

Samuel enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914, stating that he was born in Marong, Victoria. He was 32 years old and a miner. He gave his father, John Hawkes of Majorca Rd, Maryborough as his next of kin. He also noted that he had previous military service with Cape Mounted Police, South Africa.

Samuel served in D Company of the AN&MEF from 11<sup>th</sup> August 1914 until he was discharged, time expired, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1915 after 206 days service. During his time in Rabaul he received two periods of field punishment of 1 month and 28 days respectively and was awarded the Medaille d'Honneur from the President of France.

On 4<sup>th</sup> April 1915, following his return from Rabaul, Samuel enlisted into the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion, AIF and given the Regimental Number 66. He joined the Expeditionary Force on Gallipoli on 16<sup>th</sup> August and was wounded with a gunshot wound to the arm some 9 days later. He was repatriated to England where he stayed until March 1916 when he re-joined the Battalion in France.

In March 1916 the 18<sup>th</sup> Battalion was at Bois-Grenier, close to Armentieres. On the 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> they were under severe shelling from the enemy. Samuel was taken to hospital on 28<sup>th</sup> suffering from Deafness – Otitis Media, clearly resulting from the heavy artillery explosions he was exposed to.

He was evacuated to Calais and then to England where, on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1915 he boarded the MARATHON for repatriation to Australia. He was subsequently discharged as medically unfit – shell shock.

After discharge, he went back to New Guinea. On 13<sup>th</sup> June 1932 he wrote "I would be much obliged if you could oblige me with a record of my discharge as in 1923 off the New Ireland coast I had the bad luck to loose the M.S. Buka and all the papers and as I was soon returning to the Islands.....". He followed the letter up with a Statutory Declaration, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1932, stating "In July 1923 I was shipwrecked when the "BUKA" went down off Numa-Numa Pacific Islands."