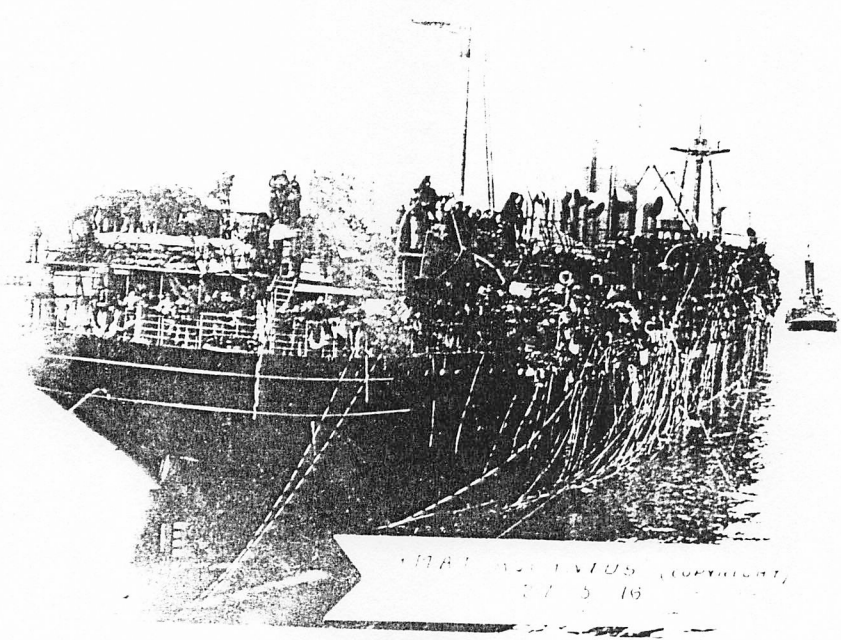


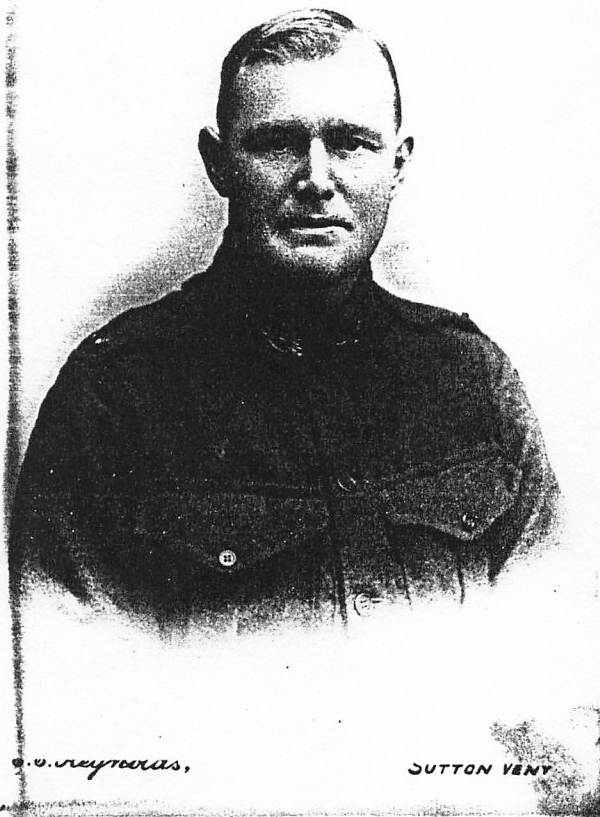
8. Arthur Robert "Artie" (1888 - 6.8.1956)

Uncle Artie never married, although he was once engaged to Linda Herman. He worked as a carpenter, and listed his religion as Presbyterian when he enlisted for the army on 11.3.1916 at age 27 yrs 5 mths. He joined the 39th Battalion and left Australia on the HMAT Ascanius on 27.5.1916



He was serving in Calais, France, when he received his first wound - gun shot wound to left thigh - and was invalided to England in June 1917. In Oct. 1917 he was again wounded while serving at Outreau. After returning to service he received his 3rd wound on 1.9.18 gun shot to right leg and left arm and this injury to his right leg resulted in him being returned to Australia on the "Nestor" on 1.2.1919.

