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### SANDERSON, Donald (Gunner)



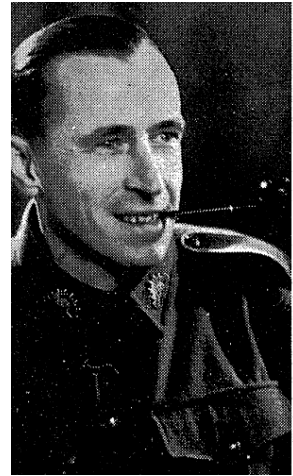
**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX23772  
**Date of Birth:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 1911  
**Place of Birth:** Warburton, VIC  
**Date of Enlistment:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Coonabarabran  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Augusta Sanderson

**Date of Discharge:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/3 Flash Spot Battery

**Notes:** On Memorial as D. Sanderson. Son of Henry and Augusta Flora Sanderson (*nee* Horner). Married Dorothy Mabel Lewington at Hunters Hill in 1940. Died 20<sup>th</sup> February 1976 and buried Wauchope cemetery. Obituary in the Wauchope Gazette 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1976.



Wauchope Gazette 26th Feb 1976

### SANDERSON, F. *not found*

### SAUNDERS, E. *possibly Eric John*



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX71441  
**Date of Birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> October 1915  
**Place of Birth:** Rollands Plains  
**Date of Enlistment:** 20<sup>th</sup> March 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Edith Saunders

**Date of Discharge:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/3 Australian Commando Squadron

**Notes:** Port Macquarie Express 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2003. Died 21<sup>st</sup> July 2003.

### SHEARER, Harold Hastings (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX145318  
**Date of Birth:** 1<sup>st</sup> June 1917  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 24<sup>th</sup> October 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** In the Field

**Next of Kin:** Annie Shearer (mother)

**Date of Discharge:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 41 Australian Infantry Battalion

**Additional Service Numbers:** N160567

**Notes:** Son of Thomas Henry and Annie Elizabeth Shearer (*nee* Johnson). Died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1989. Buried Innes Gardens Memorial Park.



### SMITH, Albert Theodore (Sapper)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N464790  
**Date of Birth:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 1906  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** West Port

Macquarie

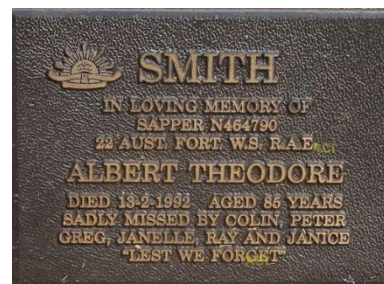
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Linda Smith (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 22 A Fort Works Section

**Notes:** Some sources indicate DOB as 17<sup>th</sup>. Son of Herbert (Mick) and Elizabeth (Eliza) Smith (*nee* Cains). Married Linda Maud Bullock (1908-1990) in 1931 at Port Macquarie. Died 13<sup>th</sup> February 1992 at Port Macquarie. Buried Port Macquarie.



**SMITH, Edward George Dudley (Warrant Officer)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 17831  
**Date of Birth:** 6<sup>th</sup> July 1916  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Bayswater (W.A.)  
**Place of Enlistment:** Perth  
**Next of Kin:** Beryl Mabel Smith (wife)



**Edward Smith**

**Date of Discharge:** 24<sup>th</sup> July 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** 1 Operational Training Unit  
**Notes:** Son of Edward and Mary Jane Smith (*nee* Duffy).  
Married Beryl Mabel Kennett (divorced 1946). Died 25<sup>th</sup> March 2006 in Hobart.

**SMITH, James Lawrence (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N467001  
**Date of Birth:** 17<sup>th</sup> February 1925  
**Place of Birth:** Kendall  
**Date of Enlistment:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Kendall  
**Place of Enlistment:** Kendall

**Next of Kin:** Ernest Smith (father)  
**Date of Discharge:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 1945  
**Posting at Discharge:** 4 Battalion Corps Part-Time duty  
**Notes:** Son of Ernest Alfred and Margaret Smith (*nee* Melven). Married June Mary Marchmont at Wauchope in 1958. Died 15<sup>th</sup> April 1999 at Port Macquarie. Buried at Wauchope.



**SMITH, M. (Discharged)** No more known.

**SMITH, Ronald Earle Laurie (Leading Aircraftman)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 163892  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1926  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1944  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Woolloomooloo

**Next of Kin:** Hazel Smith

**Date of Discharge:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 5 Operational Training Unit

**Notes:** Son of Ronald Bruce & Hazel Emmeline Emily Smith (*nee* Hicks). Married Muriel Constance Crockett in 1950 at Grafton. Died 13<sup>th</sup> August 1987 at Port Macquarie.



**Mr & Mrs R Smith**



**SONTER, Reginald James (Corporal)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N161021  
**Date of Birth:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 1920  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie (see notes)  
**Date of Enlistment:** 27<sup>th</sup> October 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Telegraph Point  
**Place of Enlistment:** Telegraph Point

**Next of Kin:** E. J. Sonter (father) (later Thelma Jean Sonter, wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** HQ AMF EME School (Electrical & Mechanical Engineering)

**Notes:** Son of Eli James and Estella Sonter (*nee* Rowsell) born 1920 at Kempsey (NSW BDM). Married Thelma Jean Bennett at Taree in 1942. Died 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 at Laurieton.

