

## JOHN MONTGOMERY CAMPBELL

John was born on 28/5/1899 in Toora to William John Campbell and Lydia Jane (nee Turner) but gave his address as Tyers when he enlisted. He was living in Tyers with his parents where he was employed on the farm of Mr C Christensen. His father was a butter maker and his mother listed as home duties on electoral rolls. John tried to enlist as a 17 year old, but he was too young. He finally enlisted as a 19 year old and both his parents had to sign that they approved.

Service Number	60896
Enlisted	4 May 1918 as a Private
Next of Kin	Father, W J Campbell
Embarked	31 August 1918 from Melbourne on HMAT A37 <i>Barambah</i>
Age on embarkation	19
Unit on enlistment	9th General (Victorian) Reinforcements
Returned to Australia	13 December 1918

While on the ship travelling to Europe, John was sent to the ship's hospital suffering from influenza where he spent 5 days. He disembarked in London on 14 November 1918 but by 4 December he was back in the Military Hospital at Tidsworth suffering from mumps.

He was sent on to 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion from camp and went to France on 21 January 1919 just after the time of the armistice and was once again admitted to hospital in May 1919 with measles and was returned to England. He was detached from the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion and sent to the depot at Tidsworth where he remained on duty until 1 September 1919. He left Southampton for Australia on 6 October 1919 aboard SS *Pakeha* and disembarked in Melbourne on 21 November 1919, and discharged on 19 December 1919.

He was welcomed back at Traralgon station by Cr T Pettit representing the Returned Soldiers' Committee and the Band played. He was driven to Tyers and welcomed at the home of his parents where the community of Tyers had gathered and where he was welcomed by Mr A Paulet, Chairman of the Tyers welcome home committee.

John continued farming and resided with his parents after he returned until he passed away on 19 May 1926 aged 26. He was buried at Traralgon on 21 May and his parents, who died later are buried in the same plot and acknowledged on the monument, John Montgomery Campbell is listed on the Tyers Hall Honour Roll.

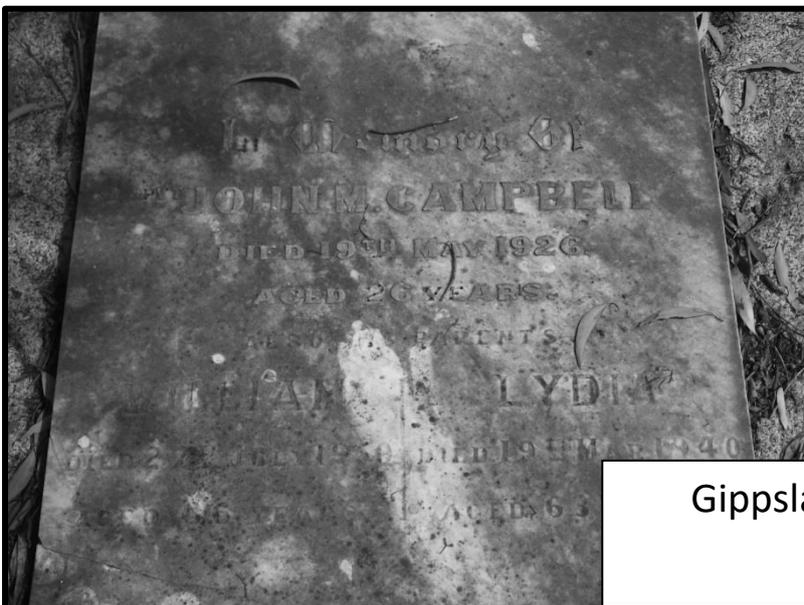


The HMAT A 37 *Barambah* was a captured German Vessel previously called Hobart. It was manned by Australian crew and transferred to the Commonwealth Government line in May 1918



The SS *Pakeha* was owned by Shaw, Savill and Albion Company of London

The British War Medal



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