



WARREN

William Henry

Joseph

Service No: 3138

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: William Henry Warren

Service number: 3138

Date of enlistment: 23/7/1915

Age at Enlistment: 21 years 5 months

Civil Occupation: Labourer

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

Height: 5 feet 8 inches

Weight: 136 pounds

Chest measurement: 36 inches

Complexion: Medium

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Brown

Father: Thomas Joseph Warren

Mother: Louisa Rebekah Perry

Married: Nellie Myrtle Boothey

Siblings: Jane Victoria May b.1891, William Henry Joseph b.1894. Lillie Louisa b.1896-1898, Elsie Eva b.1900. Arthur James b.1901. Richard Edward b.1903-1906, George Albert b.1906, Dolly/Dorothy Edith b.1909

Family History

William Richard Warren arrived in Fremantle on the "Pyrenees" in 1851.

Born in 1825, he was transported to Western Australia for receiving stolen goods. A tailor by trade, William operated a tailoring business in York for many years.

In 1863, he married Jane Henshaw at York. The couple had ten children: Sarah Ann b.1855, William Richard 1857-1857, Elizabeth 1859-1859, Thomas James b.1860, Mary Jane b.1863, Henry Edward b.1866, Hannah Amelia b.1869, Joseph b.1873, Eliza 1879-1879 and Sophia Rachel b.1874.

William died in May 1918. His wife, Jane, died in October of the same year.

Joseph, the eighth child of William and Jane, married Louisa Rebekah Perry at York in 1891 and the couple went on to have eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Joseph spent most of his life in the York area, working on different farming properties. He was a member of the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows for twenty-eight years.

Louisa died in 1930, after being admitted to the York Hospital suffering from pneumonia. Her husband, Joseph, died in the same hospital in 1937, at the age of sixty-four.

Life Story:

William Henry Joseph, born in 1894, was the oldest son of Joseph and Louisa Warren.

By the time of his enlistment in June 1915, he was working as a labourer, probably in the York area. William joined the 10th Reinforcements of the 11th Battalion and was quickly sent overseas.

By the end of November, he was in Egypt, where he was admitted to the No. 4 Auxiliary Hospital suffering from diphtheria, and it was not until the 7th January 1916 that he joined his battalion at Tel El Kebir.

Unfortunately, William was soon hospitalised again, this time with gonorrhoea, a common affliction for soldiers at that time.

Finally, on the 19th May, William was discharged to duty and, on the 29th May 1916, he embarked aboard HMT *Tunisian* to join the British Expeditionary Forces in the Field in France.

William's time at the Front was interrupted in January 1917 by another stint in hospital, this time for inflamed feet.

About a week after his return to duty, William was fined three days' pay "for falling out of the line of march without permission". Perhaps he was still suffering from his inflamed feet.

On the 15th April 1917, William was reported Missing in Action. However, it was later discovered that he had been captured at Boursies and taken to Limburg Prisoner of War Camp in Germany, where he was to remain for the rest of the War.

On the 19th December 1918, William was repatriated to England and returned to Australia on the *Euripides*.

William Henry Warren married Violet May Montague in Perth in 1919. Their first child, William Richard, was born at Scarpia Street in York in December 1920. Interestingly, William named himself on the birth registration as William Henry Thomas Joseph Warren. Violet later gave birth to a daughter, Betty, and sons Lennie and Don.

The couple remained in York until around 1937. Between 1928 and 1941, William was listed as the owner of a property in Thorn Street York, purchased while he was still working as a labourer. Details about his work at this time are sketchy, but his funeral notice stated that William had worked in the Telephone Department of the Post Master General's Department (the P.M.G).

At some point after 1937, the family moved to Perth.

William died on the 15th July 1953 in Royal Perth Hospital. At the time of his death, he had been living in Swansea Street, Victoria Park. Violet died five years' later, in 1958.

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