**N.B.** Memorial only lists one R. Sonter.

**SONTER, Reginald Mack (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N291525  
**Date of Birth:** 1<sup>st</sup> October 1916  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** South Arm  
**Place of Enlistment:** Bellingen

**Next of Kin:** Madge Sonter (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 16 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps Part-Time Duty

**Notes:** Son of Hamilton Stephen Rausley and Amy May Sonter (*nee* Clapson). Married Madge Bennett at Bellingen in 1937. Died 25<sup>th</sup> October 1994 at Urunga. **N.B.** Memorial only lists one R. Sonter



**SPENCE, Philip Stanley (Militia)**



**Service:** Militia  
**Service Number:** 49589  
**Date of Birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1906  
**Place of Birth:** Camperdown  
**Date of Enlistment:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 1936  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Hobart

**Place of Enlistment:** Hobart

**Next of Kin:** Helena Spence (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** n/k

**Notes:** Son of Hugh George Frederick and Gertrude Spence (*nee* Harden). On Electoral Roll for Port Macquarie 1936. Married Helena Rosalind Dountney (1910-1965) in 1929 at St Marys Cathedral, Sydney. Married Florence May McNally (1919-1998) in Sydney in 1939. Died 19<sup>th</sup> October 1967 at Shellharbour. [Kiama Independent 31<sup>st</sup> October 1967. Died 19<sup>th</sup> October 1967 and buried Shellharbour cemetery].

### SPOKES, C possibly Colin Roy SPOKES (Sapper)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX107091  
**Date of Birth:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 1919  
**Place of Birth:** Bowraville  
**Date of Enlistment:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Bowraville  
**Place of Enlistment:** Tomago

**Next of Kin:** William Spokes (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 16<sup>th</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/22 Australian Field Park Company

**Notes:** Son of William Henry and Islet May Spokes (*nee* Ballard). Married Doris Drury (1919-1989) 15<sup>th</sup> December 1943. Died 20<sup>th</sup> December 1981. Buried Bowraville cemetery.



### SPOKES, Leslie Edward (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX169641  
**Date of Birth:** 14<sup>th</sup> October 1909  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Ballengarra  
**Place of Enlistment:** Dapto

**Next of Kin:** John Spokes (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/4 Pioneer Battalion

**Additional Service Numbers:** N17012

**Notes:** Son of John E and Rhoda May Spokes (*nee* Shales). Married Elsie May Proctor (1916-1988) in 1948 at Macksville. Died 19<sup>th</sup> November 1981.



**SPRAGGON, Harry Lyle Emmerson (Corporal)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX53970  
**Date of Birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1911  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Paddington  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Laurel Spraggon (mother)  
**Date of Discharge:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** 2/1 Hospital Ship "Manunda"  
**Notes:** Son of John William and Laurel Zittila Spraggon (*nee* Plunkett).  
Died 31<sup>st</sup> May 1964 in Melbourne.

**Private Harry Spraggon spent a few days of his leave at Port Macquarie where he is well known. He is one of the complement of the hospital ship Manunda, which was in the first bombing raid on Darwin. Harry has some interesting stories to tell of his experiences there. His sister, Miss Margaret Spraggon, is also on holiday here.**

PMN 11th April 1942

**MR. HARRY SPRAGGON  
KILLED IN CAR  
ACCIDENT**

A native of Port Macquarie, Mr. Harry Spraggon, died in Melbourne on Sunday night from injuries received when struck by a motor car.

The eldest of the Spraggon family, and still a bachelor at 53, he had been working in Melbourne for some time.

Deceased is a nephew of Mrs. Ruby Bailey, of Owen Street.

His parents, both deceased, and other members of his family resided here in the pre-war days.

Harry will be well remembered by a great majority of those who enlisted from Port Macquarie; he was in service for five years on the hospital ship "Manunda."

**SPRAGGON, John 'Jack' Emmerson (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N275942  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1922  
**Place of Birth:** Sydney  
**Date of Enlistment:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Paddington

**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney University  
**Next of Kin:** John Spraggon (father)  
**Date of Discharge:** 21<sup>st</sup> October 1942  
**Posting at Discharge:** 14 Australian Infantry Training Battalion.  
**Notes:** Son of John William & Laurel Zittila Spraggon (*nee* Plunkett). Married Evelyn Mabel Mawdsley in Sydney in 1946. Died 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 at Marsfield. Enlisted in the RAAF in 1942 (*see also below*).

**SPRAGGON, John (Jack) Emmerson (Flight Lieutenant)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 428937  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1922  
**Place of Birth:** Darlinghurst  
**Date of Enlistment:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Sydney  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney University

**Next of Kin:** John Spraggon (father)  
**Date of Discharge:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** RAF Station Beccles (*see also above*)

**SPRAGGON, William Emmerson (Sergeant)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N86089  
**Date of Birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Paddington  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Laurel Spraggon (mother)  
**Date of Discharge:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** 51 Mobile Search Light Battery RAA  
**Notes:** Son of John William & Laurel Zittila Spraggon (*nee* Plunkett). Married Dorothy Jean Calphy (1920-2002) on 7<sup>th</sup> August 1943 at St Thomas, North Sydney. Died 18<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

**SPRAGUE, Gwendolyne Pearl (Aircraftwoman)**



**Service:** WAAAF  
**Service Number:** 178007  
**Date of Birth:** 17<sup>th</sup> February 1923  
**Place of Birth:** Rawdon Island  
**Date of Enlistment:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 1945  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Woolloomooloo  
**Next of Kin:** Charles Sprague

**Date of Discharge:** 20<sup>th</sup> November 1945  
**Posting at Discharge:** 13 Aircraft Repair Depot  
**Notes:** Manning Times 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014. Died 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014.  
Buried Manning Great Lakes Lawn Cemetery.



**STACE, Cecil Leslie (Warrant Officer Class 2)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX85116  
**Date of Birth:** 18<sup>th</sup> October 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Kendall  
**Date of Enlistment:** 22 January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Marion Stace (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/25 Australian Infantry Battalion

**Notes:** Son of Herbert L. and Mary A. M. F. Stace (*nee* Wardle).

Married Marion Elizabeth 'Daisy' Steele (12914-2003) in Port Macquarie in 1937. Died 6<sup>th</sup> April 2001 and buried Laurieton cemetery.



