

SAMPSON, W. *see* **SAMSON, William Stephen**

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Place of Birth: Bendigo, Vic

Service number: 173

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 20

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Mrs Bertha Samson (mother), Bendigo, Victoria

Roll title: 7 LHR [Light Horse Regiment] (December 1914)

Date of Embarkation: 20 December 1914

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Ayrshire A33

Status: RTA 23rd December, 1918

Notes: .Name on memorial is *Sampson* but believed to be this soldier. Enlistment shows *Samson*.

Private W. S. Sampson, wounded. This youth was engaged in the oxide mines here prior to enlistment, and had resided here for several years.

Port Macquarie News,
Saturday 21 August 1915

A VERY large and enthusiastic gathering assembled in the picture show premises, Port Macquarie, on Tuesday evening last to welcome home from the front Sergeant A. M. Dick, M.M., and Privates H. Strutt, G. Masters, and W. Edwards. It was expected that Trooper W. Sampson and Gunner O. Pead would also have been present, but the former had to return to Sydney, and the latter had not arrived home. The parents of the returned soldiers were present, and in the case of Private Strutt his wife also.

Port Macquarie News Saturday March 8th, 1919

SETH, Frederick

Place of Birth: Edinburgh, Scotland

Service number: 178

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 25

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: John Moir Seth (father) Morningside Nurseries, Edinburgh Scotland

Roll title: 34 Infantry Battalion (May 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 2nd May, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Hororata

Status: RTA 19th September, 1918

SETH, James Alexander

Place of Birth: Edinburgh, Scotland

Service number: 2152

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 29

Occupation: Farmer

Next of Kin: John Moir Seth (father) Morningside Nurseries, Edinburgh Scotland

Roll title: 34 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 6 Reinforcements (May-November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 24th August, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Anchises

Status: RTA 20th November, 1918

Notes: Farming at Rollands Plains at time of enlistment.

*SEYD, Harry George



Place of Birth: London

Service number: 1421(later) 1284

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 21

Occupation: Electrician

Next of Kin: Kathleen Ellen Seyd (sister) Park Road , Rosedale Heath, Romford, Essex, England

Roll title: 1 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 8 Reinforcements (December 1914 - August 1915)

Date of Embarkation: 11th February, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Seang Bee

Status: K.I.A. 2nd May, 1915 Gallipoli Peninsular. Buried Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

Note: Arrived in Australia on the immigrant ship Indrapura [23 Nov 1913] which carried 270 lads from London to Melbourne: Seyd docked in Sydney. WW1 record lists him as GEORGE HARRY SEYD. William [brother] initially listed as next to kin, crossed out and Kathleen [sister] listed. The three appear together in 1911 UK census. Birth date 24 Oct 1893 given on school admission forms with mother listed as Amelia [matches 1911 census record]. Not the same birth date on WW1 Record. Occupation on 1911 census is Electrician which matches WW1 record. WW1 record, letter- public trust requests from the sister the address prior to enlistment. [no record attached to file of response].

SINCLAIR, Albert

Place of Birth: Parkes

Service number: 2118

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 21

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: J. Sinclair (father), Campsie

Roll title: 36 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 6 Reinforcements (May-November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 24th August, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Anchises

Status: R.T.A.4th July, 1919

Notes: Enlisted Telegraph Point. Died 3rd November, 1954

SKIMMINGS, David William

Place of Birth: Frederickton, near Kempsey

Service number: 1236

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 24

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Imilda Mary Skimmings (wife), Telegraph Point

Roll title: 36 Infantry Battalion (May 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 13th May, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Beltana

Status: RTA 31st July, 1918

SMITH, Russell Aubrey Arthur

Place of Birth: Kendall

Service number: 1421

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 18

Occupation: Farmer

Next of Kin: George Smith (father), Kendall

Roll title: 34th Battalion

Date of Embarkation: 2nd May, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Hororata

Status: RTA 12th February, 1918. Discharged medically unfit (Gun shot wound. right thigh)

SNASHALL, Henry Edward

Place of Birth: Lewisham (England)

Service number: 3128

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 23

Occupation: Farmer

Next of Kin: Henry Edward Snashall (father), Lewisham, England

Roll title: 35 Infantry Battalion - 7 and 8 Reinforcements (January-August 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 24th January, 1917

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Anchises

Status: RTA 19th April, 1919

Notes: Enlisted Port Macquarie

SPENCE, Hugh G.

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 1237

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 39

Occupation: Nurseryman

Next of Kin: Mrs Gertrude Spence (wife) Bulahdelah

Roll title: 34 Infantry Battalion (May 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 2nd May, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Hororata

Status: RTA 1st November, 1917. Discharged medically unfit 12th February 1918. Died 25th April, 1957.

