Isaac Broad REMICK

Private 2615, 12th Battalion, Australian Infantry

Died April 23rd 1918, aged 41

Commemorated on Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France.

Isaac, known as Ike, was the eldest son of Isaac Broad Remick (senior) and Ann Amelia, nee Bate, born in 1876. In 1909, Ike emigrated to Australia on the RMS Paparoa, where the passenger list gives his occupation as mariner. He left Plymouth on January 23rd and arrived in Hobart, Tasmania on March 9th.

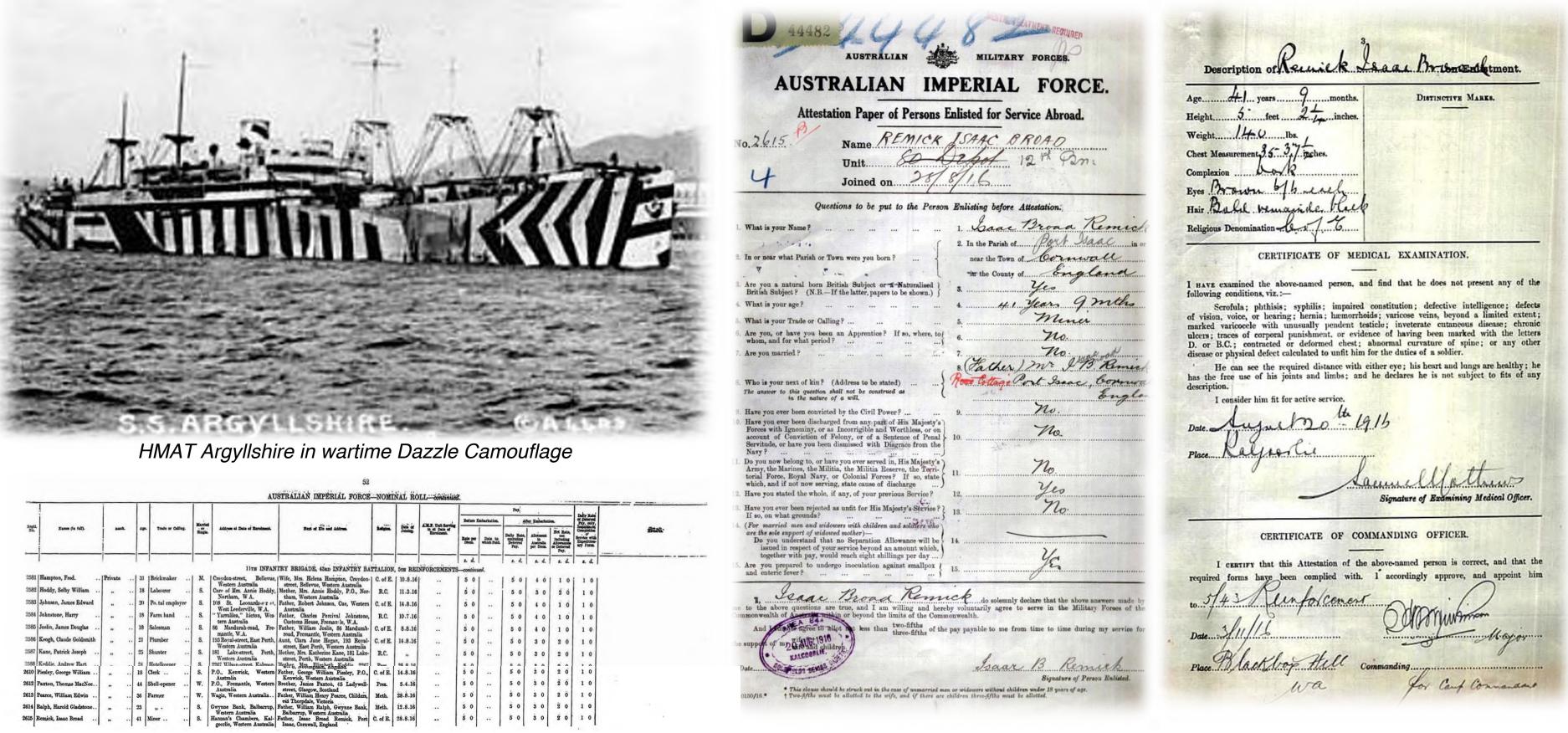
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Isaac Broad Remick on the Paparoa passenger list

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Ike eventually found himself at Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, where he enlisted on August 28th 1916. He gave his trade as a miner. Kalgoorlie is famed for its gold

mines, gold having been discovered here in 1893 by Paddy Hannan. Perhaps lke went to seek his fortune, or simply needed a job. With his Cornish roots, he would no doubt have little problem getting a job as a miner.



