FRIEND, Herbert James





Herbert James Friend, taken from marriage photo of Percy Alfred Friend and Dorothy Webb

Rank: Corporal

Service Number: 4304/4304A

Unit: 47th Battalion

Place of Birth: Gladstone Queensland

Date of Birth: 6 March 1882

Enlisted at Rockhampton, 13 March 1916 age 34 years 0 months. Next-of-kin was his father, James Friend, Gladstone, Qld. On enlistment he was 6 feet 0 inches and weighed 10 stone 7 lbs. His chest measurement was 36.5-38.5 inches. His occupation was grazier. Friend proceeded overseas. Served in France.

Was wounded in action by machine gun bullet and taken prisoner of war "by Germans opposite Douonancourt on the night of Albert on the Somme" in France from 5 April 1918 to 13 November 1918. Repatriated to England on 23 November 1918. Returned to Australia and discharged on 15 May 1919.

Service Record: View digital copy (naa.gov.au)

Red Cross Missing and Wounded File: 5650210.PDF

Paulette Flint, 2023