

WRIGHT, William



Back L to R: David Munro HAY, William WRIGHT. Front L to R: Cecil Ferguson WELCH, Robert James WELCH

Rank: Private

Service Number: 551

Unit: 41st Battalion, B Company

Place of Birth: Calliope, Qld

Date of Birth: 11 May 1896

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Qld, on 15 February 1916 aged 19 years 8 months.

Next-of-kin was father, William Wright, Calliope, Qld (Later Auckland Street Gladstone, Qld). Mother Elizabeth Wright, Auckland St, Gladstone, Qld. On enlistment he was 5 feet 10 inches and weighed 9 stone 9 lbs. His chest measurement was 35.5 inches. His occupation was labourer. Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW, on HMAT A64 Demosthenes on 18 May 1916. Served in Western Front. Not long after arriving, William was admitted to hospital where he was diagnosed with rheumatic fever. Later, he suffered with trench feet and was admitted to hospital on 9 December 1916.

Killed in action 14 October 1917 at Passchendaele Ridge aged 21 years 5 months. Commemorated at Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, panel 27, Belgium.

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