

Hubert was born at Blackpool, UK on 4th October 1894, the son of Henry Heath and his wife Amy Hannah, nee Morris. On 11th August 1914 he joined A Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a plasterer by trade and single, giving no next of kin. He stated that he had served 2 years in the Royal Navy. On 7th November he was given 28 days field punishment by a court martial in Rabaul, although there is no record of the actual crime for which he was being punished.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

On 8th June 1915 he joined the AIF as part of the 6yh Reinforcements, 1st Battalion, regimental number 151. He left Sydney on 8th June 1915 aboard the KAROOLA and was taken on strength by the 1st Battalion, on Gallipoli on 6th August. About this time, he was assigned a new regimental number of 2224 and became batman to General Walker. On 10th September he was admitted to hospital and evacuated to Mudros from where he was further evacuated to the UK aboard the AQUATAINIA. He was suffering from enteric fever (typhoid). In the UK he was initially admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley.



Postcard sent in 1917.

He spent the rest of the war in various training battalions in the UK and in 1917 was diagnosed with Debility and defective vision. On 16th July 1917 he married Evelina Florence Townsend and on 18th April was discharged in the UK on "Taking up employment as an Australian Munitions worker, being medically unfit."

On returning home he moved to Christchurch, New Zealand. His son, Mervyn Hugh Heath served in the 4th Field Regiment, NZ Artillery and was killed in Bulgaria on 28th April 1941.



In retirement in NZ.

For some reason Hubert changed his name to Arthur Lionel Heath and died in NZ on 22 September 1986 and is buried at Papakura Cemetery.