

## **GARDNER, Francis James (Francis John on Honour Roll)**



Francis James Gardner on his marriage to Alice Mary Rideout on 10 April 1923.  
From Gardner family, via Trevor Gardner (grandson).

Rank: Private

Service Number: 5174

Unit: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement/49<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Place of Birth: Calliope, near Gladstone, Queensland.

Date of Birth: 26 January 1884

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld, on 15 September 1915 aged 31 years 7 months

Next-of-kin was father, John Gardner, Calliope, via Gladstone, Qld. Mother, Ann (nee Weston).

On enlistment he was 6 ft 0.5 inches and weighed 11 stone 4 lbs. His chest measurement was 35-37 inches. His occupation was labourer. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A16 *Star of Victoria* on 31 March 1916. Disembarked Port Said. Then to Marseilles. Served in France. Wounded in action GSW right elbow and fractured humerus. Bullet passed through right elbow joint. Lower end of humerus and upper ends of ulna and radius joint totally destroyed. 6 September 1916. Admitted Ontario Military Hospital, Orpington, England. Found to be totally incapacitated. He refused

surgical treatment in England. Returned to Australia *Kanowna* 8 March 1917. Discharged 11 April 1917. His arm was subsequently amputated. He married Alice Mary Rideout on 10 April 1923. Died 20 May 1942.

Service record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](#)

*Paulette Flint, 2024*