MATTHEWS, H.

Our research indicates that this soldier was Henry Walter Matthews, born in Carlton in 1898. He was one of at least six children born to Elizabeth Buckland (1864-1929) and Walter George Matthews (1864-1929).

Henry attempted to enlist in 1916, under the name of Harry Matthews. However it would appear that the enlistment did not progress: possibly he did not have parental consent. He successfully reapplied a year later under the name of Henry Matthews and served in France with the 3rd Pioneer Battalion. He was returned to Melbourne in late 1918 and was discharged medically unfit with 'trench fever'.

Henry married Ivy Matilda Felton (1900-1990) in 1919 and they had six children. Sadly the marriage did not last as Henry became a violent alcoholic. Ivy successfully applied for a divorce in 1934. Henry died in Traralgon in 1978.

AIF Project Entry

Henry MATTHEWS

Regimental number	3659
Place of birth	North Melbourne, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Labourer
Address	2 Poole Street, North Melbourne, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	20
Next of kin	Father, Walter George Matthews, 2 Poole Street, North Melbourne, Victoria.
Enlistment date	14 May 1917
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	3rd Pioneer Battalion, Reinforcement 8
AWM Embarkation Roll number	14/15/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A71 *Nestor* on 21 November 1917.
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS *Ormonde* on 2 March 1918.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	3rd Pioneer Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 20 December 1918.

Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Plaque in Victorian Garden of Remembrance
Date of death	7 July 1978

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