

Jack was born on 29th April 1886, the son of Arthur Heeps and his wife Margaret, nee Thompson. Jack moved to Western Australia at some point and was in the 5th Battalion WA Infantry (CMF) between 1901 and 1902. In 1907 he married Sarah Jane Brooks at East Murchison, WA. He moved to Broken Hill some time after that where his daughter Hilda Sarah was born in 1909. In that year a warrant is issued for his arrest for deserting his wife. It is thought that he went back to Victoria as there is a record of him travelling on the SUFFOLK, from Melbourne to Sydney in 1911.

When he joined D Company, AN&MEF on 11th August 1914, he was with his wife again at Newcastle St, Stockton. He listed his trade as Blacksmith. On 14th Nov he faced a Court Martial and was found Not Guilty of an unknown charge. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4th March 1915 having completed 206 days service.

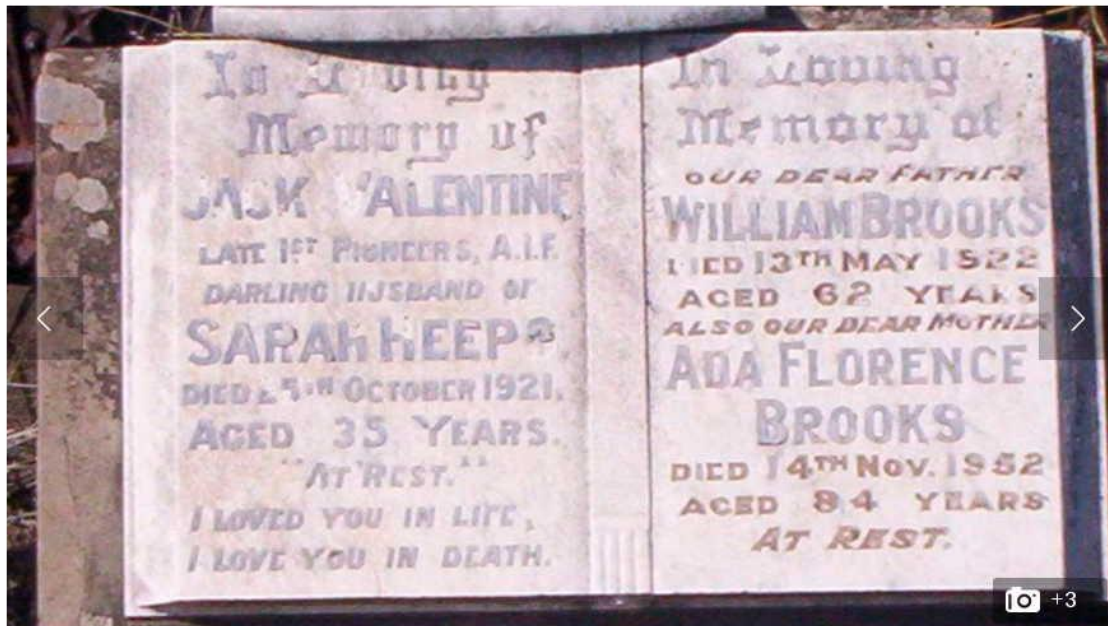
On 16th August 1916 he enlisted in the 1st Pioneer Reinforcements, regimental number 3125 and was appointed an Acting Sergeant on 17th October.



On the same day he left Sydney on the BORDA, disembarking at Plymouth on 9th Jan 1917. He reverted to private on joining a training battalion, before proceeding to France where he joined his battalion on 13th May 1917.

On 12th September 1918 he was wounded in the arm and thigh at Hamel and was evacuated to the UK on 16th September. After discharge from hospital, he boarded the NESTPR on 12th December, arriving back in Sydney on 1st Feb 1919. He was discharged, medically unfit, on 16th May 1919.

Jack contracted pneumonia and died on 25th October 1921 and is buried at Sandgate Cemetery, Newcastle.



Jack Valentine Heeps' gravestone.