

John was born at Newtown, NSW in 1889, the son of Frederick William Forster and his wife Elizabeth Jane, nee Hood. He enlisted in the Army Medical Corps, AN&MEF stating that he was a farmer and single, giving his mother at 85 Wilson St, Newtown as his next of kin. He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1915, having completed 205 days service.

On 26<sup>th</sup> June 1915 he joined the No. 1 Hospital Ship, regimental number 4964. He sailed for the Middle East on 14<sup>th</sup> July aboard the ORSOVA. He was evacuated from Gallipoli with Malaria and left Suez on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1915 on the KAROOLA, arriving home on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1915. He was transferred to the Hospital Transport Section and appointed Lance Sergeant. He was discharged as medically unfit on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1916.

In 1919 he married Zelma Eileen Menzies in Mudgee. They were divorced in 1940.

John died on 13<sup>th</sup> December 1961.