

Arthur Robertson LANG

Maternal Great Grand Uncle



World War 1

Enlisted in World War 1 on 6/9/1916

[Service Number](#) 2920

[Rank](#) Private

[Unit](#) 52 Infantry Battalion - 2 to 9 Reinforcements (April 1916 - January 1917)

[Ship Name](#) HMAT Marathon

[Ship number](#) A74

[Date of embarkation](#) 27 October 1916

[Place of embarkation](#) Brisbane

Arthur`s brothers, Alexander and Donald were also aboard the same ship `Marathon` in 1916.

Arthur`s unit was stationed in the front close by his brother Alexander`s Unit, the 49th Battalion. Both Battalions were heavily involved in the battle of Messines in Belgium between June 7th and 12th, 1917. Arthur and Alexander had been together only minutes before a shell exploded in a trench wounding Alexander, who died several days later from these shrapnel wounds.

Following Alexander`s death in June, on August 23rd, 1917, Arthur received gunshot wounds to the right leg and left buttock. He was treated at the 4th Army Field Ambulance before being transferred to the 2nd. Army Casualty Clearing Station. On August 27th, he was embarked on H.S. Stadt Antwerpen for England. From there, he was admitted to the 2/1st. Southern General Hospital, Dudley Road, Birmingham. This was part of the same hospital complex where his brother Hector was later admitted in June, 1918. This wound was to be the end of the war for Arthur. When he had recovered sufficiently, he was transferred from the 2/1st General Hospital to the 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield, Middlesex on October 6th, 1917.

Once sufficiently recovered, Arthur was returned to Australia on the Euripides, discharged from the Army on June 6th, 1918. (Source: Alan Isles)

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Register No. L. 261
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL EXPEDITIONARY FORCE 259
1918

Certificate of Discharge of No. 2920 (Rank) Private
(Name) LANG Arthur Robertson
(Regiment or Corps) 52nd Battalion A.I.F.
born at or near the Town of Bourke Woodburn, Richmond River
in the State or County of New South Wales
Attested at Brisbane Queensland on the
26th September 1918 for the Australian
Imperial Force Regiment or Corps at the age of _____ years.

He is discharged in consequence of being medically unfit
gunshot wound right leg
on active service France

Service towards completion of engagement	1 years 2 1/2 days	Medals and	
Service Abroad	1 year 5 1/2 days	Decorations	

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment or Corps. Jackson Major
Place Brisbane
Date 28 June 1918

Discharge confirmed at Brisbane
Queensland
Signature Jackson
Place Brisbane
Date 28 June 1918

SHOULD THIS CERTIFICATE BE LOST OR MISCARRIED BY INDENTURE OF IT CAN BE OBTAINED

PAID 2/6 PER CENT ON DISCHARGE
IN FULL PAID BY THE OFFICER DISCHARGING
OFFICER'S SIGNATURE