

## Patrick Haplin O'CONNOR



Patrick O'Connor with crutches at the Monbulk Welcome Home picnic, 1919

Regimental No.	1568 and 1569
Served in	Royal Australian Navy
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Farmer and later liftman and surgical bookmaker
Address	Monbulk PO, Monbulk, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	22
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Agnes O'Connor, Monbulk PO, Monbulk, Victoria
Enlistment date	21st December 1914 and to camp Broadmeadows.
Rank on enlistment	Private, later Lance Corporal
Unit name	14th Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll No.	23/31/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A54 <i>Runic</i> on 19th February 1915. Disembarked Alexandria 12th March 1915 and to camp Heliopolis, Egypt.
1915 2nd April	Embarked Alexandria for Mudros.
1915 25th April	Operations Gallipoli near Courtney's Post from.
1915 8th August	Missing in Action in the charge at Hill 971. Also reported Wounded in Action left side and Died of Wounds.
1915 24th August	Reported as Prisoner of War Turkey.
1916 21st February	Reported Prisoner of War at Constantinople.
1916 15th October	Interned at Afion Kara Hissar.
1918 13th February	Repatriated to Switzerland from Austria.
1918 18th February	Arrived United Kingdom and to King George Hospital with severe wound right thigh and amputation. To 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital Southall with amputation right thigh and depressed skull fracture 27th February 1918.
1918 16th to 30th March	Furlough then to 2nd Australian Auxiliary Hospital. Furlough 25th April to 4th May 1918. Leave 19th to 23rd December 1918.
Fate	Returned to Australia 18th January 1919. Embarked United Kingdom per Transport <i>Ulysses</i> . Sick at sea 29th January to 5th February 1919. Disembarked Melbourne 10th March 1919.
Other details	Discharged Melbourne Medically Unfit 1st October 1920. Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal 1914-1919. Place of Birth: Brunswick, Victoria to Agnes nee Elliot and Edmond O'Connor. Described as 70 inches tall, 13 stone and 2 pounds in weight, chest 39 to 41 inches, hazel eyes, fresh complexion and dark brown hair. AKA 'Sailor'. Noted in car accident 17th February 1937. Died Repatriation Hospital Heidelberg 14th August 1967 of Myocardial Infarction. Aged 75

### Prisoner of War

*Soldier, Patrick O'Connor recorded a long and detailed report of the days prior to his capture and all his subsequent difficulties as a Prisoner of War including brutal treatment, torture and ill treatment until final repatriation. The report includes reference to life in the trenches and a minor wound before capture, several wounds on the day of the capture and an attempt to beat him to death with a rock before being taken away for internment. Also murder of wounded Prisoners of War by the Turks.*