

**John Jack (John Hunter Jack)?? (10-77-24) died 8/8/1939**

AIF Service number 6789

Born in Edinburgh circa 1884 to John Jack and Catherine Hunter. John senior was b 1859 in Edinburgh and his father was born in Aberdeen in 1825 and finally I have found his father was born in Banff in 1790 and is the only John Jack I can find there which leads to the photo on the front of this pamphlet. Our John on the first application was a motor mechanic and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> application he was a farmer living in St Lucia Rd Toowong. The two medical records are worth comparing. Age 31 years and 10 months - 32 years and 4 months. 5' 9" against 5' 8", 135lb - 131lb. 35"-35 1/4" chest. Complexion reddish- fresh, eyes dark-blue, hair dark brown- dark and scars 3 vacc on left arm-none?? Are we talking about the same fellow here? He joined on the 16/8/1916 and discharged 12/9/1916 due to bad teeth. Joined again 17/10/1916 and accepted into 22<sup>nd</sup> reinforcements for the 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion this time with dentures. He embarked as a private on HMAT Kyarra 17/11/1916 and returned as a corporal 1/7/1919 on the SS Frankfurt.

In both applications he was single however I have letters written by a lady in South Melbourne sent to army HQ searching for a missing husband. She describes John Hunter Jack pretty well. She says she has contacted the army as her father-in-law in Edinburgh has contacted her to say young John has had leave at home in Scotland. She supplied a wedding certificate and a sworn statement and applied to be put on his records as next of kin. Now we know why he was willing to have his teeth out to be accepted.

We note that his headstone reads "My brother John Jack formerly of Edinburgh. I would say Lily Jack must have given up on him.

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## TOOWONG CEMETERY

### SCOTS IN THE AIF WWI



Private John Jack of the 52nd Regiment of Foot, British Army, photographed at Banff, Scotland at the age of 90 wearing his medals, including the stormers medal for volunteering for the leading file of attack at the storming of Ciudad Rodrigo and Waterloo Medal. Our John was born c 1884. Through Ancestry.co.uk I have found his father John in Edinburgh b 1859. His father also John was born in Aberdeen 1825 and his father also John was born in Banff in 1790. There is a strong possibility that this is the great grandfather of our John Jack. I will continue to research this one.

**Alexander William MacDonald** (10-80-18) died 13/7/1941

AIF Service number 4484

He was born in Turriff in Aberdeenshire c 1876 to Alexander MacDonald and -----Duncan. He served 3 ½ years in the 92<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Gordon Highlanders in the 1st Boer War. He served a further 2 ½ years in the Kings regiment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boer War. His service papers show he was a labourer on joining up on 26/1/1916 in Townsville. His address was the Mourilyan Harbour Line Innisfail so probably was working on the railways. He was 40 ½ years old when he joined up in the 11<sup>th</sup> reinforcements for the 26th Battalion. NOK was Annie Ray MacDonald his wife. He is described as being 5' 4 ½ inches 9 st 13 lbs, 39 inches in the chest, dark complexion. Hazel eyes and brown hair and a Presbyterian. He embarked 30/3/1916 on HMAT The Star of Victoria and returned to Australia 19/10/1917 on HMAT Port Lyttelton .

**Walter Tarte** (10-75-58) died 23/4/1940

AIF Service number 5481

He was born in Edinburgh October 1893 to Walter Henry Tarte and Helen Mary Crewe. His grandparents were Reuben Tarte and Katherine Blakeway. His service papers show he was a farmer and joined up 28/9/1915 and was in the 17<sup>th</sup> reinforcements for the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion. NOK was his mother Helen Tarte and he lived with her at River Road New Farm. He was 22 years and 11 months and 5' 7 ¼ inches, 9st 7 lbs and a chest of 35" . He had fair complexion grey eyes and dark hair and was a RC. He embarked on 20/1/1916 in HMAT Hawkes Bay. He returned to Australia 6/9/1919 on the Euripedes. He married Doris Lillie Metzger in 1933. The Ernest mentioned here is Doris' son from a previous marriage.

**Alexander Robert Morrison** (10-76-16) died 2/5/1939

AIF Service number 3680

He was born in Aberdeen 9<sup>th</sup> July 1885 to Alexander Robert Morrison and Margaret Gordon. His service papers show he was a carter and joined up 2/6/1917, intended to be with the 10<sup>th</sup> reinforcements for the 47<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the War Office decided the 25<sup>th</sup> could do with him and finally they gave him to the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion. NOK was his wife of 9 years Emily Elizabeth Morrison nee Lake Merivale St. Sth Brisbane. He was 31 years and 10 months old and stood 5' and 7 and ½ inches. Weight was 125lbs, chest 32" with medium complexion blue eyes and brown hair and Church of England. No children are recorded up to the end of 1914. He embarked on HMAT Miltiades on 2/8/1917 and returned 25/1/1919 on the Ceramic. SS Ceramic was an 18,400-ton ocean liner of the White Star Line launched in 1913, and later sold to the Shaw, Savill & Albion Line. In 1942 German submarine U-515 sunk the Ceramic, leaving only one survivor from the 656 on board.

**Duncan McDougall** (10-76-48) died 18/5/1939

AIF Service number 936

He was born in Renfrewshire possibly 15/7/1878 to Donald and Ann McDougall. His service papers show him as a motorman which research suggests to be a tram driver and joined up on 19<sup>th</sup> of December 1915. He was earmarked for the 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion and was 34 years and 3 months old, 5' 8 ½ " 133lbs and a chest of 35 and ½" dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair , 2 vaccination scars on lt arm and mole on back and requires dental treatment and was a Presbyterian. He had previously served 2 years in the Queensland Imperial Bushmen Mounted infantry in the Boer War service number 186. He embarked on the Demosthenes on 18/5/1916 and returned on the Balmoral Castle on 1/2/1918 discharged 6/5/1918 medically unfit.