

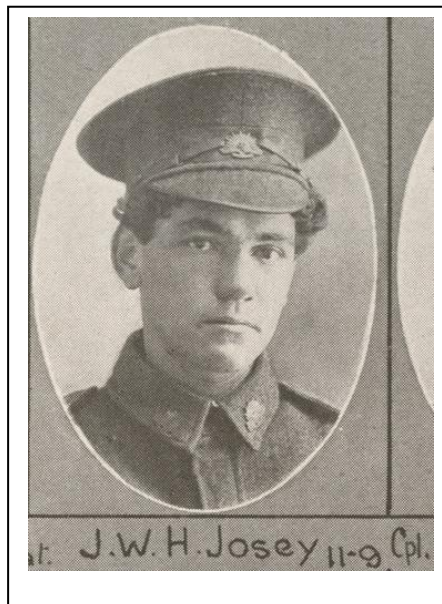
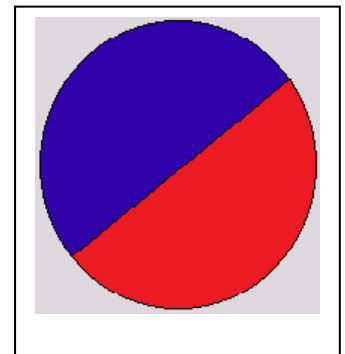
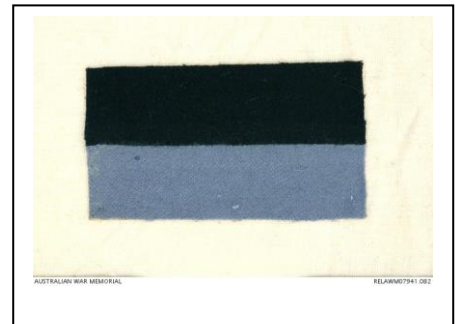


# A Soldier of the Great War

## James Josey

### James Walter Hobbs JOSEY

Regimental number	3388
Place of birth	Ipswich Queensland
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Baker
Address	Dalby, Queensland
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	19
Next of kin	A W Josey, Dalby, Queensland
Enlistment date	4 August 1915
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	<u>9th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement</u>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/26/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A48 <i>Seang Bee</i> on 21 October 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Gunner
Unit from Nominal Roll	11th Field Artillery Brigade
Fate	Returned to Australia 1 May 1919



James Walter Josey was just 19 when he enlisted in the AIF on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1915. His occupation was a Baker from Dalby in Queensland. He also had a brother Stanford who enlisted alongside him. They embarked Brisbane in October 1915 on board the SEANG BEE bound for Egypt arriving in late 1915 after the ANZACS has left Gallipoli..

He was initially enlisted in the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion reinforcements but upon arrival in Egypt, many battalions were reorganised in readiness for deployment to the Western Front and France. A newly created 4<sup>th</sup> Division was readied and James was transferred to the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade was created in support of this new Division. James was to eventually join the 11<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Brigade and the 41<sup>st</sup> Field artillery battery as a gunner and a driver.

He would continue to operate in Egypt and train during early 1916 and eventually be taken on strength in March 1916 at Tel el Kabir and Serapaum.

Much of the AIF forces were sent to England and France in March and April 1916 . James left Egypt in June 1916 arriving in Marseilles and being transported north to the battlefields and in the field during the latter parts of 1916.

During this time James maintained his role in the battery near Fleurbaix supporting during the Fromelles battle and around Armentieres and then back into Belgium in the line there in support of the infantry. On the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1916 James was to march to Naours and be Billeted there. They were to remain there until the 19<sup>th</sup> December. It was probably during this time that he visited the caves and left his name there.

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**WAR DIARY**  
or  
**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY**  
(From heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.  
BY **LIEUTENANT-COLONEL BURGESS, D.S.O.,**  
COMMANDING 11th A.F.A. BRIGADE.