**The Port Macquarie News,**  
AND HASTINGS RIVER ADVOCATE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1937.  
WEDDING.  
**STACE—STEELE.**

On Saturday, October 23rd, a very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Methodist Church, Port Macquarie, when Marion Elizabeth, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Steele, of Port Macquarie, was married to Cecil Leslie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stace, of Port Macquarie. The ceremony took place at 7 p.m.

Rev. R. E. S. Taylor officiated. The Church was beautifully decorated by friends of the young couple, with beautiful bowls of flowers, an arch, and wedding bell.

The bride, who entered the Church of the arm of her brother, Mr. Donald Steele, who subsequently gave her away, wore a gown of gleamy white satin, with silk lace yoke and sleeves, and a beautifully embroidered tulle veil, with a coronet. A dress spray of orange blossoms, and a beautiful sheaf bouquet of white

regal lilies, tied with white ribbon, completed the bride's dress.

Miss Nita Stace was bridesmaid, wearing a very pretty gown of pale blue taffeta, and silk net overdress, with blue floral haircord and blue tulle veil to match. She carried a bouquet of blue delphiniums and pink carnations. The flower girl was little Olive Nelson, niece of the bridegroom. She wore a pale lemon frock, with lemon net overdress, and veil, and carried a basket of pink carnations and roses. A wreath of lemon flowers was worn in her hair.

The whole colour scheme made a very pretty effect, and all the girls looked charming.

Mr. Aubrey Steele was best man and carried out his duties to perfection.

The wedding breakfast was held in the Masonic Hall, where Mrs. Steele (dressed in a nice black frock and

hat to match, and carrying a posy of red roses) received the guests. The bridegroom's mother wore a navy ensemble, with white hat and accessories, and carried a posy of pink cactus and azaleas. Rev. Taylor presided at the breakfast, the usual toasts being honoured.

Later, several of the guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stace to further celebrate the happy event by playing games, etc., and partaking of supper. Their good wishes were extended to the popular young couple.

The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a lovely handbag, and the bride's gift to the bridegroom a leather wallet, whilst the bridesmaid received a blue and silver bracelet to match her frock.

The wedding presents were both numerous and beautiful, and included many cheques.—Contributed.

STACY, C. L. not found *see* STACE, Cecil Leslie

**STAPLES, Arthur David (Driver)**



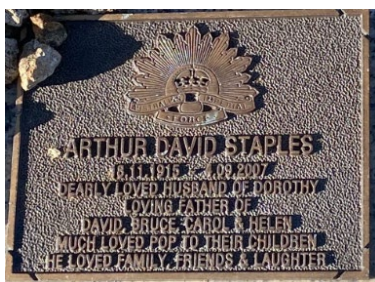
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**Service Number:** NX139305  
**Date of Birth:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 1915  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Marrickville

**Next of Kin:** Arthur Staples (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/101 Australian TP PL

**Additional Service Numbers:** N160441. Son of Arthur Benstead and Charlotte Beatrice Staples (*nee* Sonter). Married Dorothy Mildred Poole (1924-2001) in 1947 at Port Macquarie. Died 4th September 2007 at Port Macquarie.



**STAPLES, Harris Ronald William 'Ron' (Private)**



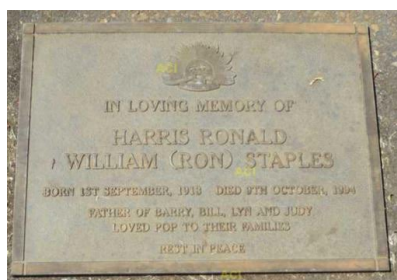
**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX165239  
**Date of Birth:** 1<sup>st</sup> September 1913  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Leichhardt  
**Place of Enlistment:** Rutherford

**Next of Kin:** Jessie Dart

**Date of Discharge:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Australian Beach W/SHPS AEME

**Additional Service Numbers:** N186131. Son of William Thomas and Jessie Marie Staples (*nee* Hayward). Married Ada Louisa Morath in Victoria in 1946. Died 9<sup>th</sup> October 1994 at Ballina.



**STAPLES, John Ernest (Signalman)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX116356  
**Date of Birth:** 12 January 1919  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Five Dock  
**Place of Enlistment:** Perth

**Next of Kin:** Jim Staples (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** SIGS 2 AUST DIV

**Additional Service Numbers:** N53291. Son of James E and Nita M Staples (*nee* Hayward) Died 8<sup>th</sup> August 1985 at Port Macquarie.

A Port Macquarie man who spent most of his working life in Sydney died at Hastings District Hospital this month.

He was John Ernest Staples, aged 66, of William Street, Port Macquarie.

John Staples was the son of James and Nita Staples (both deceased). They lived and reared their large family in William Street.

The late John Staples was an active sportsman and sang in the St Thomas Church Choir before joining the services where he served as a signalman both in Australia and overseas.

Following the war he returned to Port Macquarie and joined the PMG Department. After working here for a short while he was transferred to Sydney where he spent the remainder of his working life.

He retired to Port Macquarie six and a half years ago and has been living in

## Death of Mr John Staples

the family home in William Street.

He is survived by four sisters and two brothers. They are Vera (Mrs Mogg, Brisbane), Lorna (Mrs Marks, Port Macquarie), Marie (Mrs Thurgood, Kempsey), Nita (Mrs Fraser, Port Macquarie, Dallas (Canberra) and Bruce (Port Macquarie).

A funeral service was conducted by Canon Sid Welch in the St Thomas Church of England. The president of the Port Macquarie RSL Sub-branch, Mr Jack Steep, delivered the RSL service. Following the service the late John Staples was cremated at the Port Macquarie Crematorium.

**STAPLES, Sydney John (Acting Flying Officer)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 422310  
**Date of Birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> December 1920  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:**  
**Locality on Enlistment:**  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney  
**Next of Kin:** Daphne May Staples (wife).

