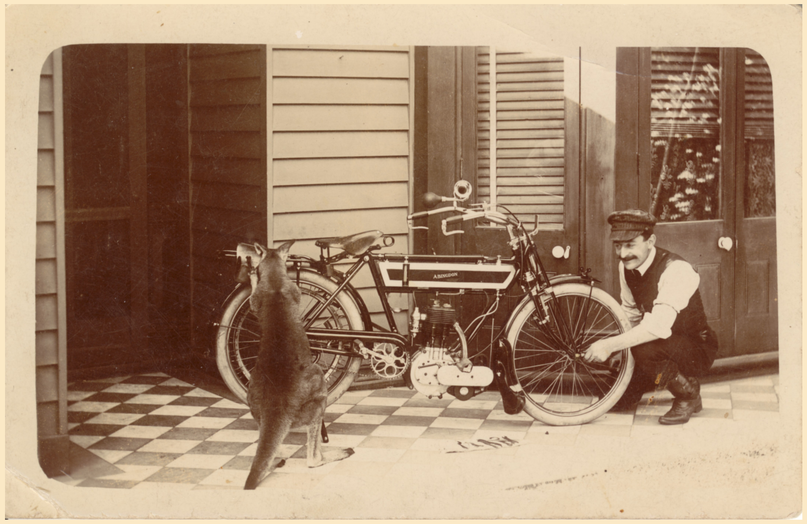
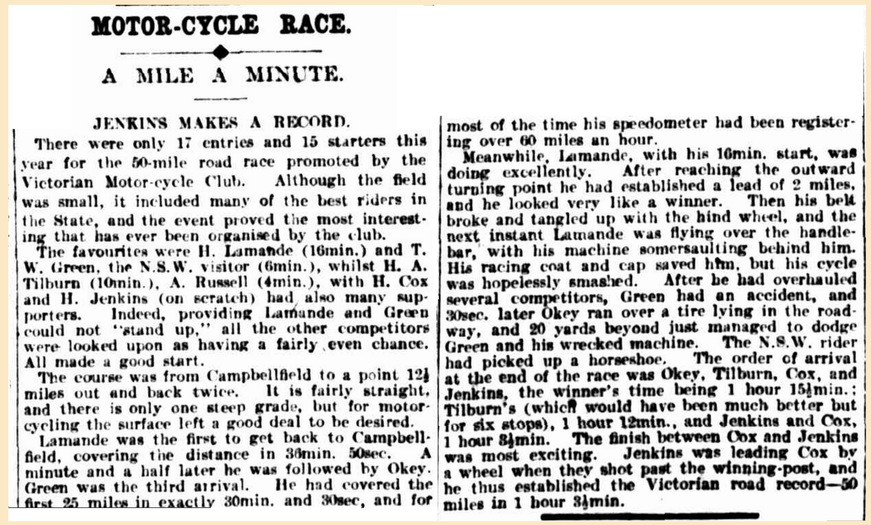
SAPPER HENRI JOSEPH LAMANDE



Lamande tends his motor-cycle at home at 115 Hotham Street, c.1910. EMHS



Amorique, 115 Hotham Street, c.1973. EML



MOTOR-CYCLE RACE.

A MILE A MINUTE.

JENKINS MAKES A RECORD.

There were only 17 entries and 15 starters this year for the 50-mile road race promoted by the Victorian Motor-cycle Club. Although the field was small, it included many of the best riders in the State, and the event proved the most interesting that has ever been organised by the club.

The favourites were H. Lamande (16min.) and T. W. Green, the N.S.W. visitor (6min.), whilst H. A. Tilburn (10min.), A. Russell (4min.), with H. Cox and H. Jenkins (on scratch) had also many supporters. Indeed, providing Lamande and Green could not "stand up," all the other competitors were looked upon as having a fairly even chance. All made a good start.

The course was from Campbellfield to a point 12½ miles out and back twice. It is fairly straight, and there is only one steep grade, but for motor-cycling the surface left a good deal to be desired.

