

Arthur Abraham Jacobs



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Arthur Abraham Jacobs was born in London, on the 23rd of June 1893, and was one of four brothers. His parents Jacob and Hannah had three other sons and one daughter. They were a Jewish family. The Jacobs migrated to South Australia post 1898. Arthur was a journalist, and he served in the senior cadets and citizens forces, but he resigned to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force. His parents lived at Saracens Head Hotel in Carrington Street, and Arthur lived at Oakhampton, South Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia before he enlisted for the war. Arthur along with his brothers, Solomon, David and Emmanuel all enlisted for the war. He enlisted on the 19th of August 1914, when he was 21 years of age, and his service number is R66, which indicates that he was an early enlistee. He was assigned Captain, in the 10th infantry battalion.

After training, Arthur boarded the HMAT 'Ascanius' with the rest of the 10th battalion. This was one of two ships taking the 10th battalion to Egypt. The other ship was the HMAT 'Soldhana'. Arthur was promoted to Corporal (Acting Sergeant) on the date of embarking. On the 1st of December 1914, 'Ascanius' arrived in Port Said in Egypt. The 10th battalion landed and trained for the next few months and formed part of the defence of the Suez Canal.

The 9th and 10th battalions boarded the 'Lonian' for the Greek Islands, on the 1st of March. Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania all formed the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th battalions, and they were all parts of the 3rd brigade. These battalions were allocated the role of covering force, which meant that they would be first ashore.

Arthur survived the landing and for the next six months he went on to endure the hardships of war, and the prolonged experience of combat. Later reinforcements arrived, to help out the 'originals'.

On the 19th of May 1915, the Turks started a major attack, in an attempt to move the Australians from their position on the peninsula; the 10th battalion was in the front line. When the Turks came over, and they rushed to within twenty to thirty yards of the 10th battalions position, the Anzacs were able to hold their ground. 11 were killed and 23 were wounded, during this attack.

On the 17th of July 1915, Arthur was told that he would be charged with neglect of duty. By October the troop's health, particularly the 'originals' from the 10th battalion, was suffering, after their six months of continuous service on the frontline. Most of the originals, from the 10th battalion, had become wounded or killed. Diseases, like enteric fever (typhoid) and dysentery, started to take a toll on the soldiers.

Arthur was severely wounded by a bomb, on the 4th of October 1915. The wound was on the calf of his left leg. He was taken to the 3rd field ambulance casualty clearing station. On the 6th of October, Arthur was evacuated to the island of Mudros, on the 'Assaye', because his wounds were severe. From Mudros he was taken to the United Kingdom. On the 20th of October 1915, Arthur was admitted to the No 2 General Hospital, St Marks College, London. Arthur needed seven separate surgeries, and extended hospitalisation. His wound was opened and drained in twelve different places, and his leg also had twelve other wounds from incisions made on his leg.



Arthur received the medals 1914/15 Star, the British War medal, and the Victory medal.

(<http://www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/5279>)



Arthur is buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery and memorial, in Belgium.

(<http://www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/cemeteries/1>)



Arthur's name is on the Adelaide 1 national war memorial

(<http://www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/memorials/48>)

The Gallipoli campaign was started by the British and the French. Sir Winston Churchill told the French and the British that they were going to start an attack. The attack was to threaten Constantinople, and to take hold of the Dardanelles. Russia was to gain access to the Mediterranean for its black sea fleet. Germany was and ally of Turkey, and provided them with ammunition and weapons. A naval operation was started by the British and the French, to capture the Ottoman Capital of Constantinople, and to secure a sea route to Russia. When this failed, they decided to fight on land; this involved the ANZAC Force, with casualties on both sides.

The Gallipoli campaign was the first major battle in the war that Australia and New Zealand fought in. It is often known as the birth of both the countries nations. Also the word ANZAC originates from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

I think the ANZAC spirit began on the shores of Gallipoli on the 25th of April 1915, by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The ANZAC spirit was carried with the soldiers

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throughout all the battles fought in World War 1, and they would never forget their mates that fought and died for their country, at Gallipoli.