**Date of Death:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1944

**Posting at Death:** 463 Squadron

**Place of**

**Burial/Commemoration:**

Runnymede Memorial, England

**Notes:** Flying out of Waddington

Air Force Base, Lincolnshire his

Lancaster bomber was lost

without trace during a raid on the

Dortmund-Ems canal at Lad

Bergen, Germany. Son of John

Henry and Ada Louise Staples

(*nee* Dick). Married Daphne May

Strange (1919-1995) at Hamilton

Newcastle in 1942.

**ROLL OF HONOR**

**ACT. F/O S. J. STAPLES.**

Last week we printed the brief intimation from the Air Board of the presumption of death of Acting Flying Officer Sydney John Staples. We now publish a letter received from the commanding officer of his wing, following notification of him being posted as missing in air operations over Germany in 1944.

No. 463 (R.A.A.F.) Squadron, England, 26th September, 1944.

Dear Mr. Staples.—Prior to receiving this letter you will have received notification from the Air Board, Melbourne, that your son, Acting Flying Officer Sydney John Staples, is reported missing. It is, therefore, with deep regret that I now have to write to confirm this sad news.

On the night of the 23rd September, 1944, the aircraft in which your son was the pilot took off to carry out an attack on Viaduct Dortmund Canal. Unfortunately, the aircraft failed to return from this operation, and no further news concerning the fate of the aircraft or any members of the crew has so far been received.

Flying Officer Staples was a most efficient pilot, whose skill and courage have been an inspiration to us all, and was very popular with all ranks of the squadron. On behalf of all members of the squadron I should like to convey to you our sincere sympathy at this time of anxiety.

May I express my deep personal sympathy with the hope that some happier news may be received of your son's ultimate safety.

Signed: W. A. Forbes, Wing Commander, Commanding No. 463 Squadron.

The late Acting Flying Officer Staples, who was born at Port Macquarie, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Staples, and was 23 years of age when posted missing. He attended the Port Macquarie Public School, and followed up with three years as a student at Kempsey High School. He then secured a position on the staff of Phillips Radio, Sydney, and occupied the post for about four years. Enlisting on 21st September, 1941, he was called up on 26th July, 1942. During this interval he attended the Technical College, Prymont, three and four nights a week, with-

three and four nights a week, without pay, if absent marked A.W.L. He did I.T.S. training at Bradfield Park, then going to Narromine for an eight weeks' course, first flying Tiger Moths. When home on leave he expressed great admiration for the bright instructors, saying he felt they who had their lives in their hands, practically every day, would never get the recognition due to them for their splendid work. F/O Staples sailed from Sydney on 11th December, 1942, for Canada. Prior to leaving home he expressed a desire, if he made the grade, to be presented with his wings by Billy Bishop, World War I fighter ace. He spent a fortnight in New Zealand, and landed at Vancouver, crossed the Rockies to Edmonton, Alberta. His first flying course was on Harvards (Aust. Wirraways). He next moved to Alymer, where training flights frequently took him over Niagara Falls. Graduating at this station on 14th March, 1943, his wings were pinned on by Billy Bishop. He left Canada, arriving in England in June, 1943. He trained there for four months as a fighter pilot, flying Miles Masters. He was then transferred from fighters to bombers, his first course being on Wellingtons, then Stirlings, passing on to Lancasters. He was attached to No. 463 R.A.A.F. Squadron, commanded by Wing Commander W. A. Forbes.

Prior to leaving Australia the deceased was married to Miss Daphne May Strange, of Waverley.

The father, Mr. J. H. Staples, is a well-known Digger of World War I.

All will feel with the wife and parents in their loss, and honour the memory of the young life so nobly given.

Surviving brothers and sister are: Pte. Athol Kenneth Staples (A.I.F.), Norman James, Peter Ernest and Miss Dorothy Joyce Staples, at home.

Mr. P. Doyle, of Rollands Plains, has received the appended letter from Major J. W. Jacobs, 8th Div. Signals:

As the officers in charge of your son's company in 8th Div. Signals, I am writing to convey my sincere sympathy in your sad loss.

Pat was one of the best, he came to my unit in Johore Bahru, and was with me at Changi Barracks after

**STEELE, Donald Cameron (Corporal)**



**Service:** Army

**Service Number:** NX86244

**Date of Birth:** 8<sup>th</sup> November 1907

**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie

**Date of Enlistment:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 1942

**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Marjorie Steele (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/1 Mechanical Equipment Company

**Note:** Listed on Memorial as D.C.A. Steele. Son of James John and Isabella Steele (*nee* Cameron) and brother of James Steele (below). He married Marjorie Alice Doak (1912-1971) at Port Macquarie in 1931. Died 18th December 1963 at Port Macquarie.



State President of the R.S.L., Digger "Bill" Yeo' pinning the R.S.L.'s Life Membership badge in the late Don Steele's lapel.



