Vincent Clarence Evans

Service No. 4694

Rank: Private

Unit: 22nd Battalion & 2nd Division Salvage Coy.

Vincent Clarence Evans was born in the Carlton Women’s Hospital in 1896. He grew up in Bundoora. He was the son of William Evans and Mary Maroney. He was working as a carriage builder at the time of his enlistment on 22nd January 1916 and was aged 21 years 6 months. He gave his father William Evans of Bundoora as next of kin.

After training he embarked on HMAT Euripedes A14 on 4th April 1916 and landed in England in June 1916.

Vincent commenced service in France on 5th October 1916 with the 22nd Battalion and on 24th January 1917 was transferred to the 2nd Division Salvage Company.

On 28th March 1917 he was accidently wounded with a gunshot wound to his left hand. As a result of this a Court of Inquiry was conducted on 11th April 1917 to determine the cause of the accident. It was determined that no blame was placed on Vincent and that the explosion that caused the injury occurred in the course of his duty.

On 16th April Vincent was admitted to the London General Hospital.

During his hospital stay his mother passed away on 7th July 1917.

On 25th August 1917 he embarked for Australia on the Hospital Transport Benalla with his papers marked for Home Service. He disembarked on 24th October 1917 and was medically discharged on 28th November 1917.

Vincent Evans received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

He passed away on 15th August 1967 at Fitzroy aged 70.