SPENCE, Norman Hastings

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 6910

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 38

Occupation: Clerk

Next of Kin: Mrs Ruby May Spence (wife) Port Macquarie

Roll title: 17 Infantry Battalion - 18 to 21 Reinforcements (November 1916 - October 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 16th June 1917

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Beltana

Status: RTA 10th April, 1919

SPENCE, Mervyn Macquarie

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 2400

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 35

Occupation: Wharfinger (n.b. a wharfinger is an old term for someone who owns or operates a wharf)

Next of Kin: William Andrew Spence (father) Port Macquarie

Roll title: 35 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 6 Reinforcements (May-November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 17th October, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Borda

Status: RTA 18th December, 1918

SPOKES, Frank Walter

Place of Birth: Kempsey

Service number: 3183

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 28

Occupation: Teamster

Next of Kin: John Spokes (father) Rollands Plains

Roll title: 1 Pnr Bn [Pioneer Battalion] - 6 to 10 Reinforcements (October 1916 - January 1917)

Date of Embarkation: 17th October 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Borda

Status: RTA 12th June, 1919

STACY, Herbert Maitland

Place of Birth: Redfern

Service number: 1100

Rank: Corporal

Age at Embarkation: 27

Occupation: Farmer (Wauchope)

Next of Kin: Fitzroy Stacy (father) Croydon, Sydney. Previously Ballengarra, Wilsons River

Roll title: 16 to 27 (NSW) Reinforcements (September-November 1918)

Date of Embarkation: 7th November, 1918

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: SS Carpentaria

Status: RTA 21st May, 1919

Notes: Enlisted 25th September, 1914. RTA 21st May 1917 and medically discharged 9th October, 1917.

Re-enlisted (SN 67469) 1st October, 1918 aged 31. Was a member of the Rollands Plains Rifle Club

*STAPLES, Charles Manning



Place of Birth: Wauchope

Service number: 1231

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 22

Occupation: Motor driver. Listed as a baker on Roll of Honour circular.

Next of Kin: William Staples (father), Port Macquarie. At time of son's death address was Wangi Wangi , via Toronto N.S.W.

Roll title: 36 Infantry Battalion (May 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 13th May, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Beltana

Status: K.I.A. 8th June, 1917 Messines, Belgium. Buried Strand Military Cemetery, Belgium.

STAPLES, Harold Joseph

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 60534

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 21

Occupation: Motor driver

Next of Kin: Mrs Kate Irene Staples, (wife) Cedar Party, via Wingham N.S.W.

Roll title: 16 to 27 (NSW) Reinforcements (September-November 1918)

Date of Embarkation: 4th September, 1918

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Bakara

Status: RTA 7th February, 1920. Died 25th October, 1969.

STAPLES, John Henry ("Jack")

Place of Birth: Taree

Service number: 4255

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 23

Occupation: Oyster man

Next of Kin: Asa James Staples (father), Blackmans Point

Roll title: 18 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 13 Reinforcements (May 1915 - June 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 8th March, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Star of England

Status: RTA 16th July, 1917 for amputation of right leg. Died 14th May, 1969

STAPLES, Leslie Hastings

Place of Birth: Hamilton, Port Macquarie
Service number: 66792
Rank: Pte
Age at Embarkation: 19
Occupation: Salesman
Next of Kin: William Hastings (father) Paddington N.S.W.
Roll title: 16 to 27 (NSW) Reinforcements (September-November 1918)
Date of Embarkation: 14th October, 1918
Place of embarkation: Sydney
Ship embarked on: SS Wyreema
Status: Troopship recalled. Disembarked approx. 21st December, 1918

STEELE, Walter Fenwick

Place of Birth: Wauchope
Service number: 559
Rank: Private
Age at Embarkation: 30
Occupation: Farmer
Next of Kin: Elizabeth Steele (mother), of Port Macquarie
Roll title: 34 Infantry Battalion (May 1916)
Date of Embarkation: 2nd May, 1916
Place of embarkation: Sydney
Ship embarked on: HMAT Horoata
Status: RTA 11th May, 1919

STEWART, Leslie

Place of Birth: Wingham
Service number: 872
Rank: Private
Age at Embarkation: 21
Occupation: Grocer
Next of Kin: Helen Stewart (wife), D. Stewart (father) Combined Street, Wingham
Roll title: 36 Infantry Battalion (May 1916)
Date of Embarkation: 13th May, 1916
Place of embarkation: Sydney
Ship embarked on: HMAT Beltana
Status: RTA 1st June, 1918
Notes: Nephew of Mayor D. Stewart

Return of Private Stewart.

