GRAHAM, Archibald George

Rank: Sergeant

Service Number: 868

Unit: 5th Light Horse Regiment, 4th Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Gladstone, Queensland

Date of Birth: 5 May 1895 Parents: George Graham/Mary Ann Fry

Enlisted on 24 December 1914 in Gladstone Queensland, at age 19 years 4

months.

Next-of-kin was his father, George Graham.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 6 inches and weighed 120 lbs. His chest measurement was 33-35 inches. His occupation was carter. He had previously served in the Colonial Forces. He served in Gallipoli and Egypt. He suffered from illness – diarrhoea, mumps and ear trouble. Discharged and returned to Australia due to deafness. Returned to Australia 21 May 1916.

Gladstone Observer: 26 July 1916:

Sergeant Archibald Graham, who recently returned convalescent from England after having been wounded at Gallipoli, was entertained on Monday night at a welcome social in the Theatre Royal. A committee, consisting of Mesdames J Fry, A Fry, GH Fry, Miss D Roberts, and Mrs J Smith, were responsible for the decorations and other arrangements. The deputy Mayor, Ald JTW Brown, in the unavoidable absence of the mayor, Ald WJ Prizeman, extended a hearty welcome to Sergeant Graham, and Mr G Carter, MLA, made a presentation of the proceeds of the social (fifteen pounds) to the quest. Mr RG Joyner replied on behalf of Sergeant Graham.

Medals: 1914/15 Star; British War Medal; Victory Medal.

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

Paulette Flint, 2023