

THWAITES, B. M.

Our research indicates that this soldier was probably Berthold Morrison Thwaites, born in Ballarat in 1891 to Reverend Robert Thwaites and Sarah Grey Hagger. He was the youngest of seven children and was working as a bank clerk in Ballarat before he enlisted in early 1915. His father was a Church of England minister, which may provide some connection to St Jude's.

Berthold enlisted in early 1915. He was sent to Egypt first, fought at Gallipoli and was transferred to France in March 1916. He returned to Melbourne in 1919 and married Myra Gilder (1891-1984) later that year. Berthold died in 1957 in Yea where the couple were farming.

There are no other servicemen with the surname 'Thwaites' and the initials 'B M' in the World War I Service Records.

AIF Project Entry

Berthold Morrison THWAITES

Regimental number	848
Place of birth	Ballarat, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Bank clerk
Address	70 Nommo (Nimmo?) Street, Middle Park, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	24
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs S G Thwaites, 70 Nimmo Street, Middle Park, Victoria.
Enlistment date	25 February 1915.
Rank on enlistment	Corporal
Unit name	23rd Battalion, D Company
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/40/1
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A14 <i>Euripides</i> on 10 May 1915.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	23rd Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 9 March 1919.

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