With the scars of battle upon him, but smiling and well-conditioned as of yore, Private Les. Stewart returned to Port Macquarie on Tuesday. Though his parents reside on the Manning, he has been so long domiciled here as to be a "Portito" to all intents and purposes. He reached Wingham on Saturday of last week, and received a very cordial welcome from the people of that town. Prior to enlisting he followed the peaceful occupation of a grocer in the store of his uncle, Mr. D. Stewart, answering the call to arms in January, 1916. He sailed the following May, and was sent to France in November, and then commenced his career of soldiering in earnest. He was wounded at Armentieres in April, 1917, and was sent to England to recover. Returning to France, he fought at Messines, and subsequently at Ypres, where he received a shrapnel wound in the left leg, which incapacitated him for further service. He still finds it necessary to use a stick to get about, but hopes to be able to dispense with this aid to locomotion shortly. Private Stewart was a Lewis machine-gunner, and his brother (Lance-Corporal Don. Stewart), was associated with him in the same gun team. The latter has been thrice wounded, and is at present an inmate of Bethnal Green Hospital with a smashed knee. In the course of conversation, the returned soldier said he was much impressed with the way the British people were organised to bring the war to a successful issue. They had no delusions as to the magnitude of the task, and were bending all their energies to the work. The way that the women were replacing men in all the avocations of life, so that the latter might be liberated for fighting service, was wonderful and inspiring. No work seemed too difficult or laborious for them to successfully undertake. In an effort to meet the food shortage, intense cultivation was the order of the day, even the vacant spaces on the railway lines were devoted to the cultivation of vegetables. Though impressed by what he had seen of the land and its fertility in England and France, Private Stewart thinks that none can compare for all-round conditions with good old "New South." We join in extending a hearty welcome to him, with the hope that he will have speedy recovery from the wounds and privations of war.

STIMPSON, Thomas

Place of Birth: Brighton, Sussex, England

Service number: 41

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 23

Occupation: Blacksmith

Next of Kin: Mary Stimpson (wife) 4 Grove Cottage, Ditchling, England

Roll title: 19 Infantry Battalion (June 1915)

Date of Embarkation: 25th June, 1915

Place of embarkation: Melbourne

Ship embarked on: HMAT Ceramic

Status: RTA 21st December, 1917. Medical discharge.

Notes: Living in Port Macquarie at time of enlistment

St JOHN, Henry Beauchamp

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 63791

Rank: Gunner

Age at Embarkation: 27

Occupation: Theological student

Next of Kin: Henry St John (father), Port Macquarie. Previous contact Rev. Frederick De Port St John (Brother) The Vicarage, Boggabri

Roll title: FAB [Field Artillery Brigade] - 27 to 35 Reinforcements (November 1917 - June 1918)

Date of Embarkation: 5th June, 1918

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: RMS Orontes

Status: RTA 12th July, 1919

STONE, E *[No further information known]*

Possible service numbers include:

2945 2726 2033 6848 7353 3200 801 4006 1776 2254 430

STRUTT, Henry

Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 5121

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 33

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Alice Amelia (wife) 111 Yule Street, Petersham.

Roll title: 18 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 13 Reinforcements (May 1915 - June 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 5th June, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Kyarra

Status: RTA 9th December 1918

***STRUTT, Thomas**



Place of Birth: Port Macquarie

Service number: 5884

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 36

Occupation: Fitter's labourer

Next of Kin: Arthur Strutt (son) c/o Mrs Kate Brownlow, Woolwich N.S.W. [* Roll shows Mrs Nellie Lydia Strutt (wife) 342 Bolwarra Road, Ultimo. Later Victoria St. Darlinghurst; then Paul St. Waverley, finally (widow) c/o Mrs T. O'Keefe Brixton, Tumut N.S.W.]

Roll title: 18 Infantry Battalion - 14 to 17 Reinforcements (August-October 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 7th October, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Ceramic

Status: K.I.A. 20th September, 1917. Buried Hooze Crater Cemetery, Belgium

SULLIVAN, W *[No further information known]*

SUTERS, Percy Hastings

Place of Birth: Wauchope

Service number: 2309

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 19

Occupation: Farmer

Next of Kin: Henrietta Suters (mother), Fuller Road, Chatswood

Roll title: 19 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 13 Reinforcements (May 1915 - July 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 30th September, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Argyllshire

Status: RTA 15th April, 1918

SUTERS, Sydney Albert Stanley

Place of Birth: Richmond, N.S.W. (18th September, 1899)

Service number: N95738

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 19

Occupation: Shop assistant

Next of Kin: George Suters (father), Wauchope. Mother Henrietta Lockton

Roll title: N/A

Date of Embarkation: N/A

Place of embarkation: N/A

Ship embarked on: N/A

Status: Discharged October 1918 in consequence of expiration of Period of Enlistment (end of war)

SYMONS, Harry

Place of Birth: Dulwich Hill

Service number: 4310

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 22

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Herbert Symons (father), Dulwich Hill

Roll title: 3 Infantry Battalion - 13 to 23 Reinforcements (December 1915 - November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 30th December, 1915

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Aeneas

Status: RTA 28th March 1919

Notes: Living at Telegraph Point at time of enlistment.

***SYRON, George William**



Place of Birth: Cape Hawk, Foster

Service number: 2166

Rank: Private

Age at Embarkation: 18

Occupation: Labourer

Next of Kin: Patrick Syron (father) Blackmans Point, Hastings River

Roll title: 34 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 6 Reinforcements (May-November 1916)

Date of Embarkation: 24th August, 1916

Place of embarkation: Sydney

Ship embarked on: HMAT Anchises

Status: K.I.A. Messines 3rd June, 1917. Buried Trois Arbres Cemetery, Steenwerck, France