Tribute to 4827 Private Henry Hynes, Australian Army Veterinary Corp.

Based on extracts from his Service Record held with the NAA: B2455, SERN4827, Bar Code Series 7363024 and supplemented with material from other sources, duly acknowledged.

4827 Private Henry Hynes, was born in Sydney, New South Wales in 1879. At the time he enlisted, Henry was living in Marvel Loch, near Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. His next-of-kin was shown on his Enlistment Paper as Frederick Flak, a step-brother, living in NSW, as his parents were deceased.

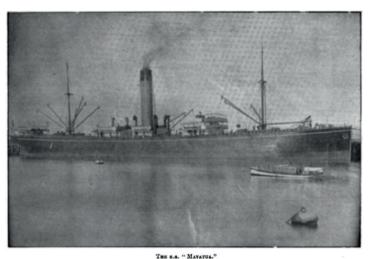
Henry was aged 35 years and 11 months, twice Jim's age, when he joined the AIF at Blackboy Hill on 10 December 1915. His occupation was recorded as prospector. Henry was assigned to the 15th Battalion, 15th Reinforcement.

Private Hynes embarked on troopship H.M.A.T. ULYSSES A38 at Fremantle on 1 April 1916, on the same ship as Jim. Having completed his training at Tel-el-Kebir, Egypt, Henry was assigned to the 48th Battalion on 20 May 1916. He also travelled with Jim on the H.M.A.T. HUNTSPILL troopship from Alexandria to France on 7 June 1916, arriving in Marseilles on 14 June 1916.

On 18 July 1916 the 48th Battalion had moved up towards the front line and on 8 August 1916 Private Hynes was wounded in action and suffered from 'shell-shock'. At this time the 48th Battalion were engaged in heavy fighting at Pozières and suffered heavy casualties. By 23 September he had re-joined the 48th at Étaples. However, Henry was wounded in action on 18 February 1917, this time with a gun-shot wound to his leg. On 3 March 1917 he embarked on S.S. Formosa for the journey from Le Havre to England. He was admitted to hospital the next day. On 16 May 1917 he returned to France. Henry was later admitted to the Fusehill War Hospital in Carlisle, England, suffering from acute bronchitis.

Sadly Henry's health continued to get worse and on 25 November 1917 he was admitted to a General Hospital on 5 December 1917 in a state of collapse suffering with laboured breathing from arteriosclerosis and chronic bronchitis. The medics described his condition thus: "...rhonchi all over both lungs; somewhat cyanosed; evacuated to England 5/12/17. Had laboured breathing mitral systolic murmurs heard...". By 22 February 1918 he was now in Harefield Hospital in England before being discharged on 27 February to have a short furlough in Weymouth which lasted until 14 March. On 15 March 1918 Henry was medically declared permanently unfit.

On 20 June 1918 Henry embarked on board H.M.A.T. MATATUA in Devonport, England to return to Fremantle, Western Australia.



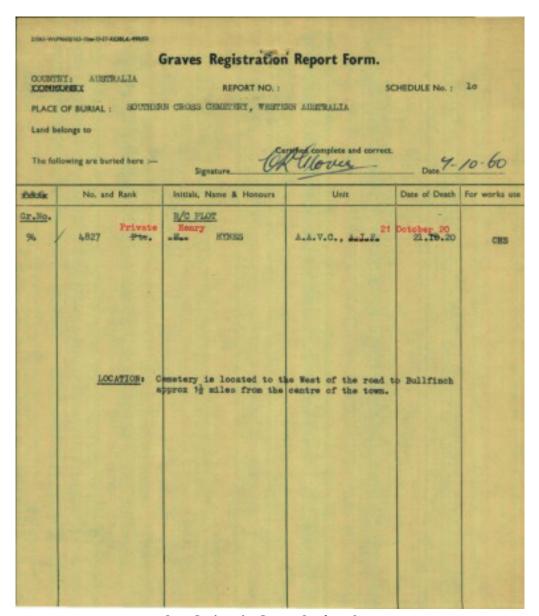
**H.M.A.T. MATATUA**Courtesy of New Zealand Electronic Collection NZETC

On his arrival in Fremantle Henry was admitted to Fremantle Hospital and discharged two days later suffering from chronic bronchitis emphysematous, dilated heart, scoliosis lower dorsal and lumbar.

On 6 March 1919 4827 Private Henry Hynes, was discharged from the AIF.

4827 Private Henry Hynes, was awarded two medals: the British War Medal 1914-1920 and the Victory Medal 1914-1919.

4827 Private Henry Hynes, died on 21 October 1920 and is buried in Southern Cross Cemetery, Western Australia.



Grave Registration Report, Southern Cross CWGC, London