For period 1st to 31st December, 1916.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regn. Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. This Page will be prepared in manuscript.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendix
	December 1916.			
	1st to 19th.		Brigade remained in reserve at NAOURS.	
	20th.		Brigade marched from NAOURS to BUIRE.	
	21st.		Marched from BUIRE and relieved 24th A.F.A. Brigade in the Line north of FLERS. Took over command from Lieutenant-Colonel W.O.B. HAITE M.C., of No. 4 Group of Left Group, 1st ANZAC artillery. Details as follows:- 41st Battery relieved 44th Battery at 8.30 a.m. 05.15. 43rd " " 40th " 8.30 a.m. 00. 43rd " " 40th " 8.30 a.m. 05.35. 11th (How) " 11th (How) " 8.30 a.m. 7.8. The 58th Battery, 10th A.F.A. Brigade, remained in Group at 8.31 a.m. 1.5.	
	22nd.		7.30 a.m. shelled BARLEY TRENCH } 200 rounds. 4.30 p.m. shelled THILLOY 5.5 p.m. shelled Cross Roads, 180 a.m.)  Enemy shelled FLERS 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., setting fire to dump of old ammunition. Group Headquarters at 8.30 p.m. and batteries shelled intermittently through the day with 4.2's and 6.9's.	
			Casualties:- 11th Battery No. 2663 Gunner HEALY T.J. Killed. 11th Battery No. 1283 Gunner LLOYD T. Killed. Two men of 43rd Battery } Four men of 43rd Battery } Wounded. One man 11th Battery }	
	23rd.		58th and 11th (How) Batteries transferred to Heavy Group for counter battery work.  6.45 a.m. shelled LIGHT-THILLOY Cross Roads, 104 rounds. Enemy 4.2's shelled vicinity of Headquarters and 43rd Battery from 11.40 a.m. to 12.50 p.m. Battery positions shelled intermittently throughout day and night by 4.2's and 6.9's.	

1245 W. Wagon 1000 1000 and J.C.A.A. French 1000

James was to find himself in trouble during his time often being AWL and being punished for his crimes.

In January of 1917 they would be on the Somme around Flers and Delville Wood.

James would suffer with Cellulitis of the left leg and be repatriated back to the UK to King George Hospital. He would also suffer from VD spending time in clearing station hospitals on occasions..

For a number of months in Mid 1917 he would be in England, again finding himself in trouble with the authorities at times while in recuperation. Finally in late 1917 he would be back in the field again in France for a short time before once again being sick to hospital. This time spending time in the hospitals in Le Havre in France. In November he rejoined his unit back in the field. He was initially in Belgium and then moved back to the Somme around Peronne in December. Returning to Belgium areas in early 1918. James would see the war out in his artillery battery reaching the title of Farrier Corporal and taking part in many of the final battles of the Great War and would return home on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1919.

His brother would also return home safely after the war.

James died on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 1972 aged 76 years.



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*11<sup>th</sup> Field battery in the field .*



*The **9th Battalion** was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Queensland, and with the 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.*

*The battalion was raised within weeks of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After preliminary training, the battalion sailed to Egypt, arriving in early December. The 3rd Brigade was the covering force for the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, and so was the first ashore at around 4.30 am. The battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the front line of the ANZAC beachhead. It served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December 1915.*

*After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. It was split to help form the 49th Battalion and bought up to strength with reinforcements. In March 1916 the battalion sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley. The 9th Battalion attacked on the extreme right of the line and it was during this action that Private John Leak won, with the bayonet, the battalion's only Victoria Cross. Later the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, before returning to the Somme for winter. In 1917 the battalion moved back to Belgium for the advance to the Hindenburg Line, and in March and April 1918 helped stop the German spring offensive. The battalion participated in the great allied offensive of 1918 and fought near Amiens on 8 August. The advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western*

*Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German Army in this war".*

*The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. The November armistice was followed by the peace treaty of Versailles, signed on 28 June 1919.*

*In November 1918 members of the AIF began to return to Australia for demobilisation and discharge. On 5 February 1919, the 9th and 10th Battalions were amalgamated.*

*The **11th Field Artillery Brigade** formed in Egypt in early 1916 to support the newly raised 4th Division. It went on to serve in Egypt: Defence of Egypt, Western Front: Retreat to the Hindenburg Line, Bullecourt, Messines, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Passchendaele, Villers Bretonneux, Hamel, Amiens, Albert, Hindenburg Line.*

- *11th Field Artillery Brigade February 1916 – past November 1918*

*The term Brigade in the WW1 Artillery context is confusing - it more closely approximates a Battalion in terms of manpower. Each Field Artillery Brigade generally initially comprised three Batteries of four 18 Pounder Mk 1 or II guns. With a range of about 6,500 yards (almost 6km) they fired a range of ammunition natures including High Explosive fragmentation, Shrapnel, Smoke, Gas, Star (illumination) and Armour Piercing projectiles. For the record, most gas used in WW 1 was fired from specialised low velocity projectors operated by Engineers.*

*Artillery inflicted the most casualties and battle space damage and instilled the most fear among opposing forces. Its effect was both physical and psychological, with the term 'shell shock' coming into general use early in the war. Artillery required a Herculean logistic effort to keep ammunition up to the guns from manufacture to the gun line. It was also a very dangerous occupation, attracting the attention of the enemy, the general result of which was 'counter battery fire' designed to neutralise and destroy gun positions and ammunition.*

*At the outbreak of the War, Australian Artillery was in short supply in both quantitative and qualitative terms.*

*The standard field gun was the British 18 pounder (so-called because of the weight of the high explosive shell). When the AIF embarked, its artillery was light-on indeed. As it turned out the scope to use it at Gallipoli was extremely constrained anyway so it mattered less than had the AIF gone straight to Europe, where artillery was the definitive feature of the battlefield.*

