

RICKARD, John

John Joseph Rickard, second of the eight children of Richard Rickard and Ellen Purcell, was born in 1895, in Walhalla.

John enlisted in Melbourne in September 1914. His mother Ellen signed her consent for him to enlist on his attestation papers. Before his brother James, who is also listed on the St Jude's Honour Roll, joined the AIF, John had already been wounded at Gallipoli and hospitalised. Wounded a second time in France in August 1916, John again spent months in hospital and was deemed medically unfit to serve.

Returning to Australia on 9 June 1917, he was discharged in August with a small pension for himself and his dependent mother. His father Richard was not living with the family and died in Broken Hill in 1918. Ellen and John were also at Broken Hill before returning to Victoria and living at 187 Amess Street North Carlton by early 1922.

In 1925 John married Kathleen Adeline Thomas and they had a child Kit. John died on 20 August 1926, aged 31.

AIF Project Entry

John Joseph RICKARD

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| Regimental number | 1012 |
| Place of birth | Walhalla Victoria |
| Religion | Church of England |
| Occupation | Labourer |
| Address | 375 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, Victoria. |
| Marital status | Single |
| Age at embarkation | 19 |
| Next of kin | Mother, Mrs R Rickard, 375 Rathdowne Street, Carlton, Victoria. |
| Enlistment date | 8 September 1914 |
| Rank on enlistment | Private |
| Unit name | 8th Battalion, C Company |
| AWM Embarkation Roll number | 23/25/1 |
| Embarkation details | Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A24 <i>Benalla</i> on 19 October 1914. |
| Rank from Nominal Roll | Private |
| Unit from Nominal Roll | 8th Battalion |
| Fate | Returned to Australia 8 April 1917. |
| Miscellaneous information from cemetery records | Plaque in Victorian Garden of Remembrance |
| Date of death | 20 August 1926 |

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**RICKARD.—On the 20th August, at Mont Park
Sanatorium, John Joseph, dearly loved husband of
An Anzac at rest.
Kit, loved daddy of little Kit.**

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