

LONE, Ernest



Ernest Lone. Photograph from Valerie Kearney, Gladstone

Rank: Private

Service Number: 5418

Unit: 9th Battalion

Place of Birth: Gympie, Qld

Date of Birth: c. 1891

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Qld, on 8 Dec 1915 aged 24 years 4 months. Next-of-kin father Andrew Lone.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 5.5 inches, and weighed 9 stone 10 lbs. His chest measurement was 34.5 inches. His occupation was fisherman. Served in France. Accidentally wounded in the field 10 October 1916. (During bomb throwing practice, he was hit in the head with a bomb.) Rejoined battalion on 7 November 1916. Transferred to 1st Aust Division Salvage Company 8 January 1917. Admitted to hospital in England with Seborrhoea and Impetigo. Returned overseas to France. Returned to Australia 20 May 1919. Died on Saturday 6 December 1919 at Parsons Point (Gladstone Meatworks), when he apparently stepped into the hold of the steamer 'Port Nicholson' when loading meat and fell 30 feet.

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Paulette Flint, 2024