

FARR, David Lewis



Photograph from Cathy Barnes/Karen Bridge (relatives)

Rank: Private

Service Number: QX 7243

Unit: 24/9th Australian Infantry Battalion

Place of Birth: Maryborough, Queensland

Date of Birth: 15 November 1886

Enlisted at Rockhampton 12 October 1916 age 30 years 11 months. Next-of-kin was his sister Mrs Violet Jane Mohr, c/- Mrs McNamara, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 10 inches and weighed 11 stone 7 lbs. His chest measurement was 37 inches. His occupation was plumber. After serving in France and Belgium, he suffered chronic otitis media and returned to Australia on 21 April 1918 and discharged from service medically unfit.

David Lewis FARR death, By Paulette Flint (2024):

Death from poisoning: January 1924. (From the Maryborough Chronicle)

In our telegraphic news recently, appeared the announcement of the accidental death of Mr DL Farr, a member of a former well-known Maryborough family. The Gladstone Observer of January 23, 1924, gives the following particulars: "There were many expressions of regret when the sad news became

known of the death of Mr David L Farr, under accidental and tragic circumstances. (Death occurred on 18 January 1924).

Deceased, who resided in Mount Larcom, was working on the roof of a new building six miles from that centre, (Author's note: the building was at "Euroa") when he asked for a drink. His assistant acceded to his request and handed him a pannikin of water obtained from a kerosene tin. After a few mouthfuls, deceased noticed a peculiar taste, and on the contents of the pannikin being examined, it was found to contain white ant poison.

Emetics were at one administered and no ill-effects from the poison were felt. However, after some hours, the patient became ill, and was removed to Rockhampton, but despite all that medical skill could do, death supervened shortly before noon on Friday.

The late Mr Farr, who was only 36 years of age, was a native of Maryborough and came to Gladstone about 15 years ago, entering the employ of Mr F Baker as a plumber. Subsequently he went to Mount Larcom, where he followed his trade. For a time, deceased was licensee of the Sun Hotel, Calliope, and while in that centre, he carried out the duties of secretary to the Calliope Jockey Club. Returning to Mount Larcom he again took up his duties as a plumber and was for a time employed by the Works Department.

A man of fine physique, he was a keen follower of sport and in his younger days excelled as a footballer, both in Maryborough and Gladstone. He was also an ardent supporter of horse-racing, and his was a familiar figure on the course, both as a lessee and committeeman. The deepest sympathy will be extended to his widow, (Author's note: Therese Mary nee Crosisca), and two little daughters, who remain to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Saturday to the Mount Larcom cemetery, the Rev W Hoog officiating at the graveside.

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Paulette Flint, 2024

