

WILLATON, Richard Norman



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

* There was no RW Willaton enlisted, so this may be an error and is a photograph of Richard Norman Willaton.

Rank: Gunner

Service Number: 31929

Unit: 13th Field Artillery, 10th reinforcement

Place of Birth: Piggoreet, Victoria, Australia

Date of Birth: 1886 (Reg Vic BDM 5177/1886: Father William, Mother Annie Harriet nee Colmer)

Enlisted at: Rockhampton, Qld on 17 April 1916, aged 30 years 1 month.

Application to enlist completed in Gladstone, Qld.

Next-of-kin was mother, Annie Harriet WILLATON, Piggoreet via Ballarat, Victoria.

On enlistment he was 5 ft 7.75 inches and weighed 10 stone 6 lbs. His chest measurement was 35.5 inches. His occupation was school teacher, living at Littlemore, Boyne Valley, via Gladstone, Queensland. Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS *Osterley* on 10 February 1917. France 14 August 1917. Admitted hospital Chatham England gastritis 24 January 1918. Sick to Sutton Veney Hospital England 19 July 1918. Admitted for mental

observation. Returned to Australia 3 March 1919. Married Alicia Adelaide Mossman, 23 January 1922. Died 4 August 1931.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024