*At ANZAC, guns were deployed singly purely because of a lack of suitable fire positions. The 18 pounders were the first into action but later an improvised heavy Battery was formed with two 6 inch (150mm) howitzers and a 4.7 inch (120mm) Naval Quick Firing gun.*

*Artillery units had arguably the least intuitive structure and organisation of any of the major Corps in the AIF. This in part reflected changing priority and availability of equipment.*

*The standard organisation of Field Artillery took on the form of the Field Artillery Brigade (FAB) which were formed ostensibly to support infantry Brigades. In 1914 and 1915 the First and Second Division each had three FAB (initially corresponding to the Infantry Brigade numeric designation) equipped with 12 x 18 pounder field guns. On arrival in France, the artillery was reorganised with each FAB having 12 x 18 pounders and 4 x 4.5 inch howitzers. There was initially a lack of howitzers available to meet the establishment.*

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## No. Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

3328

Name JOSEY James Walter Habbat

Unit 11/9

Joined on

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. James Walter Habbat JOSEY
2. In the Parish of Ipswich in or near the Town of Q in the County of -
3. Natural Born
4. Nineteen years seven mos
5. Baker
6. No
7. No
8. A. W. Josey (Father), Dalby Q
9. No
10. No
11. Have served two years in Comp. Troop Senior Cadets and two years in Militia, up to six months ago. Now lived in exempt area.
12. Yes
13. No
14. -
15. Yes

Enli

James Walter Habbat JOSEY do solemnly declare that the above answers made the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

I further agree to Not not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service

wife.\*†

port of my wife and children.

4th August, 1915.

\*This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

†Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

11th, Reinfr's  
9th, Battalion.



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Emb. from Qu. 21.10.15

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Statement of Service of No. 3388

Name Jany. J. W. 24

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11/911	<del>Allothed &amp; Proc. to join</del> <del>Detachment 29-2-16</del> <del>3521</del> <del>11/911</del> <del>TAKEN ON STRENGTH</del> <del>TRANSFERRED TO 11/911</del> Taken on strength 11/911 mustered Gunner posted to 41st Battery. Must Gunner at our request. Must Driver	29-2-16 14-3-16 14-3-16 14-5-16 14-4-16	29-2-16 14-3-16 14-3-16 14-5-16 14-4-16	25/10/16 20-5-16 2/1520 do 25/9/231 15-4-16 11/10/39 25-5-16 4/516 4-5-16
Crime	Late on 7. am Parade 6-12-16. Awarded 3 days F.P. No. 2. by O. G. 41st Bty. 9-12-16. (11/911 A.B. R.E.)			Addenda To be read in conjunction with 2032/2194 promulgating Award of 3 days F.P. No. 2 on 9-12-16 Total Actual Forfeiture: 1 day pay. 20/4/13 6-2-18 11/911 A.B. R.E. France 9-2-16 32/2194 21-12-16
Crime	Absent from 7. am Parade 8-12-16 Awarded 4 days F.P. No. 2. by O. G. 41st Bty. (11/911 A.B. R.E.)		9-12-16	32/2197 21-12-16
	For 4 am Being League Hosp. 1st Battalion 1st Bty.		24-6-17	11/911 2102 24-6-17 14/11/17
	For 20 Hrs Sick whilst on furlough in U.K.		25-6-17	26029/2359 29/7/17
R E A A	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS TO FRANCE		24-6-17	16-7-17 8237
7/8/1			SOUTHAMPTON	21/9-17 LR7223 K 3037/4478
	For J.O.S. 11th J.A.B. from 4th D.A.B.	France	28-8-17	37/3266 14-9-17 11th J.A.B.F.
	For J.O.S. 4th Det B from 4th B.D. or 11th J.A.B.	"	27-8-17	2037/4440 12-9-17 4th Det B.F.
	For J.O.S. 11th Det B. from 4th Det B.	"	28-8-17	2037/4453 12-9-17 4th Det B.F.
	For Crime Using insubordinate language on parade 29-8-17. Award 3 days F.P. No. 2. by 6011th J.A.B.		31-8-17	2038/3284 21-9-17 11th J.A.B.
	For 20 Hrs Sick	France	6/9/17	38/3273 21-9-17 11th J.A.B.F.

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.



