## **BLANCE, James Thomas**

**Reference: Beecroft Public School**

[Born 1892, Sydney district, son of James M. and Alice Blance]

**AIF Project details:**

Regimental Number: 58762

Enlistment Date: 15 May 1918

Date of birth: 18 Jan 1892

Place of Birth: Sydney, NSW

Age: 26 years 4 months

Occupation: Soldier

Address: Dulwich Hill, NSW

Marital Status: Single

Age at embarkation: 26

Height: 5 9 ½”

Weight: 148lbs

Chest Measurement: 32-37”

Complexion: Dark

Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black

Religious Denomination: Presbyterian

Next of Kin: Father, James M. Blance, ‘Clyde’, Lincoln Street, Dulwich Hill, NSW

Previous military service: Served for 5 years in the Citizen Military Forces; 2 years 8 months on the Instructional Staff; discharged to join the AIF.

Rank on enlistment: Sergeant

Unit Name: 10th General Service (NSW) Reinforcements

AWM embarkation Roll number: 23/111/5

Embarkation details: Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A30 *Borda* on 17 Jul 1918

Roll title: 1 to 15 (NSW) Reinforcements (May – Jul 1918)

Rank from Nominal Roll: Sergeant

Unit from Nominal Roll: 34th Battalion

Fate: Returned to Australia 8 Sep 1918

Discharge date: 14 Nov 1918

Family/military connections: Brother: 7209 Pte Edmond William Blance, 5th Machine Gun Bn., returned to Australia, 5 July 1919.

Other details:

Other details: Embarked from Sydney, 17 July 1918; disembarked London, 27 Sep 1918, and marched into 12th Training Bn., Hurdcott. Promoted Sergeant and allocated to Reinforcements of 13th Bn., 27 Sep 1918. Transferred to Reinforcements of 34th Bn., 17 Oct 1918.

Granted leave for Non-Military Employment, 6 Jun – 6 Aug 1919; window blind making with Anderson & Munro, 136 Bothwell Street, Glasgow, Scotland. Report: ‘Sergeant Blance regularly attended his employment and his work and conduct was to our entire satisfaction. He made very good progress considering he had no previous experience when he came here.’

Commenced return to Australia on board HT ‘Raranga’, 8 Sep 1919; disembarked Sydney, 20 Oct 1919; discharged, 14 Nov 1919.

Medal: British War Medal