Lamande was the first to get back to Campbellfield, covering the distance in 36min. 50sec. A minute and a half later he was followed by Okey. Green was the third arrival. He had covered the first 25 miles in exactly 30min. and 30sec, and for most of the time his speedometer had been registering over 60 miles an hour.

Meanwhile, Lamande, with his 16min. start, was doing excellently. After reaching the outward turning point he had established a lead of 2 miles, and he looked very like a winner. Then his belt broke and tangled up with the hind wheel, and the next instant Lamande was flying over the handle-bar, with his machine somersaulting behind him. His racing coat and cap saved him, but his cycle was hopelessly smashed. After he had overhauled several competitors, Green had an accident, and 30sec. later Okey ran over a tire lying in the roadway, and 20 yards beyond just managed to dodge Green and his wrecked machine. The N.S.W. rider had picked up a horseshoe. The order of arrival at the end of the race was Okey, Tilburn, Cox, and Jenkins, the winner's time being 1 hour 15½min.; Tilburn's (which would have been much better but for six stops), 1 hour 12min., and Jenkins and Cox, 1 hour 8½min. The finish between Cox and Jenkins was most exciting. Jenkins was leading Cox by a wheel when they shot past the winning-post, and he thus established the Victorian road record—50 miles in 1 hour 8½min.

Report of motor-cycle road race in which Lamande competed. *The Argus*, 24 Oct 1910

Born 1884 at Majorca near Maryborough, Victoria

Lived with his father and stepsister at 'Amorique', 115 Hotham Street, East Melbourne between 1905 and 1915

Established a business importing and selling motor cycles, and raced motor cycles in track and road competitions

Enlisted on 15 November 1915, soon after his brother Leopold, and trained at the Broadmeadows camp



Henri Lamande, May 1916. AWM DACS0133

Embarked for overseas on 19 July 1916 aboard HMAT *Armadale* with the 2nd Division Signal Company (14th Reinforcements)

After further training in England proceeded to France on 3 May 1917

Served at Ypres and Amiens in 1917 and 1918

Laid and repaired telephone cables with his unit, which operated out of Nissan huts and used dogs and carrier pigeons to relay messages between the trenches

Returned to Australia on 2 February 1919 and was discharged on 9 October 1919

Resumed motor cycle trading in Melbourne but unable to make the business profitable

Moved to Sydney where he married Isabel Henderson in 1929

Operated a motor garage at Tumut briefly but forced to retire and return to Melbourne because of deteriorating health

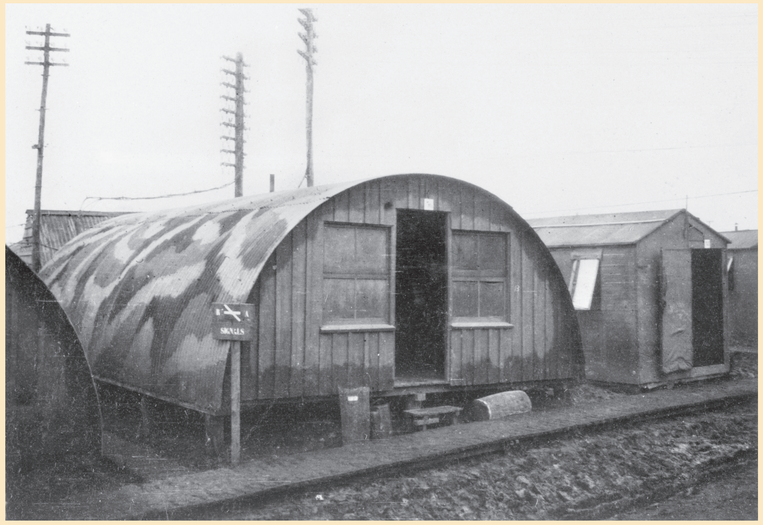
Died on 22 November 1948 at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.



Members of 2nd Divisional Signals Company repair telephone lines, Glisy, France, 1918. AWM P01835.074



Members of 2nd Divisional Signals Company holding carrier pigeons, St Gratien, France, 1918. AWM P01835.072



Nissen hut housing the Signal Office of the 2nd Divisional Signals Company, Ravelsberg, France, 1918. AWM P01836.013