13103 France 30-8-17

SPB 72338/11

1915  
Statement of Service of No. 3388

Name *Joseph James Walter Haller*

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From—	To—	
11 <sup>th</sup> FAB	Gumby Adm 5 <sup>th</sup> B Co Station France. 29.17.10. Disch from 591 <sup>st</sup> Gen Hosp Haver 15.10.17. Total Period 52 days		27.10.17.	5045/3940. 9.11.17 11 <sup>th</sup> FAB
	Sumner Rejoined Unit from Sick	France	7-11-17.	2047/4458 11.11.17 23-11-17
	Court of Inquiry Subject B 117			Cof E 1874. 18306
	Sumner. Crime: Neglecting to obey an order award 7 day F.P. No 2 by C.O. 11 <sup>th</sup> . # A Bde date 11.4.18. PB 72338/11.18.27		8.4.18.	No 18/252 2/5/18 (10 <sup>th</sup> FAB)
	Sumner appointed Driver under A.D. & order 785 to complete establishment	France	29.8.18	2057/2730. 13.9.18 11 <sup>th</sup> FAB
	Don. 11.11.18. 11 <sup>th</sup> FAB.			2046/1252 10/11/18
	Don. do			2065/1163 16/11/18
	Returned to Australia from Eng. per China		1.5.19	488702. A.143623. Lx 4998.

Entitled to 1914/15 ~~1915~~

11 FAB (Don) Embayed, MD

TPE 4.8.19

M 43/1272

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

J O S E Y.	James Walter Habbot	3388	11/9th/Bn
WAR CRIMINALS SCHEDULE	Other Names	Regimental No.	Unit.
PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.	
Embarked at Brisbane on H.M.A.T. 148 "Seang Bee" 21.10.15			
PTE			
29/2/16 Trans from Reinforcements 9th Btn A.I.F. to 49th Btn A.I.F. ex Zietoun		MEFO 25/12-16	
17/3/16 Taken on str. 11th F.A.B. Mustered Gnr and posted to 41st Battery (L.M.)		MEFO 1/16-16	
14/4/16 Mustered Driver (L.M.)		MEFO 4/1-16.	
4/5/16 Mustered Gnr at own Request (L.M.)		MEFO 7/7-16.	
29/2/16 Taken on str. (LM)		MEFO 2/15-16.	
14/3/16 Tfd. to 4th div. Arty (LM)		MEFO 2/18-16.	
6.12.16 CRIME late on 7.a.m. parade AWARD 3 days F.P. No.2.		BEFO 32/3-16	
CRIME Absent from 7th A.M. parade 8.12.16 AWARD. 4 days F.P.No.2.			
9.12.16		MR BEFO 32/3-16	
In DO 32/2197 '16 which shows AWD of 4 days F.P. No 2 9/12/16			
AWD to be read in conjunction with DO 32/2194 promulgating			
AWD 3 days F.P. No 2 on 9/12/16 Total F.P. 1 days pay		BEFO 7/2/18	

D 825/2.16.-C.3024.

PURPORT.		AUTHORITY.	
29/6/17 Adm. King George H. Cellulitis 1. leg.		IB 265/56-17.	
(Sta. Gnr.)			
21.27. 7.17 Disc. from King George. Hosp. Fur & rep. to Hurdcott. Cel. Left. Leg.		IF 280/849	
29/6/17 Adm King George Hosp. SE Cellulitis Lt Leg.		L'IN 30/4-17	
25.6.17 To Hosp Sick whilst on Furlough in U.K.		BEFO 29/1/17	
29/8/17 CRIME Using insubordinate language on Pde. AWARD 3 days F.P. No 2. 31/8/17 PE No 72338/11		BEFO 38/3/17	
6/9/17 To Hosp Sick		BEFO 38/1/17	
6/9/17 Adm 53rd Casly Clering Stn. V.D.		BEFO 45/2/17	
27.10/17 Disc from 39th Gen. Hosp Havre. Total period 52 days		BEFO 45/2/17	
21/8/17 Proc O/seas to France ex RBAA via Southampton (Sta 4th Div Arty)		LDN 37/7/17	
7/11/17 Rejoined unit from sick		BEFO 47/6/17	
27/8/17 TOS of 4th DAC from AGBD ex 11th FAB		BEFO 37/4/17	
28/8/17 Tfd to 11th FAB from 4th DAC		BEFO 37/4/17	
28/8/17 TOS of 11th FAB from 4th DAC SE		BEFO 37/3/17	
12.6.19 Ret. "China" T.P.F. 4.8.19 Disc 1st M.D.		BRM 43/1277	



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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3388.

Rank Star 4p!

Name JOSEY. J. W. H

Unit

11<sup>th</sup> L.A. Bde.

LIST.

Casualty

Wounded in action near H.T. "China" embanked 1/5/19

W.I.C. 2424/3903 N. Med. London 2/5/19 Rec. B. 10/5/19

Returned to Australia per A. China  
Disembarked 26/19 2 M.D. 266

DATE.

Form B 102 received

PURPOSE.

24 MAY 1919

W.O.K. advised returning to Australia, Form

Discharged 1 M.D.

1914/1915 Star Issued B.R.M. 49/1229/ 694 at.

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