



RANDELL FAMILY



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William John

Service No: 3211

Family History

Henry Randell, born 1772, arrived in the Swan River Colony aboard the *Mary* in January 1830. He was a labourer indentured to Lieutenant H. Bull in the Canning District and, later, in Upper Swan at "Parkhatch Farm."

Henry married Mary Jane Cook (the widow of Jeremiah Cook) in Perth in 1832. They had two children, Henry and Ellen (known as Bessie). Henry died in York in 1847. His wife, Mary, died a year later.

His son, Henry, born in 1834, was employed in the Beverley and York Districts and, by 1859, he was employed by James Draper. Henry worked as a shearer and a shepherd for J. Fleay before becoming a farmer at Gilgering, near Beverley, where he employed three Ticket of Leave men.

Henry married Mary Jane Crawford in Beverley in May 1866. A daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, was born in 1872. Their son, John Henry, was born three years' later.

John Henry Randell, born 1875, married Mary Ann Crawford/Cranford at York in 1892. They had seven children before her death in 1912: Beatrice May Margaret, William John, Herbert Samuel, Elsie Matilda, George Edward, John Henry and Roy Francis.

Henry married again, to Elizabeth Hewitt, in Northam in 1914. The couple had five more children before his death at York in 1931. Elizabeth died in 1948.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: William John Randell

Service number: 3211

Date of enlistment: 7/10/1916

Age at Enlistment: 22 years

Civil Occupation: Farmhand

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 9 ½ inches

Weight: 154 pounds

Chest measurement: 58 inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Blue

Hair Colour: Black

Father: John Henry Randell

Mother: Mary Ann Crawford

Siblings: 1. Beatrice May Margaret b.1892, Herbert Samuel b.1896, Elsie Matilda b.1899, George Edward b.1901, John Henry (Jack) b.1904, Roy Francis b.1907. 2. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) b.1915, Herbert Samuel (Junior) b.1917, Henry Alfred (Harry) b.1920, Francis Arthur (Frank) b.1924 and an unnamed son.

Life Story

William John Randell was born at York in September 1894. He worked as a farmhand for P.H. Hamersley at “Woodside” near York before his enlistment in October 1916.

William joined the 8th Reinforcements of the 48th Battalion and left Western Australia on the *A35 Berrima* in December 1916, bound for training in England.

In June 1917, William proceeded overseas to join his unit in France.

Two months later, on the 26th August, he was appointed Lance Corporal in the Field.

On the 19th October 1917, William was Wounded in Action at Ypres in Belgium, where he received a gunshot wound to his right forearm. He was returned to England and admitted to the Number 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital in Dartford suffering a compound fracture of the right ulnar.

The wound was serious enough to prevent William from returning to the Front in France, and he returned to Australia on the hospital ship *Llanstephan Castle* in February 1918. William arrived Fremantle on the 9th April and was briefly admitted to Fremantle Hospital before being discharged on the 10th April.

William returned to York, where he found work at the York Flour Mill as a packer and bag sewer. He also became a member of the Malebelling football team.



On the 3rd September 1919, William married Maude Marilla Carter at the Public Hall in Quellington. The couple lived in York and went on to have five children: Dorothy Maude, Joan, Frederick William John, Gerald and Grace.

To furnish their new home, William took out a hire purchase agreement through the Australian Soldiers Repatriation for thirty-five pounds, to be paid back at a rate of one pound per month.

After suffering on-going medical issues such as heart problems and recurrent bronchitis for many years, William died at his residence in Broome Street, York, on the 18th December 1972.

He was buried in the Methodist Section of the York Cemetery.

His wife, Marilla, died in 1977.

RANDELL

Herbert Samuel

Service No: 4328



Herbert Samuel Randell
Courtesy National Archives of Australia

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: Herbert Samuel Randell

Service number: 4328

Date of enlistment: 24/9/1915

Age at Enlistment: 18 years 10 months

Civil Occupation: Farm Labourer

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal

Height: 5 feet 4 inches

Weight: 148 pounds

Chest measurement: 35 inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Green

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: John Henry Randell

Mother: Mary Ann Crawford

Siblings: 1. Beatrice May Margaret b.1892, William John b.1894, Elsie Matilda b.1899, George Edward b.1901, John Henry (Jack) b.1904, Roy Francis b.1907. 2. Mary Elizabeth (Molly) b.1915, Herbert Samuel (Junior) b.1917, Henry Alfred (Harry) b.1920, Francis Arthur (Frank) b.1924 and an unnamed son.

Life Story

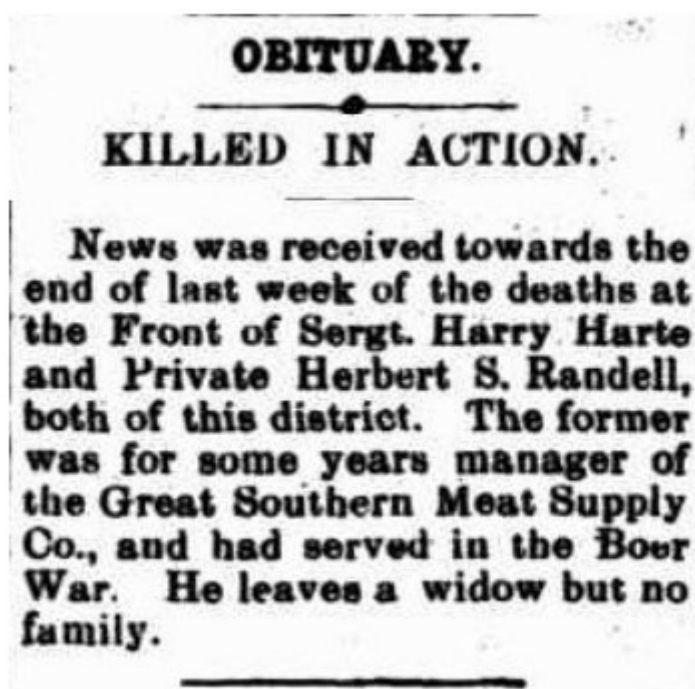
Born in 1896, Herbert Samuel Randell, the brother of William John Randell, served four years in Junior Cadets before enlisting in the 13th Reinforcements of the 16th Battalion at the tender age of eighteen.

After initial training, he departed for Egypt on the H.T. *Runic*, disembarking at Alexandria on the 26th February 1916.

On the 2nd April, Herbert was Taken on Strength with the 48th Battalion and, two months' later, he boarded the H.M.T. *Caledonia* to join the British Expeditionary Forces in France.

Herbert disembarked at Marseilles on the 9th June 1916 and proceeded to the Front.

On the 8th July, during the early days of the Battle of the Somme, Herbert was Killed in Action. He was buried at Wye Farm, three and a half miles south of Armentieres, and his personal effects were returned to his family in York.



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