The ANZAC spirit is values that the soldiers stuck to and never backed down from, even in the toughest and scariest of times.

They were loyal to their mates, family, friends and their country. They faced the hardships of war with courage. They were always there for their mates, in the good and bad times. Always had a good time together, and they never lost their ability to make jokes. The soldiers showed enthusiasm in everything they did, and were always motivated. They were dedicated to the task they were given and they were determined to get the job done, no matter what it took. Sacrificing your life for your country, family and mates was shown all throughout the war. They liked to have fun but they were still good hearted mischievous people.

On the 25th of April every year, Australians remember the Anzacs that fought in World War 1. Many attend dawn services, and many watch the veterans march down streets, wearing their medals with pride. They listen to the last post and they observe one minute of silence.

The Anzacs were different from many countries, because they volunteered to fight, instead of being conscripted. This shows they were willing to sacrifice their lives for their countries, their mates and their families.


The impacts on his family and friends that were left behind in South Australia, would have been worrying and scary at the time, but as I cannot know how his family and friends felt, one can assume it wouldn't have been a good time, like many other families in South Australia they would have all felt the same. Arthur's family though, had four sons going to war, which would have made it harder for them. When Arthur's family would have got the news about his wound, and that he needed to go to the United Kingdom because his wound was severe, they would have been worrying about him. Having seven separate surgeries on the same leg, would concern his family, because they would have realised that the wound was more severe than they had first thought. When they received the news about his death in Belgium, they would have been shocked by the news and devastated. His family would also have been proud of him, for volunteering to go to war, and to fight for his country. Also when he was wounded at Gallipoli, and came home, then re-enlisting for the war, to fight in Belgium, would have made them proud as well.

Arthur's service reflects the ANZAC spirit, by showing mateship, courage, and self-sacrifice. Mateship was reflected in the way that he fought with all his mates at Gallipoli and that they always stuck by each other, even in the toughest of times. When Arthur was wounded in a battle this showed loyalty and self-sacrifice, because he is fighting for his country, his family, and his mates alongside him. Even after his wounds had healed, his loyalty to defending his country and fellow soldiers saw Arthur serve in Belgium where he was subsequently killed in action.

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Appendix 1

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
Department of Defence
 Capt.
 Adjt. 10th Inf. Batt

AUSTRALIAN  MILITARY FORCES.
 49115

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 66 Name Jacobs Arthur Abraham
 Unit 10th Infantry A.I.F.
 Joined on 19th August 1914

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Jacobs Arthur Abraham
2. In the Parish of Hilburn in or near the Town of London (Eng) in the County of Middlesex
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a British Subject? (N.B. If the latter, please, to be shown.) British Born
4. What is your age? 22 years
5. What is your trade or calling? Journalist
6. Are you, or have you been an apprentice to whom, and for what purpose? No
7. Are you married? No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated.) Mother, Mr. Hannah Jacobs, 100, Broad Wood, Cassington St Adelaide, S. Aus.
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Insubordinate and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge. Senior Cadets 18 months, held commission resigned
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
14. (For married men and widowers with children.) Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service?

Arthur Abraham Jacobs do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allow not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children.

Date 24/8/14 (Sgd) Arthur A. Jacobs
 Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 14 years of age.

This is Arthur's enlistment form for the AIF. (<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp>)

Appendix 2

10th Battn.
A. I. P.

JACOBS
A. A. 66

"Killed 7-10-17"

I was alongside him in the open, and a shell came and blew him all to pieces, not enough left to bury. His brother was with me at the time, at Passchendaele. Height 5ft. 5" and inclined to fair. He was a Sgt. Came from S. Australia I think.

Informant. Preston L.H. 6569
10th Battn.,
WAR CHEST.

W. Alison
London
19-3-18

A.

This is part of Arthur Abraham Jacobs Red Cross File, is explaining his death.

