

SPANNER, Henry (Harry) Palmerston (Also known as Kenneth)

Rank: Corporal/Warrant Officer

Service Number: 45

Unit: 3rd Battalion, Naval and Military Forces – Special Tropical Corps (Nov 1914) About these forces: [AN&MEF - Kokoda Historical \(en-AU\)](#)

Place of Birth: Brighton, England

Date of Birth: March quarter, 1865. Parents: George SPANNER and Fanny CAIN.

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Qld on 7 April 1914 aged 49 years 6 months.

Next-of-kin was wife, Ruth Spanner, Benaraby, Gladstone, Queensland

On enlistment he was 5ft 6 inches and weighed 11 stone 8 lbs. His chest measurement was 37.5-39.5 inches. His occupation was carpenter, Benaraby via Gladstone, Qld. Was a member of Port Curtis Infantry 10 years/15th Light Horse. Quarter master and Hon Lieutenant. Promoted to corporal 10 November 1914. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board SS *Eastern* on 28 December 1914 to Rabaul. Numerous furloughs to Australia throughout service. Went to Kokopo and Duke of York Islands from Rabaul and back again.

Discharged 31 July 1920 at Rabaul. Died 19 November 1946. Funeral notice Wed 20 November 1946 *Courier Mail*. Living at Kilcoy, Qld.

Medals: British War Medal (as he did not serve in a Theatre of War, he was not eligible for the Victory Medal)

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

Paulette Flint, 2024