

WELSH, Hubert James

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Service no 366
Sergeant
9th Battalion

Son of C WELSH
Of Goondoon Street, Gladstone, Qld.
Occupation prior to enlistment Compositor
Enlisted 31 August 1914
Returned to Australia 08 October 1918

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Rank: Sergeant

Service Number: 366

Unit: 9th Australian Infantry Battalion

Place of Birth: Gladstone, Queensland

Date of Birth: 10 July 1890

Enlisted at Rockhampton 31 August 1914 age 24 years 1 months. Next-of-kin was his mother Mrs Charlotte Welsh, Goondoon Street, Gladstone, Queensland. On enlistment he was 5 feet 6.5 inches and weighed 10 stone 2 lbs. His chest measurement was 32-34 inches. His occupation was compositor (completed apprenticeship) and he was a member of the Gladstone Rifle Club.

Enlisting at the same time as James Spiers were Hubert James Welsh and George Burgoyne. All three were members of the Gladstone Rifle Club.

364	Spiers, James Roy ..	..	..	34	Fisherman ..	S.	Gladstone, Queensland ..
365	Burgoyne, George William	..	..	21	Carter ..	S.	Goondoon-street, Gladstone, Queensland
366	Welsh, Hubert ..	..	..	24	Compositor ..	S.	Goondoon-street, Gladstone, Queensland
367	W. L. Forest	..	..	22	..	S.	..



Spiers, Burgoyne (at back), Hubert Welsh (front) , Enlisted together.

Welsh was Wounded in Action in the leg on 30 April 1915, in Gallipoli. Rejoined battalion on 17 June 1915. Admitted hospital Lemnos sick Mumps 14 December 1915. Rejoined unit 25 December 1915. Transferred to France 27 March 1916. Disembarked Marseilles 5 April 1916. Sick Scabies 19 January 1917. Rejoined battalion 29 January 1917. To hospital sick 2 March 1917.

He embarked for Australia for special leave (unspecified reason) on 8 October 1918. Discharged 3 February 1919.

Welsh later opened a printing business “Modern Printers”. He died on 9 September 1948 and is buried in Gladstone Cemetery, Dawson Road, Gladstone, Queensland.

Obituary – Mr H. J. Welsh

Well-known business man and popular Digger of World War 1, Mr Hubert James Welsh, died in the District Hospital after a lengthy illness. General regret was expressed throughout the town and district at his death. He is thought to have been the first volunteer from Gladstone in the Great War. He was a native of Gladstone, being born on July 10, 1890, and the whole of his life was devoted to assisting fellow returned men and their organisations. He was a prominent member of Masonic lodges, being a member of Port Curtis Masonic Lodge, E.C. 2235, and the Royal Arch Chapter and Port Curtis Mark 882 lodges.

He was employed in the printing trade in his early years and held the position of compositor on the "Gladstone Observer" until last year when he set up business on his own account as Modern Printers. His son-in-law, Mr Colin Hesselwood, was his partner in this venture. Residents still remember his work and enthusiasm in organising patriotic functions during both wars. His wife, whom he met in England during World War 1, assisted him in this work, and also sang at many of the functions. He is survived by his wife two sons, Desmond and Norman, both in the R.A. Navy, and 3 daughters, Miriam

(Mrs Hesselwood), Dorothy (Mrs G. Hanson) and Irene. The funeral took place from the Masonic Hall, Rev. G. D. Whitney officiating at the graveside..." - from the Rockhampton Morning Bulletin 14 Sep 1948 (nla.gov.au)

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Paulette Flint, 2023