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## Walter ASHWORTH

Regimental number 1689

Place of birth York, Western Australia

Religion Methodist Occupation Farmer

Address York, Western Australia

Marital status Single
Age at embarkation 21
Height 5' 9"
Weight 125 lbs

Next of kin Father, Charles Ashworth, 'Broadlands', York, Western Australia

Previous military service Served in the York Light Horse for 18 months; still serving at time of

AIF enlistment.

Enlistment date 19 August 1915

Place of enlistment Blackboy Hill, Western Australia

Rank on enlistment Private

Unit name 10th Light Horse Regiment, 11th Reinforcement

**AWM Embarkation Roll** 

number

10/15/2

Embarkation details Unit embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia, on board HMAT

A32 Themistocles on 13 October 1915

Rank from Nominal Roll Driver

Unit from Nominal Roll 10th Field Artillery Brigade

Fate Returned to Australia 1 May 1919

Discharge date 24 July 1919

Other details War service: Egypt, Western Front

Discharged to duty from 4th Auxiliary Hospital, Abbassia, 7 January 1916 (mumps). Taken on strength, 3rd Reserve Regiment, Heliopolis, 6

March 1916.

Found guilty, 18 March 1916, of leaving parade without permission:

awarded 14 days' detention.

Transferred to 4th Divisional Artillery, 1 April 1916, and taken on

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strength of 4th Divisional Ammunition Column and mustered as Gunner, 7 April 1916.

Appointed Temporary Driver, 1 May 1916.

Embarked Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force, 6 June 1916; disembarked Marseilles, France, 13 June 1916.

Appointed Driver, in the field, 1 May 1916.

Admitted to No 1 Field Ambulance, 9 January 1917 (pleurisy); transferred to 36th Casualty Clearing Station, 10 January 1917 (pneumonia); to 1st Anzac Rest Station, 10 January 1917; to 36th Casualty Clearing Station, 11 January 1917; to 1st Australian General Hospital, Rouen, 22 January 1917; to England, 24 January 1917, and admitted to Bethnal Green Hospital, London, 26 January 1917 (lobar pneumonia); to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital, Dartford, 5 March 1917; discharged on furlough, 16 March 1917, to report to No 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs, 31 March 1917.

Found guilty, Perham Downs, 14 April 1917, of being absent without leave from 3.30, 31 March, to 8.30 pm, 1 April 1917: awarded 14 days' Field Punishment No 2, and forfeited a total of 13 days' pay (£3/18/0).

Admitted to 1st Australian Dermatological hospital, Bulford, 11 April 1917; discharged to Depot, 22 June 1917; total period of treatment for venereal disease: 73 days.

Marched into Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery, Larkhill, 27 June 1917.

Proceeded overseas to France, 15 August 1917; rejoined unit, in the field, 22 August 1917.

Transferred to 10th Field Artillery Brigade, 17 August 1918.

On leave to United Kingdom, 28 September 1918; rejoined unit from leave, 17 October 1918.

Marched out for return to Australia, 4 March 1919; marched into No 4 Command Depot, Hurdcott, 14 March 1919.

Commenced return to Australia from Devonport on board HT 'China', 1 May 1919; disembarked Fremantle, 1 June 1919; discharged, Perth, 24 July 1919.

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

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