

GILBERT JAMES AYTON NEAVE

Gilbert was born in Trafalgar in 1897, the third son of Edward John and Sarah Helen (nee Bland) Neave. Around the time of his birth, the family were living at Moe Swamp as early settlers. In 1905 they began farming firstly at Jindivick and then at Rokeby.

At the time of enlistment, the family were farming at Rokeby with the farm being run by an older brother, Edward as Edward senior was now a pensioner.

Service Number	2232
Enlisted	27 April 1916 at Warragul as a Private aged 18
Embarked	1 August 1916 from Melbourne on the HMAT A67 'Orsova'
Unit on Enlistment	59 th Battalion, 4 th Reinforcement
Returned to Australia	10 June 1919

Gilbert Neave arrived in England in and soon after went from the 15th Training Battalion to hospital in London. He travelled to France in December 1916 and joined the 4th Reinforcements for the 59th Battalion on 22 January 1917. Once again he was hospitalised, this time with laryngitis. After a week he went back to the field. In September, he was sent to the 15th Battalion as camp warden and later served as a runner.

In February he had a couple of weeks furlough in England and returned to France on 22 February 1918 still with the 15th battalion. He was hospitalised in November 1918 with dental caries and when released joined back again this time with the 59th Battalion.

He spent a couple of weeks of leave in Paris at the end of February 1919 and rejoined the 59th again on 1st March 1919. In April, he was informed that he was to return to Australia and left England on the *Port Lyttleton* on 10 June 1919. He disembarked in Melbourne on the 5 August 1919 and was discharged on 19 September 1919.

After serving he joined the family in Rokeby, but soon after he began farming Callignee Along with his brother Edward Blade and Edward's wife Kate. In 1925, Gilbert married Ada Elizabeth Welch (1901 – 1952) and then they began farming at Glengarry.

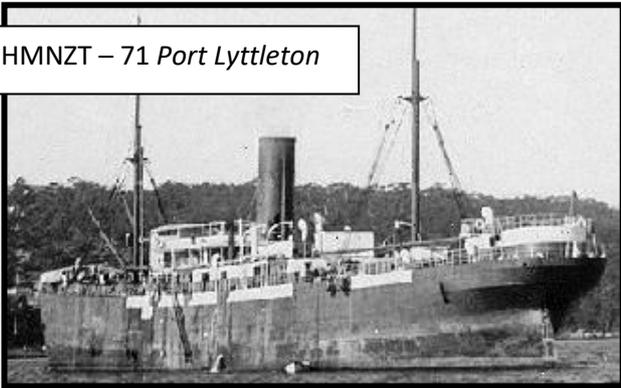
This continued and some time before 1931 as then they moved to farm at Jindivick until at least 1942. In 1949 Census, Gilbert and Ada were listed as living at 19 High Street Traralgon and Gilbert was working as a labourer. After Ada died in 1952, Gilbert continued to live at this address. According to Ada's death notice they were parents to Phyllis (Mrs Francis) and Albert.



Gippsland Memorial Park
NSCE - A



HMAT A67 Orsova



HMNZT - 71 Port Lyttleton



The Victory Medal



The British War Medal