His army record is attached.



To Dear Addie
With love from
Fred & Artie
March 1918

Artie Fred

Uncle Artie died in a house fire at Gibb St., Berwick on 6 Aug 1956 while staying at the home of his brother Hermann and sister-in-law Frieda. Newspaper cuttings attached.



31th 1918

Transferred to

No 4 Section

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

No.

1427

Rank

Pt

Name

WANKER F.R.

Unit

39 BTH

Casualty Wounded

6.9.18 22/6/17

Wounded 2nd Occasion

5-19-17. Wounded from 3rd Air Force (Lt. W. H. Smith) to 3rd Air Force (Lt. W. H. Smith) to 3rd Air Force (Lt. W. H. Smith)

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14 JAN 1919

11.3.19

WAR HISTORY INDEX



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Returned to Australia per M.D. 1-2-19 - 5th Air Force (Lt. W. H. Smith) to 3rd Air Force (Lt. W. H. Smith) to 3rd Air Force (Lt. W. H. Smith)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1427 Name WANKE, Arthur Robert
 Unit 39th A.I.F
 V 27498 Joined on 11. 3. 18

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? 1. Arthur Robert Wanke
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? 2. In the Parish of _____ in or
 near the Town of Narre Warren
 in the County of Vic
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3. Nat. born British Subject
4. What is your Age? 4. 27 yrs 5 mths
5. What is your Trade or Calling? 5. Carpeniter
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6. No
7. Are you married? 7. No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. (Father) Emmanuel Wanke
P.O
NARRE WARREN VIC
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? 10. No
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 11. No
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. No
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
 Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? 14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? 15. Yes

I, Arthur Robert Wanke do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

~~And I further agree to allot not less than $\frac{2}{5}$ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife and children~~ ^{wife*†}~~

Date MAR 11 1916

Arthur Wanke
 Signature of person enlisted.

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* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING OFFICER.

The foregoing questions were read to the person enlisted in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to by him.

~~I have examined his naturalization papers and am of opinion that they are correct.
(This to be struck out except in the case of persons who are naturalized British Subjects.)~~

Date MAR 11 1916

A. E. Ferguson
Signature of Attesting Officer.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY PERSON BEING ENLISTED.*

I, Arthur Robert Wanke swear that I will well and truly serve our Sovereign Lord the King in the Australian Imperial Force from MAR 11 1916 until the end of the War, and a further period of four months thereafter unless sooner lawfully discharged, dismissed, or removed therefrom; and that I will resist His Majesty's enemies and cause His Majesty's peace to be kept and maintained; and that I will in all matters appertaining to my service, faithfully discharge my duty according to law.

So HELP ME, GOD.

Arthur Robert Wanke
Signature of Person Enlisted.

Taken and subscribed at PRAHRAN in
the State of Victoria
this eleventh day of March 1916, before me—

A. E. Ferguson
Signature of Attesting Officer.

*A person enlisting who objects to taking an oath may make an affirmation in accordance with the Third Schedule of the Act, and the above form must be amended accordingly. All amendments must be initialed by the Attesting Officer.

Description of Arthur Robert Wanke on Enlistment.

Age <u>27</u> years <u>5</u> months.	DISTINCTIVE MARKS. <u>Nac</u> <u>1 L</u> <u>Sears</u> <u>1 R chin</u> <u>2 back neck</u> <u>2 L shin</u> <u>2 L knee</u> <u>2 back: ear</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>4</u> inches.	
Weight <u>132</u> lbs.	
Chest Measurement <u>35 3/4</u> inches.	
Complexion <u>Fresh</u>	
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	
Hair <u>Fair</u>	
Religious Denomination <u>Pres. Method</u>	

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

I HAVE examined the above-named person, and find that he does not present any of the following conditions, viz. :—

Scrofula; phthisis; syphilis; impaired constitution; defective intelligence; defects of vision, voice, or hearing; hernia; hæmorrhoids; varicose veins, beyond a limited extent; marked varicocele with unusually pendent testicle; inveterate cutaneous disease; chronic ulcers; traces of corporal punishment, or evidence of having been marked with the letters D. or B.C.; contracted or deformed chest; abnormal curvature of spine; or any other disease or physical defect calculated to unfit him for the duties of a soldier.

