

## WAKE, J. D.

John Davidson Wake, the youngest of the three children of George Wake and Mary Quick, was born in 1890. His brother George, born in 1885, died the year before John was born; sister Mary was born in 1886. Then in 1897 their father George died while they were living at 25 Little Elgin Street, Carlton.

When John enlisted in 1916, he allocated two-fifths of his pay to the support of his widowed mother. He was killed in action in France on 12 February 1917. When a package of personal items arrived from overseas, Mary found they belonged to another soldier; address labels had been inadvertently swapped. The right package finally arrived in September 1918.

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### *AIF Project Entry*

#### **John Davidson WAKE**

Regimental number	5426
Place of birth	Brunswick, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Bread carter
Address	171 Lee Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	25
Next of kin	Mother, Mrs Mary Wake, 171 Lee Street, North Carlton, Victoria.
Enlistment date	15 March 1916
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	21st Battalion, 14th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/38/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A32 <i>Themistocles</i> on 28 July 1916.
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	21st Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 12 February 1917.
Place of death or wounding	Warlencourt, Somme, France
Age at death	25
Place of burial	Warlencourt British Cemetery (Plot I, Row J, Grave 17), France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	95
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: Mary and George WAKE.
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal.

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