(<http://static.awm.gov.au/images/collection/pdf/RCDIG1048781--1-.PDF>)



This is Arthur's gravestone, at Tyne Cot Cemetery. The rocks on top of the gravestone are a Jewish tradition. There is also the Star of David, which many Jewish soldiers had.

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Appendix 3

This is Arthur's medical report, after he suffered the wound from the bomb.
(<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/scripts/Imagine.asp>)

AUSTRALIAN ARMY
Army Form R. 172.

Medical Report on an Invalid.

Station _____
Date _____

1 Unit 10th Battalion A.I.F. 2 Service Number 123
3 Regimental No. 96 4 Date 19th August 1914.
5 Base Epi. 6 Place (at) Adelaide.
7 Name Jacobs, A.L. 8 Former Trade or Occupation (Journalist.

9. Disability.

BOMB WOUND LEFT LEG.

Statement of Case.

Note.—The answers to the following questions are to be filled in by the Officer in medical charge of the case. In answering them he must carefully distinguish between the man's unassisted statements and evidence recorded in his military and medical documents. He must also carefully distinguish cause entirely due to venereal disease.

10. Date of origin of disability. 3rd October 1914.

11. Place of origin of disability. ANZAC.

12. Give concisely the essential facts of the history of the disability, making reference on the Medical History Sheet bearing on the case.

posterior
Pieces entered ~~front~~ part of calf of left leg--leg got
septic and was opened and drained in twelve different places.
Was in hospital nearly five months.

13. Give your opinion as to the causation of the disability. Bomb wound.

14. If you consider it to have been caused by venereal disease, specify the infection, describe in brief the nature of the disease, and state the special treatment to which you consider it is entitled. Active Service.

Appendix 4

INDEX No. B. 125 ISHERWOOD, Pte. William Rostron, 325101.
 TYNE COT CEM. 2nd/8th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers. 6th Sept., 1917.
 PASSCHEN- Age 22. Son of Alfred and Margaret Isherwood,
 DAELE of 38, Curtis Rd., Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 PART ONE A-L VI. F. 17.

IVORY, Pte. J. J., G.67763. Royal Fusiliers,
 posted to 2nd/4th Bn. London Regt. (R. Fus.).
 20th Sept., 1917. IX. G. 7.

IZARD, Pte. F. T., 925. 14th Bn. Royal Warwick-
 shire Regt. 4th Oct., 1917. LVII. C. 23.

JACK, Pte. James, 277103. 2nd/7th Bn. Man-
 chester Regt. 9th Oct., 1917. Age 29. Son of
 John and Sarah Jack, of Manchester. XXXVII.
 E. 12.

JACKSON, Pte. Alpha, PS 7008. 10th Bn. Royal
 Fusiliers. 29th Sept., 1917. Age 25. Son of
 Thomas and Grace Jackson, of 11, Chapel Avenue,
 Hebden Bridge, Yorks. LII. H. 1.

JACKSON, Lce. Cpl. Ellis Haslam, 242198.
 1st/8th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 4th Oct.,
 1917. Age 24. Son of Ellis and Annie Louise
 Jackson, of 123, Newton Rd., Sparkhill, Birming-
 ham. XIII. D. 29.

JACKSON, Pte. Frederick, 235013. "D" Coy.
 2nd/5th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 1st
 Sept., 1917. Age 19. Son of William and Emeila
 H. Jackson, of 23, Bath St., Southport, Lancs.
 Native of Manchester. V. B. 12.

JACKSON, Lieut. F. L. H. R.N.V.R. "Howe"
 Bn. R.N. Div. 26th Oct., 1917. XXVIII.
 B. 19.

JACKSON, Pte. H., 35531. 6th Bn. King's Own
 Yorkshire Light Inf. 12th Oct., 1917. Age 35.
 Husband of Hannah Wilcock Jackson, of 3,
 Haymount Row, Newtown, Leeds. XXXVII.
 C. 6.

