

HANTON, John Thomas (THANTON, J W on Honour Roll)

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2218

Unit: 1st Pioneer Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement/5th Pioneer Battalion

Place of Birth: London, England

Date of Birth: 1894 (from General Register Office, London, UK)

Enlisted at: Brisbane, Queensland, on 17 January 1916 aged 21 years 11 months.

Next-of-kin was Mrs Ada Hanton, Glamorgan Street, Pimlico, London, England.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 10 inches and weighed 145 lbs. His chest measurement was 35-39 inches. His occupation was farm labourer. Previous service 53 days Royal Fusileers, Hounslow (medically unfit). Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A46 *Clan MacGillivray* on 3 May 1916. Disembarked Alexandria. To France. Sick to hospital 16 January 1917 Rheumatism. Rejoined unit from hospital 7 March 1917. Admitted hospital rheumatism 24 October 1917. Rejoined unit 4 November 1917. Admitted hospital septic knee 23 December 1918. Rejoined unit 14 January 1919. Returned to Australia 10 April 1919.

On return to Australia John Hanton secured a Soldier Settlement block in the Boyne Valley. QSA Item ID: Item ITM 3479069. Block remained in his ownership until at least April 1961. (From "A Happy Corner: The story of the Ubobo Soldiers' Settlement in the Boyne Valley" by John Shield and Kathleen McLachlan, 2022)

Medals: British War Medal; Victory Medal

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Paulette Flint, 2024