John Thomas Coventry

Service No: 172

Rank: Lance Corporal.

Unit: 3rd Pioneer

John was born in Northcote in 1893, the son of William Henry Coventry and Jane Henrietta Spencer. At the time of his enlistment the family was living at Diamond Creek. He was 22 years and 7 months old and working as a Miner when he enlisted on 21st February 1916.

After training he embarked on HMAT Wandilla A62 on 6th June 1916 and landed in France. He was taken on strength in the 3rd Pioneer and saw active service on the Western Front in France.

He returned to Australia on the Ceramic on the 23rd March 1919. He received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. John named his father next of kin, William Henry Coventry living in Diamond Creek.

John had two brothers also in service, Thomas 3786 and Hugh Coventry 3787.

John is commemorated on the Greensborough Primary School Honor Board

John married Isabella McLennan in about 1927. John sadly passed away in 1950, Isabella in 1954