He can see the required distance with either eye; his heart and lungs are healthy; he has the free use of his joints and limbs; and he declares he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him fit for active service.

Date MAR 11 1916

Place PRAHRAN

Arthur R. Wanke

Signature of Examining Medical Officer.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER.

I CERTIFY that this Attestation of the above-named person is correct, and that the required forms have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him

to Duty 3rd Battalion

Date MAY 24 1916

Place Bellary

Arthur R. Wanke

Commanding 39 BATT AIF

Enl. No. 100 11/5/16

Embarked from Australia 27.5.16
Ledger Card

(42) 4
Statement of Service of No. 29498 Name Hanke Arthur Robt

Unit in which served.	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Period of service in each rank.		Remarks.
		From	To	
10 Co 39 Batt.		23/3/16	14/4/16	2 to Osborne Housing Colony
NS P. 20	Private	28/4/16	28/4/16	
10 Co 39 Batt.	Private	28/4/16		
	Stoppage of Pay To be debited for loss of 1 Haunter chief while in Ribbank Hoek 4 1/2	10 5/16		PII 4 36 E 1/9/16
	PROCEEDED OVERSEAS, FRANCE. via Southampton	23.11.16		PII 27 2283 E. 29.11.16
	To Hospital (sick). France	21.12.16		PII 1/24 2.1.17
	Rejoined on from Hosp. France	28.12.16		PII 2 139 8.1.17
	To Hoops sick.	8.2.17		2/2 8/746 21.2.17
	Rejoined on from hosp "	31.3.17		2/10 14/1465 18.4.17
	Pte. Wounded in Action Field	7.6.17		2/2 2/24 36/20.6.17
	Pte. Embarked for Aug. on NS. St Felix de Bourville	12.6.17		2/2 24/2551 20/6/17
	Pte. Adm. 3rd Lon. Gen. Hosp. G.S. & L. thigh. England.	12.6.17		PII 36 12460 E 30.5.17 W.D. 433. 4R. 693.
	Pte. PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FRANCE via Overseas Long Bay via Shampton	5.9.17		L.R. 4821 D.O. 1/3311 E 15-9-17
	Pte. Rejoined on from Hoek Hounds, England, via 2nd Lt. P.D.	18.9.17		D.O. 1/4321-3-10-17
	Pte. Wounded in Action 2nd Occasion VL 511 France	12/10/17		D.O. 4/4934-3/10/17
	Pte. Adm. Central 16 Hosp Influenza	25.12.17		4R 1220 D.O. 2/51 E 7/1/18
	Pte. Comd. for Com on 8/12 St Dennis (Influenza & Pneumonia) France	25.12.17		D.O. 2/113. 9-1-18

I have examined the above details, and find them correct in every respect.

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B103 Eng 1-10-18

Statement of Service of No. 122157

Name W. H. R. H.

Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, etc.	Place	Date	Remarks
39th Coy	Pte. Proceeding Overseas ex 7 years 'Tory' Regt. 'Engl. Dev.' unit	FRANCE. Folkestone	8.5.18	L3921. D.O. 37/1141. F 13/5/18
	Pte. Marched into Base Depot from U.K. ex Wounded.	France	6/5/18.	D.O. 21/2080. 22/5/18.
Pte	Pte. Adm. Craykewell R. H. 4 Reg (Severe)	H. Hosp Chichester	5.9.18	H.P. 823. H.R. 158.
	Inval to U.K. Hands	France	4.9.18	No 38/4340. 18.9.18
	Wounded in action 3.8.18	"	31.8.18	38/4353 18.9.18 VL 825
39th	No 37/4237 (1918)			
	Returned to Australia per Motor. G.P.H. 4th Reg	Eng	12.12.18	J.B.R. 603. 3/12/18 LX. 968.

