

LUSH, Arthur Egbert (SX16222)



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Name	LUSH, Arthur Egbert Private
Service Number	SX16222 AIF
Date of Birth	6 th November 1914
Died	7 th April , 2002
Place of Birth	Yankalilla SA
Resident	Victor Harbor SA
Cemetery	Keith Cemetery

Arthur Egbert Lush was born at Yankalilla on 6 November 1914. He was the fourth child of John Harry Lush and Carrie Francis Lush (nee Douglas). His father (2636 Sapper J.H. Lush) had served on the Western Front with the 5th Pioneer Battalion during World War One. Arthur was a butcher at Victor Harbor and married to Lydia Grace. He enlisted in the 2nd Australian Imperial Force at Wayville on 10 January 1942. His older brother, Douglas had earlier enlisted in the Royal Australian Air Force on 11 June 1940, serving as ground crew (26746 Corporal D.H. Lush).

After basic training Arthur was posted to the 23rd Brigade Company, Australian Army Service Corps, in the Darwin area of Northern Territory. This Corps was responsible for the movement and distribution of military supplies and transport of materiel and troops. With it being harvest time, Arthur was almost immediately granted 21 days leave without pay (LWOP). This type of leave was common after enlistment, as there was a need to help meet the severe shortage of labour in the rural sector due to so many country men being in the Armed Forces. The manpower shortage was alleviated by the practice of granting seasonal leave without pay, where members could be spared for peak rural work. It was the first of many such leave periods he would be granted. He reached the Northern Territory on 11 March 1942, after only receiving a few days military training, and was transferred to the 3rd Brigade Company AASC.

On 8 August 1942, Arthur returned to South Australia initially for 104 days LWOP which was extended by a further 57 days of Seasonal Leave to 18 January 1943. This delayed Arthurs return to the Northern Territory until 1 February 1943. In April, Arthur was transferred to the AASC in New South Wales. After completing a three-week Cooking and Catering course in June. He was transferred to the Australian Army Catering Corps as a Specialist Group II Cook, but still was required to complete work experience.

On 20 September 1943, Arthur was admitted to the 18th Army Camp Hospital at Narellan in NSW. This was followed by seven days compassionate leave, which saw him return home until 25

October 1943. In late December 1943, he was admitted to the 115th Army General Hospital at hospital at Heidelberg Victoria, suffering from dermatitis. He was then transferred to the 108th Army General Hospital in Ballarat, and then to Northfield Hospital, Adelaide. Arthur underwent medical assessment and was subsequently medically downgraded on 24 January 1944 as being unfit for service in a tropical area.

Arthur would remain in South Australia for the remainder of his military service. Apart from several short visits to hospital he was granted a further 99 days seasonal leave without pay. He was awarded an early discharge from service prior to the end of the war under provision that allowed servicemen and women to return to the agricultural industry. His discharge took effect on 12 July 1945.

Arthur is commemorated on the Waitpinga Pictorial Honour Roll Board. Unfortunately, we know little about Arthur's life post-war.

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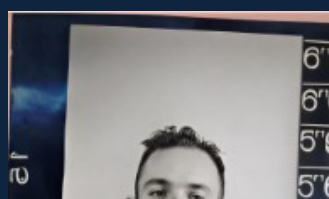
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Appendix



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SERVICE AND CASUALTY FORM

Army Form B.102-1 (Adapted)
(Revised February 1941)
Army No. SX 16222

Rank	Private <i>5th rank</i>	Christian Names	ARTHUR EGBERT	Unit	<i>2nd Coy 88th</i>	Surname	LUSH
Date of Enlistment	10th January, 42	Marital Condition	Married				
Place	RAYVILLE, S.A.	Next of Kin	Lydia Grace LUSH,				
Date of Birth	6/11/14	Address of Next of Kin	VICTOR HARBOUR, S.A.				
Place of Birth	YANKALILLA, S.A.	Relationship	Wife				
Trade or Occupation	Butcher						
Religion	Methodist						