



WALLIS FAMILY

WALLIS

Harry Edmund

Service No: 2258



Basic Information

Name: Harry Edmund Wallis

Service Number: 2258

Date of Enlistment: 6/5/1915

Age at Enlistment: 19

Civil Occupation: Tailor

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914/15 Star

Height: 5 Ft. 6 inches

Weight: 130 Lbs.

Chest Measurement: 33 inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Brown

Hair Colour: Dark

Father: Frederick Wallis

Mother: Isabella Blanche Petherick

Siblings: Rosa Victoria, Stanley Victor.

Married: Dorothy Thompson

Children: None

Family History:

Harry and Stanley's father, Frederick, was born in England and migrated with his parents (Henry Samuel Harvey Wallis and Rosa Victoria Catchpole) to New Zealand around 1875. There he married Isabella Petherick. The whole family then migrated to Australia, with Henry listed in the Sands & MacDougall Directory for South Australia in 1902 as an accountant, living in North Adelaide. Frederick was listed as a salesman, also residing in North Adelaide.

Rosa died in South Australia in 1902, and Henry married Mary Anne Riley in 1904. He died in South Australia in 1914.

Frederick and Isabella first appear on the electoral roll for Perth in 1912, living in Subiaco. His occupation was noted as hardware salesman. Harry's brother, Stanley, was also living in Subiaco by 1914, working as a tailor.

By 1916, Frederick and Isabella were living in Panmure Road, York, where Frederick was listed as an ironmonger. It appears he was working for H.M. Edwards. The couple also owned a house in McCartney Street which they purchased in 1915.

The Wallis family became part of the local community. Frederick was listed as the stage manager of the York Amateur Dramatics Club in 1913 and performed in many productions. He became Assistant Secretary of the York Bowling Club in 1914 and took on the role of Secretary the following year. Isabella was elected to the committee of the York Croquet Club in 1916.

However, in 1917, Frederick and Isabella decided to move back to Adelaide. They sold off their household furniture and effects and attended a farewell social to say goodbye. After being unable to obtain berths on an Eastern-bound steamer for two months, the couple travelled to South Australia on the new Great Western Railway. They remained there until their deaths.

Life Story

Harry was born at Hackney, in South Australia, in 1897. After travelling with his family to Western Australia, he found employment as an apprentice tailor.

Harry enlisted as a Private on the 6th May 1915 at Blackboy Hill, naming his father as Next of Kin. He also stated that he belonged to the Citizen Forces, 88th Regiment, York.

Harry embarked from Geelong on the 7^h June 1915, headed for Gallipoli with the 11th Reinforcements. By August 1915, he was in hospital on Lemnos suffering from dysentery and other ongoing health issues. After only a short return to duty, Harry was readmitted to hospital on Malta in September before re-joining his unit on the 3rd September 1915. His Army record from this point is characterized by multiple hospital stays.

On the 6th June 1916, Harry was transferred to Bulford Military Hospital in England. Over the following months, he spent extended periods in hospital being treated for venereal disease. When not undergoing treatment, Harry was attached to various Depots in the England.

Finally, on the 28th August 1917, Harry proceeded to France and re-joined the 11th Battalion. On the 12th November, he returned to hospital in England, suffering from angina, and did not rejoin his unit until the 28th March 1918. Harry's run of bad luck did not end there: he was readmitted to hospital on the 3rd June after receiving a gunshot wound to the shoulder.

At this point, Harry was declared an invalid and returned to Australia on the HT *Nestor*. He was finally discharged on the 19th March 1919.

Harry returned to South Australia, where he married Dorothy Thompson in 1924.

In 1927, he was charged with a breach of the Licensing Act at the Tavistock Hotel (the charge was dismissed) and, on the 28th September 1928, Harry was found guilty of embezzlement and fined three pounds, eight shillings, with six pounds and twelve shillings in costs.

In 1941, Harry divorced Dorothy on the grounds of her desertion. At that point, he was living in Roper Street, Adelaide, and working as a shop assistant. However, by 1970, Harry was living at the War Veterans' Home in Myrtle Bank, South Australia, where he died in 1976.



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Stanley Victor

Service No: 2243



Basic Information

Name: Stanley Victor Wallis

Service Number: 2243

Date of Enlistment: 26/7/1915

Age at Enlistment: 23 years 4 months

Civil Occupation: Tailor

Medals, Honours, Awards: British War Medal, Victory Medal, 1914/15 Star

Height: 5 Ft 5 inches

Weight: 122 Lbs.

Chest Measurement: 31½ inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Brown

Hair Colour: Black

Father: Frederick Wallis

Mother: Isabella Blanche Petherick

Siblings: Harry Edmund, Rosa Victoria.

Married: Minnie Irene Mellett

Children: Linda, Jean

Life Story

Stanley Victor was born in Hindmarsh, South Australia, in 1892. It is not known whether he joined his family when they moved to Western Australia, as the first record of his presence is the 1914 Electoral Roll which lists him as a tailor, living in Subiaco with a Mr. Campbell.

Stanley enlisted on the 26th July 1915 and was assigned to the 28th Battalion. He embarked for the Middle East on the 4th October and arrived at Mudros on the 18th November. On the 16th March 1916, Stanley proceeded to France to join the British Expeditionary Forces in the Field.

Long periods of illness characterized Stanley's War service. By June 1916, he was in hospital with a sprained ankle and, in February 1917, he spent 120 days in hospital being treated for venereal disease, a common affliction for soldiers in wartime.

Just over a week after being released, Stanley was back in hospital with a knee injury. On the 3rd August 1917, he was found in town without a pass and had to forfeit fourteen days' pay. This did not deter Stanley, as he again went Absent Without Leave on the 11th August 1918.

On the 9th September 1918, Stanley was arrested in Paris and, in November, was charged with escaping lawful custody while on Active Service. He was fined twenty-eight days' pay.

Finally, in early 1919, Stanley was returned to Australia on the *Khyber*. He was again admitted to hospital while at sea. Stanley disembarked at Adelaide on the 9th May 1919 and was discharged on the 15th May.

After the War, Stanley continued to reside in South Australia until his death in 1954. According to his funeral notice, he lived at 140 Churchill Road, Prospect, and was "late of the M.T.T." (Metropolitan Tramways Trust).

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