

ROBERTS, William John Henry

Rank: Private/Driver

Service Number: 1572

Unit: 11th Light Horse Regiment; 11th Field Artillery Brigade.

Place of Birth: Gladstone, Qld

Date of Birth: 23 October 1895

Enlisted at Gladstone, on 2 August 1915, aged 19 years 9 months.

Next-of-kin was mother, Mrs Ellen Anne Thompson Smith (O'Sing), Central Lane, Gladstone, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 3.75 inches and weighed 9 stone 0 lbs. His chest measurement was 35-37 inches. His occupation was cab driver. Served in 3rd Infantry D Company militia prior to enlistment. Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A23 *Suffolk* on 30 November 1915. Disembarked Alexandria. Then to Marseilles. Wounded in action 29 September 1917. Transferred to England GSW right leg. (Mother read a notice in newspaper that he died of illness, but this was incorrect.) Returned to Australia 13 April 1919. Discharged 5 August 1919. Died 2 October 1951 aged 56 years.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024