**STEELE, James (Leading Aircraftman)**

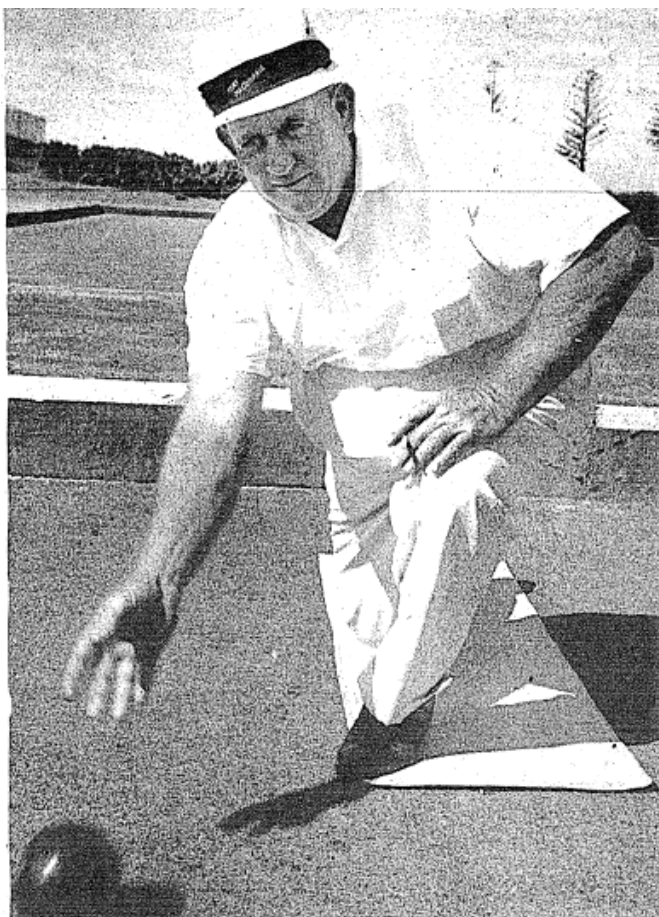


**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 21689  
**Date of Birth:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 1910  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney  
**Next of Kin:** Myra Steele (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 4<sup>th</sup> April 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Personnel Depot

**Notes:** Son of James John and Isabella Steele (*nee* Cameron) brother of Donald Cameron Steele (above). Married Myra Gray (1910-2004) on 16<sup>th</sup> May 1941 at Port Macquarie. Died 6<sup>th</sup> August 1977 at Port Macquarie.



**Jim Steele in 1963. PMN 12 August 1977**

### STEEP, John Harrison (Corporal)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX11737  
**Date of Birth:** 27<sup>th</sup> January 1915  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 29<sup>th</sup> March 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Long Flat  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington



**Next of Kin:** Ernest Steep (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 1944

**Posting at Discharge:** 116 Australian General Hospital

**Notes:** Son of Ernest Allison and Christiana Gertrude Steep (*nee* Wade). Married Dulce Warwick (1922-1995) at Wingham in 1943. Died 1<sup>st</sup> February 1996 at Port Macquarie. Buried Innes Gardens Memorial Park, Port Macquarie.

### STEWART, James Allan (Corporal)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX290591  
**Date of Birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> January 1915  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Valla  
**Place of Enlistment:** Macksville

**Next of Kin:** Gwendoline Stewart (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 26<sup>th</sup> September 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 16 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps part-time duty

**Notes:** Son of Hugh D and Ann Murray Stewart (*nee* Nelson). Married Gwendoline Isabel Lynch (1920-2006) at Macksville in 1939. Died 28 May 1976.

### STEWART, Phillip Otto (Corporal)



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 21073  
**Date of Birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1909  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** West Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Macksville  
**Next of Kin:** Bernice Stewart

**Date of Discharge:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Personnel depot

**Notes:** Son of George and Henrietta K Stein. Married Bernice Minnie Small in 1938 at Port Macquarie. Died 8 August 1964.



**STORES, Thomas Joseph (Sergeant)**



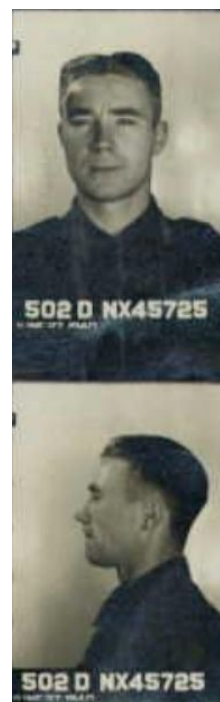
**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX45725  
**Date of Birth:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 1917  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 26<sup>th</sup> June 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Newcastle

**Next of Kin:** Laurence Leonard Stores (brother)

**Date of Discharge:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/4 Australian Pioneer Battalion

**Notes:** Son of Walter and Mary Jane Stores (*nee* Cahill) born at Tumbarumba. Married (1) at Port Macquarie in 1940 (divorced), married (2) Nancy Joan Kaylock (RAAF 95461 Corporal). Died in 1989 in Canberra. Buried Gungahlin Cemetery.



**STYLES, George Clyde (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX107134  
**Date of Birth:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Tomago

**Next of Kin:** Joseph

**Date of Discharge:** 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/1 Australian Infantry Battalion

**Notes:** Son of Joseph Henry & Ivy May Styles (*nee* Burns). *N.B.* birth registered under Stiles. Married Audrey Joan Crane in 1946 at Port Macquarie and died 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1998



**SYRON, Lesley Patrick (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX179026  
**Date of Birth:** 10<sup>th</sup> January 1924  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 11<sup>th</sup> May 1944  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Glebe  
**Place of Enlistment:** Marrangaroo (Sydney)

**Next of Kin:** Eileen Syron (mother)

**Date of Discharge:** 18<sup>th</sup> December 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 14<sup>th</sup> Australian A.A.D.

**Notes:** Married Betty Williams at Lithgow in 1944. N.B. PMN(article) has fiancée's name as Wilson while NSW Registry of BDM has Williams.

**HIBBARD SOCIAL NEWS**

(Contributed).

There was a very good crowd attended the presentation and dance on Monday night, 14th inst., in honour of Pte. Les Syron, who was spending a few days leave at Hibbard with relatives and friends.

The guest of honour entered the hall with his fiancée, Miss Betty Wilson, of Sydney, who was presented with a beautiful bouquet by little Shirley Ball. They were greeted with the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

During a break between dances, Pte. Syron was introduced by Mr. J. Walsh. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Sheather, who spoke on behalf of the Hibbard Patriotic Fund Committee, and wished Pte. Syron good luck and a speedy return and said he was looking forward to a grand welcome home in the near future.

Pte. Syron then responded and expressed his pleasure at the attendance and thanks to all for the kind words and enjoyable evening.

The dance concluded at 12.30 a.m., the music being voluntary played by Mrs. Crozier.

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## THOMAS, William Rae (Sapper)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** QX41566  
**Date of Birth:** 15<sup>th</sup> July 1909  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Cairns



**Place of Enlistment:** Brisbane

**Next of Kin:** Fay Joyce

**Date of Discharge:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 1944

**Posting at Discharge:** General Details Depot

**Notes:** Enlisted as William Rae JOYCE. On memorial as W. Thomas. (Source: Ancestry.com public trees show partners Josephine Joyce Moulden (1909-2004) and Irene Marjory Wall (1926-1990) and possibly a third. Died 14th November 1986 at Cowra.

