

## PEARCE, William Wilson

Rank: Private/Driver

Service Number: 377

Unit: 1<sup>st</sup> Machine Gun Battalion/7<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company

Place of Birth: Bundaberg, Queensland

Date of Birth: c 1894. (Died 20 March 1950 Parents: Isabella Lilwell/Harry Pearce)

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Queensland, on 15 April 1916, aged 21 years 6 months.

Next-of-kin was grandmother, Mrs Isabella Pearce, Diamantina Hospital (Author Note: now Princess Alexandra Hospital), South Brisbane, Queensland.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 6.5 inches and weighed 10 stone. His chest measurement was 35 inches. His occupation was stockman, Rodd's Bay, via Gladstone, Qld. Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on board HMAT A73 *Commonwealth* on 19 September 1916. Proceeded to France from Plymouth 17 March 1917. Wounded in action France 22 August 1918. Embarked for England 25 August 1918. Admitted East Sussex Hospital multiple GSWs. SW scalp and left leg. Influenza and pneumonia 1 December 1918 dangerously ill. Returned to Australia 31 March 1919. Discharged 4 October 1919.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

*Paulette Flint, 2024*