

Stephen Joseph SKEPPER



Regimental No.	3925
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Bootmaker
Address	3 Queen Street, Ballarat East, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	18 years 2 months
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs T Skepper, 3 Queen Street, Ballarat, Victoria
Enlistment date	3 rd August 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	8th Battalion, 12 th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll No.	23/25/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A40 <i>Ceramic</i> on 23 rd November 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	3 rd Field Artillery Brigade
1916 25th July	Proceeded overseas to France and transferred to 1st Division Supply Column
1916 26th July	Transferred to Boulogne taking of strength.
1916 20th August	Proceeded to the Front.
1916 20th August	Taken on Strength from advanced Horse Trans. Depot.
1917 9th September	Taken on Strength and Transferred to Administrative Headquarters in London taking on strength of 'K' Supply Column 1.
1917 15th November	Granted leave returning to Unit on 29 th November in France.
1918 12th November	Granted leave in UK rejoined Unit on 30 th November.
1919 13th February	Marched out from Unit to England for demobilisation.
Fate	Returned to Australia 11 th May 1919 per <i>Zealandia</i> .

Other details

Discharged on 22nd August 1919.
Medals: 1914 - 15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal.
Born 1898 in Korong Vale, Victoria to Theresa *nee* Trafford and Stephen Joseph Skepper.
Described as 5 ft., 3 ins., 9 stone, brown eyes and brown hair.
Married Lucia Annetta (Lucy) Taylor in 1920. Two children - Joyce Lucia and Stephen Gilbert.
Joyce married Tom Cavey and lived in Monbulk. Stephen married Doreen Turner and lived in Monbulk.
Stephen and Lucy live in Hunter Road, Monbulk.
1937 - 1954 Electrol Rolls. Occupation - Storekeeper at Mountain Grand Café, Main Road Monbulk.
1963 & 1968 Electrol Rolls. Occupation - Floor Surfacers Monbulk.
Died 1970 Ferntree Gully. Aged 72. Buried in Ferntree Gully Cemetery.

Son on Active Service World War Two

1. Stephen Gilbert Skepper, Service No. 128478. Leading Aircraftman in RAAF. Enlisted on 6th April 1943.
Posted at RAAF 93 Squadron "The Green Ghosts" Stationed At Kingaroy Queensland and Labuan Borneo. Discharged 20th February 1946.
Became a Life Member at the Monbulk RSL on 23rd March 1972.
Died 18th June 2002 in Monbulk.