JACKSON, Pte. H., 220162. 8th Bn. East
 Yorkshire Regt. Killed in action 26th Sept., 1917.
 Age 38. Son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Jackson,
 of Linton-on-Ouse, Yorks. XXV. H. 14.

JACKSON, Pte. H. D., 7032. 5th Bn. Australian
 Inf. 4th Oct., 1917. XXV. H. 19.

JACKSON, Spr. John Victor, 16990. 4th Field
 Coy. Australian Engineers. Killed in action 17th
 Oct., 1917. Age 24. Son of Henry William and
 Mary Jackson, of 6, Mullens St., Balmain, New
 South Wales. XIX. A. 12.

JACKSON, Pte. J. W., 10983. 1st Bn. Loyal
 North Lancs Regt. Killed in action 10th Nov.,
 1917. Age 19. Son of Richard G. and Jane
 Jackson, of 17, Cambridge St., Wavertree,
 Liverpool. XXX. E. 8.

JACKSON, Pte. Richard Thomas, 1939. 34th Bn.
 Australian Inf. Killed in action 13th Oct., 1917.
 Age 31. Son of Richard and Edith Charlotte
 Byrne. Native of Bourke, New South Wales.
 Sp. Mem. 27.

JACOBS, Serjt. Arthur Abraham, R/66. 10th Bn.
 Australian Inf. Killed in action 7th Oct., 1917.
 Age 23. Son of Jacob and Hannah Jacobs, of
 The Colonel Light Hotel, Currie St., Adelaide,
 South Australia. Native of London, England.
 XXXVIII. B. 21.

JACOBS, Pte. Jack, 203493. 2nd/4th Bn. Oxfr.
 and Bucks Light Inf., formerly Royal Bucks
 Hussars. Killed in action 22nd Aug., 1917.
 Age 21. Son of Harry and Esther Jacobs, of 58,
 British St., Bow, London. VI. B. 2.

JACOBS, Rfn. J., 572042. 17th Bn. London
 Regt. 20th Sept., 1917. X. A. 10.

JACOBSON, Lce. Cpl. William Victor, 26/817.
 4th Bn. 3rd N.Z. (Rifle) Brigade. Killed in action
 12th Oct., 1917. Age 21. Son of Mrs. Margaret
 Pitethley (formerly Jacobson), of Ongarue, New
 Zealand. Native of Auckland, New Zealand.
 XXIX. D. 18.

JAGGER, Pte. Charles Harold, 238042. 6th Bn.
 King's Own Yorkshire Light Inf., formerly
 Durham Light Inf. 13th Oct., 1917. Age 20.
 Son of Charles Edward and Annie Jagger, of
 "Tyne Cot," North Rd., Withernsea, Yorks.
 Native of Hull. LXII. B. 1.

