

WILSON, James Lockie (Welson on Honour Roll)



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Rank: Sergeant

Service Number: 3394

Unit: No. 4 Tunnelling Company, No. 1 Military District

Place of Birth: Sydney, New South Wales

Date of Birth: 29 August 1880 St Leonards, NSW. NSW BDM Reg No. 8242/1880. Parents David Wilson/Annie Struth.

Enlisted at: Brisbane Queensland on 8 February 1916 aged 34 years 6 months.

Next-of-kin was wife, Mrs Jessie Wilson, Calliope Station, Calliope, Queensland

On enlistment he was 6 ft 1 inch and weighed 176 lbs. His chest measurement was 35-38 inches. His occupation was station owner and manager. Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A69 *Warilda* on 22 May 1916.

Previous service: 16 months active service Boer War – 2 Corps NSW. Promoted to Sergeant May 1916. Taken on strength in the field France 31 March 1917.

Attached to the 1st Australian Tunnelling Company in 1917, he helped to drive a 110-foot (33 m) tunnel beneath Hill 60 near Ypres and to plant 40 tons of high explosives under the enemy. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal 18 June 1918. Returned to Australia 3 January 1919. Died 13 November 1956 (aged 76).

Medals: Meritorious Service Medal 'Commonwealth Gazette' No. 173, 7 November 1918. British War Medal. Victory Medal.

CALLIOPE SHIRE COUNCIL.

GLADSTONE, July 16.

At the monthly meeting of the Calliope Shire Council, Councillors J. L. Wilson tendered his resignation owing to having enlisted. The resignation was accepted with regret, and a motion was passed placing on record the excellent service of Councillor Wilson, both as councillor and chairman. Councillor Bayne was appointed chairman. The secretary (Mr. Neilson) was appointed returning officer for the forthcoming elections, and Councillor Bayne and Mr. Neilson were elected to represent the shire at the Local Authorities' Conference.

The Brisbane Courier, Monday 17 June 1916, page 8 (TROVE: trove.nla.gov.au)

Service record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Paulette Flint, 2024