

# Hector Otton LANG

## Maternal Great Grand Uncle



### World War 1

Enlisted in Army WW1 on 18 Apr 1915

[Service Number](#) 4304

[Rank](#) Private

[Unit](#) 5 Field Ambulance - 1 to 11 Reinforcements (June 1915 - April 1916)

[Ship Name](#) HMAT Runic

[Ship number](#) A54

[Date of embarkation](#) 9 August 1915

[Place of embarkation](#) Sydney

Recommendation for Herbert Otton Lang to be awarded a Military Medal

Date of Award 18 May 1917

Hector landed in Alexandria, Egypt on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1916 where he was assigned to the 5<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance. On February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1916, Hector was re-assigned to the 15<sup>th</sup> Australian Field Ambulance which was a part of the A.I.F. Fifth Division. Hector`s unit was engaged in the Battle of Bullecourt. Hector`s gallantry was reported to his commanding officer who, in turn, reported this to the chain of command in his daily report. Some months later, his parents, Alexander and Jessie, received a congratulatory letter (dated September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1918) stating that Hector`s gallantry had been reported to and acknowledged by General Birdwood. Hector`s military record shows that on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1918, he was gassed in a German attack. He was admitted to hospital the next day and, six days later, invalided to England.

Hector was embarked for Australia on HMAT Demosthenes on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919. Hector disembarked in Australia on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1919 and was discharged from the service on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1919. He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. Prior to his enlistment in World War 1, Hector had been a

school teacher and he resumed his profession on his return to Australia. (Source: Alan Isles)

L A N O	Hector Otton	4304	5th F.Amb. 3rd Rft
WAR DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE	2	11	
PURPORT	30	2nd MD	AUTHORITY
Embkd. at Sydney on transport A54 "Bunic" 9/8/15			
24/2/16 TPD FROM 5th F. AMB. TO 15th F.AMB. Egypt			BSFO 2/2-17
24/2/16 T.O.S. of 15th Fld Amb. from 5th Fld A, b. Egypt.			" 1/2-17
26/3/17 To Hpl Sick			14/1-17
26.9.18 Joined Unit Royal (Reinforcement)			1/2 M. 10/1-18
5/4/17 Paq. Unit from Hosp.			BSFO 15/1-17
24.7.7.8.18 Disc from Hosp to Fur. Rep. 4th C.D. Gassed.			I.M. 551/50-18
10.7.18 Trfd to 3rd Auxil. Hosp. Gas Paq.			DC IB 522/57-18
26.6.18 Adm to Hosp. 1st SGM Monyhull. Sec. Gen. Sev.			(DC) IB 513/71-18
10.8.18 Adm to 1st Auxil. Hosp. P.U.O. ex Hqrs.			DC IB 543/34-18

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