Sheet 2

Army Form B. 103.

Regimental Number 11424

Casualty Form - Active Service

Regiment or Corps 39th Bn

Rank Pte Surname Wankye Christian Name O. N.

Religion Pres Age on Enlistment 27 years 5 months

Enlisted (a) 11.3.16 Terms of Service (a) 11 months Service reckons from (a) 11.3.16

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b) or Corps Trade and Rate

Occupation Signature of Officer

Table with 5 columns: Report (Date, From whom received), Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, Place of Casualty, Date of Casualty, Remarks. Includes entries for embarkation, disembarkation, and transfers between units.

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered. (b) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c. (6225) W. 13863/M1477 2,400.00 1/17 McA & W Ltd Forms B.103/4 (E. 886) [P.T.O.]

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
34 5.9.17	6th Mass Reg (R) Overseas Bade (The Overseas Reg Bgde)	Overseas In the Field	Hampton	5.9.17	LP 48 21 W 4 YE 15/9/17 3311
35 6.9.17	3RD A. D. B. D.	Marched in Ex. England	Rouelles	6.9.17	8.76/17
36 14.9.17	3RD A. D. B. D.	Moved to Unit	do	14.9.17	8.76/17
37 22.9.17	39th Bathn	Rejoined Bathn from Hospital England	Field	18.9.17	8.15/17 50 40/4321 3 11-11
38 13.10.17	102nd AS HQ	Wounded in Action	In the Field	12.10.17	ATT 7377 1/2 511
39 20.10.17	39th Bathn	Wounded in Action (2nd Occ)	In the Field	12.10.17	8.15/17 50.44/4934 31-10-17
40 12.10.17	11th AS Amb	Adm (SM) To CES	do	12.10.17	AK 1764/177
41 13.10.17	44 CES	Adm (SM) To AT 20	do	12.10.17 13.10.17	AK 1764/177
42 13.10.17	2 Gen Serv	Adm (SM) Laurels	Outreau	13.10.17	AK 1764/170
43 29.10.17	do	Trans to 7 Con Depot	do	29.10.17	AK 1883/8
44 29.10.17	7 Con Dep	Adm	Boulogne	29.10.17	AK 1883/12
45 3.11.17	do	Trans to 10 Con Dep	do	3.11.17	AK 1883/29
46 3.11.17	10 Con Dep	Adm	Caull	3.11.17	AK 1883/29
47 3.12.17	25 Gen Hosp	Adm Influxenza	Bardelot	3.12.17	AK 1997/17
48 3.12.17	10 Con Dep	Trans to 25th Gen Hosp	Caull	3.12.17	AK 1997/17
49 25.12.17	25 Gen Hosp	Invalided to England	France	25.12.17	AK 1997/170
50 25.12.17	45th St Denis	Embarked for England (Infl. + Br. Pneumonia)	do	25.12.17	AK 2114/2 2.1.113 9.1 P

