

## SINCLAIR, William Henry



W.H. Sinclair, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1917. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2636

Unit: 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Raglan, Queensland

Date of Birth: c. 1880 (Qld Birth Registration not found)

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Queensland, on 2 October 1916, aged 35 years 11 months.

Next-of-kin was wife, Annie Elizabeth Sinclair, Imperial Hotel, Rockhampton, Qld. (\* See NOTE, below)

On enlistment he was 5ft 6 inches and weighed 10 stone 4 lbs. His chest measurement was 37.5 inches. His occupation was miner. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A55 *Kyarra* on 17 November 1916. Disembarked Plymouth England. Proceeded overseas to France 25 June 1917.

Killed in action in the field, France, 5 April 1918. Buried at Heilly Station Cemetery, Mericourt-L'Abbe, Picardie, France, Plot II, Row 1, Grave No. 13)

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

\* NOTE: James Sinclair, Snr, wrote to the Australian Government regarding William Henry SINCLAIR, No. 2636, 42nd Battalion claiming to be the father of this soldier. William had given his next of kin as

his wife, Annie Elizabeth Sinclair, but he was never married, and she was in fact known in Rockhampton as Mrs J. Walker with her husband still living. There was a notice in the Brisbane Courier Mail looking for next of kin, and it was because of that notice that James Sinclair wrote that letter.

Rockhampton Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1919

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Dear Sir

yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. to hand  
regarding my Boys money & Belongings  
you say the Just. D. Kin is  
Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Sinclair this is  
not right as he was never married &  
this supposed Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Sinclair  
is well known as Mrs. J. Walker & her  
Husband is alive & living here about  
this trouble & once went thru with  
the J. D. Office of Brisbane & furnished  
a claim for this pay before a J. P.  
of this district, & wrote a letter to  
Mr. George Carter M. L. A. explaining  
this case to him

So kindly let me know if this supposed  
wife of my Boys is claiming or  
signing her signature for any of his  
Belongings & if so I will at once  
put the matter in the hands of a  
W. D. as the J. P. here advised me  
to do. So

Private W. H. Sinclair c/o 2636. was never  
married

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All I wish me should settle the debt  
 yours faithfully James Sinclair partner of Sinclair  
 Rockhampton

Paulette Flint, 2024