



Lancelot Eric (Nick) CARTER

Regimental number 4752
Place of birth Yass, NSW
Religion Church of England
Occupation Driver
Address Burwood, NSW
Marital status Not married
Next of kin (Mother) Louisa CARTER (Father; Ambrose)
Burwood Rd., Burwood, NSW
C/- Mrs Florent, 5 Styles St., BURWOOD, NSW

Age at enlistment 21 years (Age actually 19 - Birth Registered at Goulburn 1896 NSW BDM 113050/1896) Had 6 siblings.

Prior Service Militia 3 years
Rank on enlistment Private
Date of Enlistment/ Place 13.9.1915 at Warwick Farm, NSW (6 feet in height)
Unit name 15th Reinforcements 1st Battalion
Embarkation details Sydney per A15 'Star of England' 8.3.1916
Rank from Service Records Appointed Lance Corporal 10.4.1917
Unit /Casualty from Service Records 15th Reinforcements 1st Battalion 'B' Company
Transferred to 53rd Battalion at Ismailia from 1st Battalion
Wounded in Action [Gun Shot Wound] 19.7.1916 (Fleurbaix - Fromelles) France
Wounded In Action [Gunshot Wound eyes & Left hand] 20.5.1917 at Bullecourt, France
Invalided to England 7.6.1917
Discharged London being Medically Unfit 22.7.1919

Fate Returned to Australia per 'Bahia' 4.12.1920
Residence: 31.3.1924 'St Dunstan' 17 Perouse St., Randwick, NSW
Died 27.3.1975 at Concord Repat. Hospital
Sydney Morning Herald Archive, Saturday, March 29, 1975 p.59
CARTER, Lancelot Eric (Nick). — March 27, 1975. suddenly. Concord Repatriation General Hospital loved husband of Mary Hilda (deceased) dear father of James, Eric, Jack, Richard (deceased) Zoe, Christine and father-in-law of Judy brother of Bill and Alice and deceased sisters Violet. Florence. Ethel and Nell, grandfather of Stephen, Lynne. Julie and Joanne. *Lest we forget*

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CONFIDENTIAL.

7th January, 1921. ---

The Deputy Commissioner,
Department of Repatriation,
Victorian Branch,
St. Elizabeth's Road,
MELBOURNE.

With reference to your communication dated 6th January concerning No. 4755, Lance-Corporal Laurence Eric CARTER, 52nd Battalion, furnished herewith are particulars of his service in the Australian Imperial Force:-

15. 9.17	Enlisted in A.I.F.
16. 1.18	Subscribed for service abroad, with 15/1st Bn.
20. 4.18	Transferred to and taken on strength of 52nd Battalion at T.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.
19. 6.18	Subscribed at Alexandria to join F.V.V.
20. 6.18	Discharged at Alexandria.
18. 7.18	RECORDED IN ACTION
20. 7.18	Admitted 1st A.I.F. - G.S.V. High.
21. 7.18	Admitted 25th Gen. Hosp.
27. 7.18	Transferred to England and admitted Huddersfield War Hospital - G.S.V. High, L.
29. 8.18	Transferred to Roberts Park Hospital. Date of discharge thereafter not available.
14. 12.18	Proceeded overseas to France.
15. 12.18	Admitted into 5th A.I.F. in England.
16. 12.18	Proceeded to join 52nd Bn.
20. 12.18	Rejoined 52nd Bn. from France.
10. 4.17	Appointed L/Oyle
20. 4.17	To Liverpool Division.
5. 7.17	Rejoined Unit on Sea School.
21. 7.17	Returned to action (Sea Operations).
21. 7.17	Admitted 5th A.I.F. and transferred to 50th S.I.C. - G.S.V. High and land.
22. 8.17	Admitted 5th Gen. Hosp., London.
1. 6.17	Transferred to England.
1. 6.17	Admitted 1st Gen. Hosp., Wetherby - G.S.V. High right eye and left hand.
10. 10.17	Discharged to St. Dunstan's Hospital for the blind.
2. 1.18	Admitted St. Dunstan's, discharged 20.7.18 (partial vision leave and to report St. Dunstan's Hospital, Hampden Avenue of Blind Soldiers & Sailors' Hostel).
20. 8.18	Granted leave and to report back 20.8.18
20. 8.18	Admitted 1st Gen. Hosp., discharged 2.11.18 and to report back 22.11.18
20. 8.18	Granted short leave 10.6.18 to 2.7.18, to report to St. Dunstan's Hospital, Regent's Park in explanation.
22. 7.17	Discharged from A.I.F. in England being medically unfit - loss of both eyes.
4.12.18	Admitted to St. Dunstan's Hospital, Regent's Park, London.

