

## THOMAS HENRY HOBAN

Thomas Hoban was born in Rushworth in 1895, the youngest son of James and Martha Margaret Denning (nee Fritzell). James had married twice and had 4 children with his first wife Mary (nee Butler) who migrated with him from Ireland around 1852. After she died he married James's mother and had a further 13 children. When his mother passed away in 1905, he and the next oldest child, William came to Maryvale to live with the oldest sister, Mary Jane, who was their guardian. When she married Ralph Kerr in 1906 the children stayed with her and both named her as their next of kin when they enlisted. James was a 21 year old, single farm hand, when he enlisted living at Morwell.

Service Number 5371

Enlistment 6 March 1916 at Sale as Private

Embarkation 1 August 1916 on board HMAT A28 *Miltiades*

Unit at enlistment 23<sup>rd</sup> battalion, 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Returned home 23 January 1919, finally reaching Melbourne on 31 March 1919

When Thomas arrived in England he disembarked at Plymouth on 25 September 1916 and joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Training Brigade.

On 19 November he went to France and joined the 23<sup>rd</sup> Battalion on 9 December 1916. On the 12 May 1917 he was wounded in action with a gunshot wound to the right shoulder. He was invalided to England aboard the HS *Warilda* and was discharged from hospital there on 14 July.

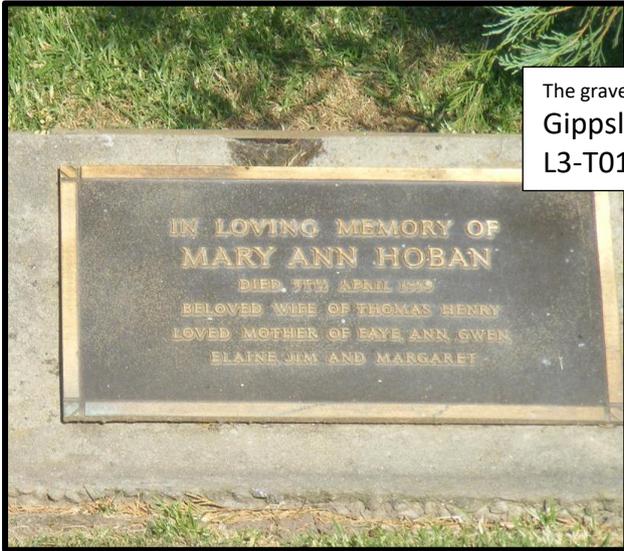
Once again he returned to France on 2 September and rejoined the 23<sup>rd</sup> battalion in the field on 15 September 1917. On 27 July 1918 he was once again wounded by gunshot wound to the left thigh. He was transferred to England to the Weymouth Central Military Hospital.

On 25 January he started his journey home on HMAT *Ceramic* and spent some days in the ship's hospital suffering from influenza. He was off-loaded in Port Said on 7 February and taken to hospital there. His journey home continues on the HT *Lancaster* on 19 February, finally arriving in Melbourne on 31 March 1919.

After he arrived home he was farming in Glengarry and then in Tyers.

He married Mar Ann May in 1936 when he was 41 years old and there are 6 children on his wife's grave plaque.

Thomas is buried in Traralgon in an unknown grave.



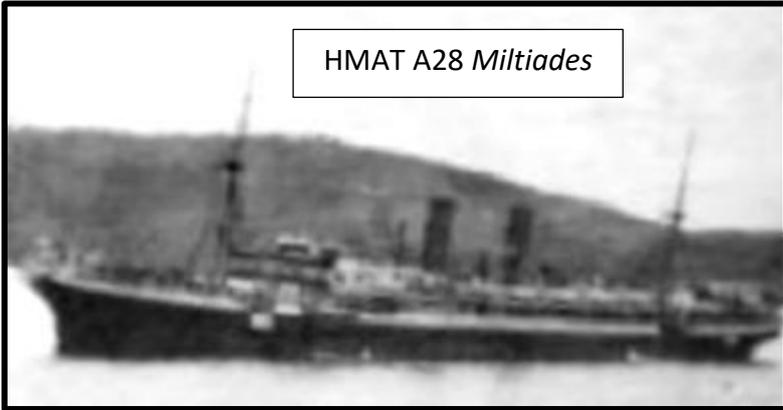
The grave of Thomas's wife  
Gippsland Memorial Park  
L3-T010



British War Medal



Victory Medal



HMAT A28 *Miltiades*



HT *Lancashire*



HMAT A40 *Ceramic*

