined Unit.
1918 25th April Wounded in Action. 3rd occasion. Slightly wounded in neck and face with flying shrapnel.
1918 5th June Reported Missing in Action then later reported Prisoner of War and wounded in German hands.
On his way with others to 1st Aid Station in 'care' of Sergeant, they missed their way and the whole party stumbled into German Gun Outpost which was actually being evacuated.
Taken P.O.W. with all others wounded and withdrawn into German retreat behind the lines.
1918 22nd November Arrived Dover, England - repatriated ex Germany.
1919 25th December Granted leave until 28th December
Fate Returned to Australia on SS *Ulysses* on 10th March 1919. Disembarking 22nd June 1919.

Other details Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Born 14th June 1880 in England to Mary Emily Lane
Described as 5 ft., 6 1/4 in., 10 stone 11 lb., grey eyes and dark hair.
Married Eliza Maud Prior on 28th June 1920 in Monbulk
William moved to Melbourne to live but returned to Monbulk in later years. His daughter Dot (Sykes) has lived in Monbulk most of her life.
Died on 9th September 1959 aged 79. Buried in Ferntree Gully Cometary.

On Active Service World War Two V91769 Corporal William Henry Lane 3rd Australian Garrison Battalion March 1942 - May 1947. 1913 days service.

Son World War Two John Lane. Held back for essential services, wheat growing and sheep, in Mallee.