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, &c., during active service, as reported on Army Form B.213, Army Form A. 88, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B.213, Army Form A.30, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
69 12.4.18	O. B. of Seas Long B	Pls. Mem from Rpt Com Dep	Longbridge D.	12.4.18	L 63104 Parly State
60 12.4.18	O. B. Rpt. B. Dep.	" Unit to of Seas Long Bole	Hurdcott	12.4.18	L 63101 "
7 5.18	of Seas T. B.	Pls. Proceeding Overseas	FRANCE.	8.5.18	L 3921
		ex Longbridge Devouill via	Folkestone		DD 37/1141 23/5/18
62 8.5.18	Can VRS Dep.	(Pls) M/Pl from England	Chaples	8.5.18	AK 2598/62 DD 21/2080
65 10.5.18	do	" M/Out to Unit	do	10.5.18	(1418) AK 2598/62
64 18.5.18	CO 39 th Bn	" Rejoined Bath from	Field	10.5.18	E 15/77
		Hoep. Sick England			
65 1.9.18	MO. 10 A.S.N.	Pls. Wounded in Action	Field	31.8.18	AT. 25134 VL 825
7 7.9.18	CO 39 Bn	3 rd Occasion			E 15/93 DD 38/4353 (18)
66 31.8.18	9 A.S. Amb	" Adm (S.M) To G.C. Str.	do	31.8.18	AK 3071/76
67 1.9.18	37 CC Str	" Adm (S.M) To A.T. 2	do	31.8.18 1.9.18	AK 3071/70
68 1.9.18	12 Gen Hoep	" Adm (S.M) Leg R. Arm L.	Rouen	1.9.18	DD 31/4237 (18) AK 3071/31
69 4.9.18	do	" Invalided to England	do	4.9.18	AK 3071/49
70 4.9.18	H.S. Gloucester Cas.	" Emb. for England	do	4.9.18	DD 38/4320 (18) L 8004
71 5.9.18	Grazingwell H.Q.	" Adm. B. H. G. leg ser.	Chichester	5.9.18	H.R. 158 H.S. 823
72 2.11.18	do	" Trans to Mil Hoep Chichester	do	30.10.18	H.R. 1481
73 9.11.18	do	" Adm 30.10.18 Furl from			
		9.11.18 to 23.11.18 and To rpt			
		to Rpt Com Dep Hurdcott.		23.11.18	F. 16
74 25.11.18	Rpt. Com Dep	Pls. Mem from R. H. G. Gen.	Sutton Veng		
		ex Furl		23.11.18	LX 6.161

**Man, 68,
dies in
home fire**

SUN
Tues Aug 7,
1956



A 68-YEAR-OLD man was burned to death in a Berwick house early yesterday, but his 72-year-old brother and the brother's wife escaped.

● The brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wankes, are pictured above.

The dead man, Robert Arthur Wankes, a fruit picker, called for help as the house blazed fiercely, but smoke drove his brother back when he tried to save him.

Herman Wankes told the police that he, his wife, Frieda, and his brother retired at about 12.30 a.m., after sitting before a fire for the evening.

Later he was awakened by his wife, who heard "crashing noises" in the next room.

He carried his wife, who is partly crippled, and escaped through a bedroom window..

WEEKLY TIMES
Wed Aug 8 1956

**Saves crippled
wife from fire;
brother dies**

A 72-year-old man, Herman Immanuel Wanke, carried his partly-crippled wife from their burning house at Berwick early on Monday, but could not save his 68-year-old brother, Robert Arthur Wanke.

Herman Wanke told police he and his wife and his brother went to bed at 12.30 a.m. after sitting before the fire in the sitting room.

About 3 a.m. his wife woke him after she heard something falling.

The house was full of smoke, and Herman Wanke, in his night clothes, carried his wife, a heavy woman, from her bed and lifted her through the bedroom window.

His brother had been sleeping in a room on the other side of the passage.

He heard him call "Herman, Herman." He ran to a window, but could not enter because of the thick smoke.

BROTHER DIES IN FIRE

**Man, 72
saves his
cripple wife**

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He heard his brother calling for help, and ran to a window, but could not enter because of the thick smoke.

HERALD
LATE EXTRA
Mon. Aug 6,
1956

The dead man was Robert Arthur Wanke, fruit-picker. He was found dead in a room next to his bedroom.

He had recovered recently from pneumonia.

The seven-roomed weatherboard house in Clyde Road, Berwick, belonging to Herman Immanuel Wanke, 72, retired, was partly destroyed.

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**Elderly man gives his
life to save brother**

Sixty-eight-year-old safe. Arthur Robert Wanke gave his-life in-a house fire at Berwick yesterday to make sure his brother and sister-in-law were

He could easily have walked to safety, his brother said.

As Mr. Herman Wanke and next-door neighbor Mr. W. Brunt bashed in a window in a vain rescue attempt, they heard Arthur Wanke call, "Herman, I can't see, I can't see."

Mr. Wanke and police inspected the gutted weatherboard house yesterday afternoon, but could not find the cause of the fire.

ARGUS Tues Aug 7, 1956