## THOMPSON, William Harold (Corporal)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX91060  
**Date of Birth:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 1911  
**Place of Birth:** Kempsey  
**Date of Enlistment:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Kempsey  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Kathleen Thompson (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/3 Docks Operating Company

**Notes:** Born Harold William Thompson son of Albert V and Alice Thompson (*nee* Cooper). Married Kathleen Roach (1918-2002) at Port Macquarie in 1937. Died 13 Feb 1987 at Prospect.

## THOMPSON, V.

- (1) V. Thompson of Rollands Plains was listed as waiting for call up 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1942 PMN, and rejected on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1942 PMN.
- (2) Albert Vivian Thompson of Kendall (Service Number NX55496) also enlisted.

## TOLHURST, Henry Victor (Sapper)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** WX39354  
**Date of Birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> December 1900  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Kalgoorlie (WA)

**Place of Enlistment:** Claremont (WA)  
**Next of Kin:** Ida Esther Margaret Tolhurst (wife)  
**Date of Discharge:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Australian Port Construction Company  
**Additional Service Numbers:** W65806  
**Notes:** Son of Henry and Mary Ann Tolhurst. Married Ida Osborne in 1940 in Coolgardie, Western Australia. Died 19 November 1956 in Coolgardie Western Australia.

## TOWNSEND, Henry John (Corporal)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX81845  
**Date of Birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1910  
**Place of Birth:** Bundarra, NSW  
**Date of Enlistment:** 3 January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Foster

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington  
**Next of Kin:** Mary Townsend  
**Date of Discharge:** 14 November 1945  
**Posting at Discharge:** 2/3 Australian Pioneer Battalion  
**Notes:** Son of Hugh Bramwell and Florence Townsend (*nee* Wells). Married Mavis Ella Bramble in 1933 at Gloucester. Died 29 Feb 1984 at Forster. Two of his siblings were born in Kempsey (Elsie 1920 and Harold 1921), and his father was on the electoral here in 1930. Henry is listed at 'Clarefield' on the electoral roll in the late 1930's early 1940s.

Mr. A. D. McKay has established another home and dairy on his "Clarefield" property. We understand Mr. Townsend, from the Manning, is going into possession.

PMN 16th May 1936

It is rumoured that there will be many changes amongst the share farmers at the end of June. I also understand two share farmers, Mr. Jack Townsend and Mr. Robert McKay, have enlisted for service overseas.

24<sup>th</sup> May 1941 PMN

**TRUDGEON, Milton Palmer (Lieutenant)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX65621  
**Date of Birth:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 1917  
**Place of Birth:** Bangalow  
**Date of Enlistment:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Paddington

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Gwen Trudjeon

**Date of Discharge:** 7<sup>th</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/17 Australian Infantry Battalion

**Notes:** On memorial as M. Trudgeon. Son of Albert Henry and Constance Flora Trudgeon (*nee* Newton) married Gwen Heyter Newton in Kyogle in 1941. Was living at Port Macquarie in 1943 working as a Teacher at Telegraph Point. Died 11<sup>th</sup> September 1988 and buried in Lismore.



**TURNER, C. see TURNER, William Claude**

**TURNER, George Shouldize (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX25149  
**Date of Birth:** 28 May 1919  
**Place of Birth:** Melbourne, Vic  
**Date of Enlistment:** 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Stanmore, NSW

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Thomas Turner

**Date of Discharge:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1944

**Posting at Discharge:** 34 Australian Infantry Training Battalion

**Notes:** Son of Police Sergeant Thomas Shouldize and Daisy Florence Turner (*nee* Anderson). Sgt. Shouldize was at one time stationed at Port Macquarie. Brother Henry (1918-1942) also served and lost his life (*see below*). Married (1) Vera Cecile Lucas (1919-2007) in 1942 at Victoria Park, Western Australia and (2) Monika Muscinkas (1926-1991) in Victoria in 1951. Died 16<sup>th</sup> May 1987 at West Geelong, Victoria



**TURNER—LUCAS.**

At Victoria Park Congregational Church on 14th November last the marriage of Miss Vera Cecile Lucas and Private George Shouldize Turner (A.I.F., returned) was solemnized. Given away by her father, the bride, who is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lucas, Victoria Park, Western Australia, wore a lovely gown of cream lace mounted on a taffeta slip. Her pretty hip-length veil was held in place with a top-knot of roses, and she carried a beautiful bouquet composed of roses and tuberose. The bridesmaid, Miss Ruth Moore, wore a pretty lemon marquisette frock with a lovely indoor hat, and she carried a choice bouquet of lemon roses and blue cornflowers. The bridegroom, who is the younger son of Sergt. and Mrs. T. S. Turner, Elbow Street, West Kempsey, was attended by Sergt. N. Lucas, R.A.A.F., brother of the bride, as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, when Mrs. A. G. Lucas entertained a number of relatives and old friends. — "Macleay Chronicle."

PMN 23<sup>RD</sup> January 1943

Pte. George Turner, son of Sergeant T. S. and Mrs. Turner, of Kempsey, and formerly of Port Macquarie, has returned to Australia from the Middle East.

PMN 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1942

**TURNER, Henry Thomas Augustus (Sergeant)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 403158  
**Date of Birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> April 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Balranald  
**Date of Enlistment:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 1940  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney  
**Next of Kin:** Monica Turner  
**Date of Death:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 1942  
**Posting on Death:** 460 Squadron Vickers Wellington IV bomber.

