

John Vincent Almond

"Jack"

Jack (John Vincent.) Almond was born in Brighton, England on 29 July 1896, the second son of Herbert Almond and Elizabeth Murch. He attended Military College but left putting his age up, and joined the 5th Dragoon Guards in 1913. When World War 1 began he was sent to France and served at Ypres, Flanders, Mesens, Passchendaele, the Somme and at the Battle for Menin Gate.

When talking of the war he always said he spent it in the Trenches, cold, wet, hungry and covered in mud. He was wounded in the arm and leg and survived mustard gas.

After the end of the war in 1918, he remained in the service of his country in another capacity until he migrated to Australia. On the journey he met Violet Lillian Spires and they were engaged on their arrival in Sydney. He then worked his passage to America to see if they would have had a better life there.

However, having fallen foul of the 18th amendment to the US Constitution (Prohibition Laws) he returned to Sydney and married Violet. They settled in Coogee where he worked at various jobs until the outbreak of the Second World War. He joined the AIF as an Officer and was stationed at Newcastle and Maitland where he was involved in the training of recruits.

He died in 1992 at the age of 96.



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