

## WELCH, Cecil Ferguson



Back L to R: David Munro HAY, William WRIGHT  
Front L to R: Cecil Ferguson WELCH,  
Robert James WELCH (Photo from Anne Feehely)



Cecil Ferguson WELCH  
(Photo from Charlie Prizeman)

Rank: Private

Service Number: 552

Unit: 41<sup>st</sup> Battalion

Place of Birth: 'Castlehope', Calliope, Gladstone, Qld.

Date of Birth:

Enlisted at Rockhampton, on 15 February 1916, aged 20 years 7 months.

Next-of-kin was his father, George Welch of 'Bayou', Calliope, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 6 inches and weighed 8 stone 9 lbs. His chest measurement was 33.5 inches. His occupation was selector. He served in France on the Somme and suffered from three bouts of illness.

Killed in action at Cerisy Gailly, Somme, France aged 23 years on 8 August 1918. His first cousin, Robert James Welch, 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion was killed on the Somme on 9 August 1918. Cecil is commemorated at Heath Cemetery, Harbonnieres, (IV. J. 13.), France.

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