Isaac Broad Remick on the Embarkation Roll of 43rd Infantry Battalion

Ike's Attestation form on Enlistment

He embarked from Fremantle on November 9th 1916 on HMAT A8 Argyllshire, bound for England, arriving at Devonport January 10th 1917 for training. His pay was five shillings (25p) a day.

Having finished training, he left Southampton for France on May 21st 1917 as one of 139 reinforcement for 12th Battalion arriving at their location at Ribemont, south east of St Quentin on June 15th. In September 1917, 12th Battallion was part of operations near Polygon Wood two miles east of Ypres in Belgium. In the early hours of September 20th the men were lining up at the start point, which was a slight rise. Their movement on the skyline was spotted by the Germans, who sent up flares and proceeded to bomb the rear of the front line causing great confusion as the men surged forward to avoid the worst of the barrage. Ike must have been near the front as he survived the bombing, only to receive gunshot wounds to the back and neck. He was evacuated back to England on September 24th to the Military Hospital at Edmonton in north London, before being transferred to Dartford hospital then to a depot at Weymouth, before being classified fit on December 16th. He proceeded to France on January 10th 1917, arriving back at 12th Battalion on January 19th 1918.

In April 1918 the 12th Battalion was serving in the northern France front line around Strazeele near the town of Hazebrouck. On April 22nd the 12th Battalion was ordered to take the adjacent village of Meteren, an action which carried on into the next day. It was in this action around Meteren that lke was killed, but he has no known grave.

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Captain Holyman's Report on Operation April 22nd-23rd 1918 around Meteren, reporting two killed and four wounded (Captain Ivan Nello Holyman survived the war. He was thrice wounded during his service, and won the Military Cross in September 1918.)

Ike had five elder sisters, three of whom died before he was born. A memorial stone to all three can be found in St Endellion Churchyard.



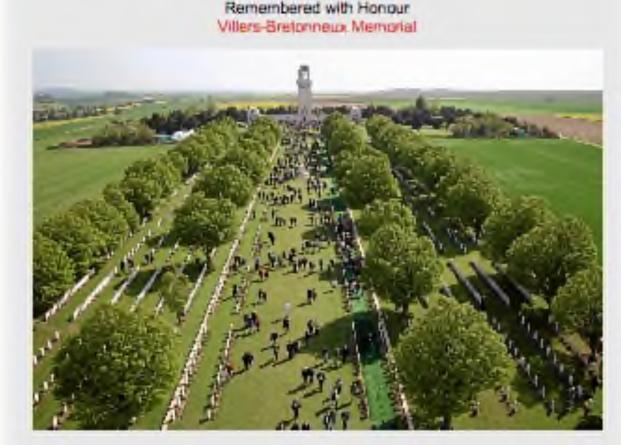
2615. 12th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 23 April 1918 Age 41

Isaac Broad Remick has his memorial at the Australian National War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux, which contains the names of 10,885 Australians who were killed in France but have no known grave. This memorial was the last of the great memorials to the missing of World War I to be built, and the Second World War broke out just over a year after its unveiling by King George VI.

In order that further details of all casualties could be recorded for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum, relatives were asked to complete a simple form giving the information. His sister Louisa completed this for lke and returned it to the Australian Graves service in London, which is reproduced below.

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Son of Isaac Remick, of Rose Cottage, Port Isaac, Cornwall, England





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Isaac Broad Remick on the Australian National War Memorial at Villers-Bretonneux

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Family Information: Courtesy of Janet Townsend, Jonathan Richards and Elizabeth Broughton, relatives of Jonathan Remick