**Place of Burial or Commemoration:** Dalfsen General Cemetery (Netherlands)

**Notes:** Son of Police Sergeant Thomas Shouldize and Daisy Florence Turner (*nee* Anderson). Sgt. Shouldize was at one time stationed at Port Macquarie. and brother to George Turner (above). Married Monica Muriel Atkinson of Bendigo (Vic.) at Walgett in 1940.

**TURNER, William Claude**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX25300  
**Date of Birth:** 23 April 1903  
**Place of Birth:** Bathurst  
**Date of Enlistment:** 6<sup>th</sup> June 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Telegraph Point  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Sophia Turner

**Date of Discharge:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 1943

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Australian Garrison Battalion

**Notes:** On memorial as C. Turner. Son of George Henry and Emily Blanche Turner (*nee* Russell). Married Mysophia Amelia Rowsell (1902-1954) in Naremburn on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1926. Died 4<sup>th</sup> December 1964 at Rockdale and buried at Telegraph Point.

The general topic to-day is the war position, and it strikes this scribe that the present situation is the real acid test of Christian faith. Some of our local lads have enlisted, and others are intending to go. Those already gone to camp are Messrs. T. Dick and Claude Turner. W. Collins and J. Bailey have passed the doctor. Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Chelman are also in the Air Force, viz., Albert and Ossie, having enlisted from Queensland.

PMN 29<sup>TH</sup> June 1940

# V

## VOGELE, Bruce Reginald (Leading Aircraftman)



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 37495  
**Date of Birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> June 1922  
**Place of Birth:** Ballengarra  
**Date of Enlistment:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Ballengarra  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney  
**Next of Kin:** Phyllis Vogele (wife)



**Date of Discharge:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** Aircrew Holding Unit

**Notes:** Son of Henry William and Janet S Vogele (*nee* Harrower). Married Phyllis Knighton (1922-2015) in Hampshire, England, in the April quarter of 1944. Phyllis came out to Australia with their son David B Vogele (born 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 1945) on the British Bride ship 'Stirling Castle' in June 1946 (see article below). Possibly died 30 July 1996 at Kyogle, late of Old Grevilla.

### British Brides Had Special Coupon Issue

Endless line of English prams being wheeled along No. 7 wharf, Woolloomooloo yesterday morning by husky wharf workers provided a grand finale to the arrival of the bride-ship *Stirling Castle*.

Youngsters were snugly clad, looked sturdy and healthy, although their care during the trip gave mothers some anxious moments.

Heavy English top-coats and well-cut costumes worn by the majority of brides were greatly admired by welcoming groups of feminine relatives and friends.

"These are the result of the special allowance of 45 coupons given us before we left," said Mrs. Bruce Vogele, of Portsmouth.

With Mrs. Vogele was her 15-month-old son David, looking like a Hunt Club mascot in his red cap, red coat, and white trousers.

"There were about 200 children on board when we left England," said Mrs. Len Brines, of Plymouth, who had her 18-month-old son Alan with her.

Daily Telegraph 21st June 1946 p.17

# W

WALDRON, A.K. *see* WALDRON, Keith

## WALDRON, Arthur Laurie (Signalman)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX171093  
**Date of Birth:** 8<sup>th</sup> December 1924  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 14<sup>th</sup> June 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Telegraph Point

**Place of Enlistment:** Bonegilla, Victoria

**Next of Kin:** William Waldron (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 8<sup>th</sup> October 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 13th Line Maintenance Section

**Note:** Son of William Henry and Lucy Mabel Waldron (*nee* Dick).

Married Sylvia Rae Lee 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1948 at Port Macquarie.

Died 20th August 2016 at Murwillumbah.

Report of wedding in PMN 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1948 p.6.



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## WALDRON, Keith (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX118021  
**Date of Birth:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 1919  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Blackmans Point  
**Place of Enlistment:** Rutherford, N.S.W.

**Next of Kin:** Leila Waldron (mother)

**Date of Discharge:** 4<sup>th</sup> November 1944

**Posting at Discharge:** Reinforcements New Guinea Force

**Note:** Listed on memorial A. K. Waldron. Son of George William (1873-1941) and

Leila Sarah Waldron (*nee* Steel). Married Thelma Jean Blanch in 1947 (1926- )

at Port Macquarie. Died 26 May 1982 at Concord, buried at Port Macquarie Cemetery.

Brother of Roy (below).





### WALDRON, Henry Thomas 'Harry' (Sapper)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX137716 (N170920)  
**Date of Birth:** 24<sup>th</sup> May 1922  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 22 August 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Telegraph Point, N.S.W.

**Place of Enlistment:** Noonamah N.T.

**Next of Kin:** William Waldron (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 16 August 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 23 Field Company

**Note:** Son of William Henry and Lucy Mabel Waldron (*nee* Dick). Married (1) 8<sup>th</sup> March 1947 to Jean Mackie (1922-2015) at St. Giles, Greenwich, (2) to Delma Marilyn Smith (1948-2001) 8<sup>th</sup> May 1976 in Lismore. Died 4<sup>th</sup> August 1996, Tugan Queensland.

### WALDRON, Roy (Lance Corporal)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX98284  
**Date of Birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 1906  
**Place of Birth:** Hastings River  
**Date of Enlistment:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Kendall

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Laurel Waldron

**Date of Discharge:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 10 Army Troops Company N T F.

**Notes:** Son of George William (1873-1941) and Leila Sarah Waldron (*nee* Steel). Married Laurel May Blanchard (1909-1997) in 1927 at Port Macquarie. Died 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1987 Hervey Bay, Queensland. Brother of Keith (above).

### WALDRON, William Noel (Craftsman)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX81858  
**Date of Birth:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 1922 (see notes)  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Blackmans Point

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** William Waldron

**Date of Discharge:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Floating W/C W/S

**Notes:** Son of William Henry and Lucy Mabel Waldron (*nee* Dick). Born 10 August 1923 (*see* Dick Family Tree book vol. 1 at PMHC library). Married (1) Betty Wilga Bower (1927-1973) at Bathurst in 1943 (2) Barbara Joyce Higgins in 1963 at Moss Vale. Died 17th November 1994 at Coonabarabran.



