



Righton John CAVANAGH

Place of birth	Perth, Western Australia
Religion	Roman Catholic
Occupation	Civil engineer
Address	Perth, Western Australia
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	May Harriet Trendgold, Albion Hotel, Cottesloe, Western Australia
Enlistment date	15 March 1916
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	No 6 Tunnelling Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	16/12/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia, on board HMAT A69 <i>Warilda</i> on 1 June 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	3rd Tunnelling Company
Fate	Returned to Australia 18 October 1919
Medals	Military Cross

'For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. While parties of infantry were entering Maulde on 25th/26th October, 1918, he investigated that town for enemy mines and traps. The place [was] being heavily shelled with yellow cross gas, and he had to wear a mask the whole day. He found and rendered harmless a large number of mines and traps. The following day he chlorinated places where gas mines had exploded and afterwards, at great risk, removed twelve overdue relay action mines from under priority railway lines.'

Source: 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 30

Date: 25 March 1920

Discharge date 13 January 1920

Other details War service: Western Front

Commenced return to Australia, 18 October 1919; discharged, 13 January 1920.

Medals: Military Cross, British War Medal, Victory Medal