MATTHEWS, Alan James



A.J. Matthews, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1915. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2185

Unit: 9th Battalion, 25th Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Brisbane, Qld

Date of Birth: 15 February 1896

Enlisted at Brisbane, firstly on 22 February 1915, aged 19 years, and secondly on 1 December 1916 aged 20 years 9 months. Next-of-kin was father, James Matthews, and mother, Agnes Matthews, Weitalaba, Many Peaks line, Qld. Personal measurements not supplied. His occupation was sawyer. Previous service 28 months AIF school. Served firstly Gallipoli and contracted dysentery and typhoid. Returned to Australia 20 Jan 1916. Then enlisted again and served France, wounded in action France 22 September 1918 GSW right leg. Invalided to UK. Confusing reports of illness due to Army confusing him with different soldier, Matthews. Returned to Australia 25 January 1919. Discharged 18 May 1919.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024