W. J. W.
Officer in Charge
NAA: 62455 CARTER L E

National Archives of Australia

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

Certificate of Discharge of No. 4755 (Rank) 1/CORP.

(Name) LAURENCE ERIC CARTER
(Regiment or Corps) 52nd Bn
born at or near the Town of Yarras
in the State or County of F.V.V.
Admitted at Liverpool, Eng. on the 15th September 1917 for the Australian Imperial Force.
52nd Bn. Regiment or Corps at the age of 21. 6 years.

He is discharged in consequence of being Medically Unfit with effect from 28.7.19.

Service towards completion of engagement 2 years 21 days
Service Abroad 8 years 157 days

Medals and Decorations
SILVER WAR BADGE
28.6.19.

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment
Director General
Australian Imperial Force.
London England.
28.6.19.

Signature
Director General
Australian Imperial Force.
28.6.19.

Discharge confirmed at London England.

NEVER THIS PARCHMENT BE LOST OR MISLAIN NO DUPLICATE OF IT CAN BE OBTAINED.

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Certificate of Character on discharge of No. 4755 (Rank) 1/CORP.

(Name) CARTER Laurence Eric.
(Regiment or Corps) 52nd Bn

His Conduct and Character while serving in the
The practice of including a character certificate in the records of special qualifications on the discharge certificate has been discontinued as from 1st January, 1918.

Special Qualifications

Place London, England.
Date 3.6.19.

Signature of Officer Commanding Regiment or Corps
Director General
Australian Imperial Force.

Description of the above-named Soldier on discharge:
Age 22
Complexion Fresh
Hair Dark
Height 5
Eyes Brown
Teeth
Trade

Mark or scars, whether on face or other parts of body.

Usual place of Residence 31 Dunstan's Hospital, Regent's Park.

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Narromine News and Trangie Advocate (NSW: 1898 - 1955), Friday 9 May 1930, page 2

DIGGERS' DOING

Helping a Sick Comrade.

The Eastwood returned soldiers turned up in force recently to put in order the property of a comrade who is ill in hospital. The first man to arrive was Mr. Carter, whom his mates know as 'Nick'. They were surprised at his early arrival and at the vigour he put into the work. He amused them with yarns and jokes as he lustily wielded his mattock. No one would have thought, unless they had examined him with a critical eye, that 'Nick' had suffered war injuries and was totally blind.

Muswellbrook Chronicle (NSW: 1898 - 1955), Tuesday 25 October 1932, page 6

Mr. "Nick" Carter of Sydney, is at present enjoying a holiday in Merriwa as the guest of Mrs. J. W. Jones. Mr. Carter, who had the misfortune to lose his sight in the Great War, is a most interesting personality.

Following the war he spent about two years at St. Dunstan's, London, and during that time was a member of their rowing crew.

Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 10 September 1941, page 7

Blind Soldier Made 1000th Net

Members of the National Defence League celebrated the making of the 1000th camouflage net to be completed at St. Michael's Hall, Hunter Street, since last Anzac Day, with a tea party yesterday.

The net was made by **Mr. Nick Carter, a blind returned soldier** who fought in the last war. Major-General H. D. Wynter accepted a slice of the V for Victory cake made in honor of the occasion, and expressed the appreciation of the Army for the work that had been done, and was still being done, by the organisation. v Enthusiastic netters did not stop for the party, but worked busily, on while they listened to the speeches, pausing only for tea.



When veteran Nick Carter, 53rd Battalion, was wounded in the head and blinded at Corby, France, in 1916, he was dragged to safety by his comrade, Tom Angelo, who was also wounded. Yesterday, Tom (left) of Paddington, who was awarded the Military Medal for his bravery, led Nick on his 37th Anzac march. On the right is Nick's brother, Bill, who flew with the R.A.A.F. in World War II. Over the past years, Tom, who is a deep-sea diver has travelled from places as far away as China and Singapore to lead Nick on Anzac Day.

Sydney Morning Herald 26.4.1958 page 4