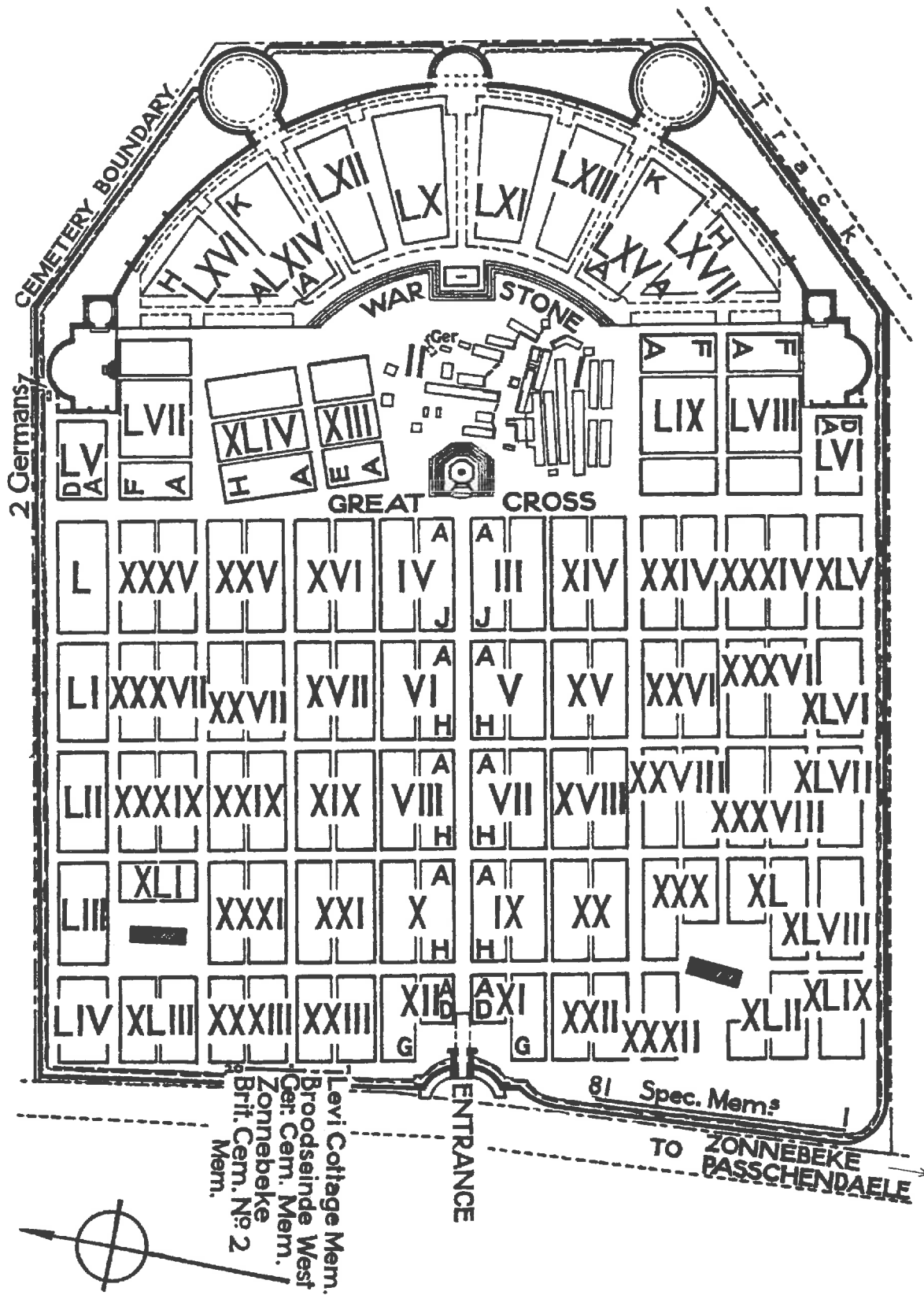
JAGGER, R.S.M. C. F., 200023, M.C. 1st/4th
 Bn. East Yorkshire Regt. 13th Dec., 1917.
 XVI. A. 5.

JAGOE, Pte. Henry John, 448. 37th Bn. Aus-
 tralian Inf. Killed in action 12th Oct., 1917.
 Age 24. Son of Abraham and Marion Jagoe, of
 Wandiligong, Victoria, Australia. XXII. B. 2.

JAMES, Spr. D. J., 132048. 171st Tunnelling
 Coy. Royal Engineers. 28th Dec., 1917. II.
 F. 4.

**JACOBS, Serjt. Arthur Abraham, R/66. 10th Bn.
 Australian Inf. Killed in action 7th Oct., 1917.
 Age 23. Son of Jacob and Hannah Jacobs, of
 The Colonel Light Hotel, Currie St., Adelaide,
 South Australia. Native of London, England.
 XXXVIII. B. 21.**

This is a register by the commission; it contains the soldier's details. This includes their regiment, date of death, unit, rank; many entries also include additional information. E.g. next of kin details. (<http://www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead/casualty/463338/JACOBS,%20ARTHUR%20ABRAHAM>)



This is a map of all the graves at the Tyne Cot Cemetery and Memorial, in Belgium. Arthur is at XXXVIII. B. 21. (<http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/53300/TYNE%20COT%20CEMETERY>)

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