## WALKER, Angus James (Lieutenant)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX72232  
**Date of Birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 1918  
**Place of Birth:** The Manse, Henty (NSW)  
**Date of Enlistment:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** John Walker (father)

**Date of Death:** 27<sup>th</sup> March 1945

**Place of Death:** New Guinea

**Place of Burial or Commemoration:** Lae War Cemetery, Morobe Province, Papua New Guinea

**Posting on Death:** 2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion

**Notes:** Son of the Revd. John Walker and Mary Jane Walker (*nee* Gibson), of Port Macquarie. Brother of Richard Gibson Walker (see below).

### Port Macquarie News 24<sup>th</sup> February 1945 'SOLDIER'S LETTER'.

The following are extracts from letters of Lieut. Angus Walker to his parents, Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Walker, Tacking Point: —

*10/1/45—Xmas in my part of the world was far from "Xmassy" and New Year's Day just another day. You see we spent the big day on board ship and as no preparation had been made for the meal of the year, we just had to put up with normal tucker. There were many church services (parades) on board and much carol singing. The trip was uneventful—calm, hot and fairly crowded, but it did give us all an opportunity of lounging on deck in next to nothing with the result that most of us are just like niggers now. Almost up to the standard of the local "boong" actually, and they for the most part are fine strapping blokes. We're camped in a nice shady Coconut-plantation about 50 yards from the surf, which on occasion, provides some extra good shoots for the lads who are naturally taking every opportunity to crack a few. Quite a bit of fishing, too, mostly whiting and small stuff. — Since arriving we've shifted camp three times, a good scheme for when you're continuously on the move, you've plenty to occupy your mind and it does get away from the routine and boredom of static camp life. Soldiering away from Australia is much better too, even though it may involve more work and less comfortable living conditions. My living expenses have been cut by about 80 per cent and may be lowered even more, shortly—tobacco is so, cheap, there's no grog, and nothing to spend anything on no 'how. We're mad with the malaria and typhus precautions of course. It's a constant source of worry to me for I'm responsible as an officer that none of the troops under my command catch the disease, and I'm required to check them at frequent intervals during the night to ensure that all precautions are carried out —such things as sleeves down at night, all buttons done up, gaiters worn, mosquito lotion applied every two hours when not under nets, nets properly tucked in when in bed and free from holes or tears, and even checking to make sure that no portion of their bodies is in contact with their nets. You've no idea the lengths to which we have to go, but it's worth it in the long run and will most certainly pay good dividends. This child is determined to miss again anyhow!*

*12/1/45 — Things have happened for a change despite the fact that you must know already that your fond son is back in the tropic isle ("Green Hell!") of N.G. It's new— and it's not new, this being abroad again. The same old army game in a different setting. Perhaps so much travel has made me blasé towards surroundings and events, which would most certainly be interesting to you but there it is. Fortunately, conditions are much more pleasant than those I've experienced on our famous island previously. Mud and slush and everlasting rain and cold, hunger and exhaustion are for a while anyhow things way back in the dim distance and our present set-up is hardly to be compared with them. You see we've a very pleasant camp.*

### Port Macquarie News 16<sup>th</sup> January 1943(1945)

*Lieut. Angus Walker, A.I.F., who has seen service in the New Guinea after returning, from the Middle East, and was wounded in action, is spending leave with his parents, Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Walker.*

**Port Macquarie News 7<sup>th</sup> April 1945**  
**ROLL OF HONOR**  
**LIEUT. A. WALKER.**

*Another of our local boys has answered the last call and given his life for his country. The Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Walker, of Tacking Point Road, received a telegram on Friday last to the effect that their son, Lieutenant Angus Walker had been killed in action on 27th March, whilst serving with the Australian Forces in one of the island campaigns. Their many friends, and the public generally, will feel deeply for them in their sorrow, and hope that the sadness and uncertainty of war will soon be a thing of the past. It is a time of stress and anxiety to all who have husbands, sons, daughters, or other relatives in the services, and the arrival of news such as this causes a void and emptiness hard to replace. Though it be a death of glory, there are still those pangs of sorrow, through which we glance to the future in the hope that it may carry something more beautiful in a better world, for the great suffering that has been endured for almost six years. Lieut. Angus Walker returned home after service in the Middle East, and also saw service in New Guinea. In company with other brave Australians he was continuing the fight against a difficult and dangerous enemy when " the call came. He received his commission to officer in New Guinea, for service well done, and held the respect and admiration of comrades throughout the services, as well as all civilians who were privileged to know him. Such are the lads that Australia can ill afford to lose*

**Port Macquarie News 21<sup>st</sup> April 1943(1945)**

*The meeting opened with the singing of the National Anthem, after which the-members stood in silence in sympathy with the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Walker for the loss of their son, Lieut. Angus Walker, on active service*

**Port Macquarie News 14<sup>th</sup> April 1945**

**KILLED ACTION.**  
**LIEUT. A. J. WALKER.**

*Mention was made in our previous issue of the death in action in New Guinea of Lieutenant Angus James Walker, on 27th March, word of which was received by his parents, the Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Walker, Tacking Point Road, Port Macquarie, on 30th March. The late Lieut. Walker, who was a member of the 2/2 Australian Infantry Battalion was born in 1918 at Henty, N.S.W. He was educated at the Port Macquarie Public School, Granville Public School, and Canterbury High School. On completion of his education, Angus received an appointment to the N.S.W. Public Service. Later a transfer was made to the Rural Bank, Sydney, where rapid promotion followed for especially good work. Whilst in the Bank he gained an intermediate certificate in accountancy. Angus enlisted in the AMJJ in February, 1939 In March, 1941, he transferred to the A.I.F., and embarked, after training, with the 2/2 A.I.B. in June, 1941 With other Australian troops, he returned from the Middle East in August, 1942. Part of leave granted on return from overseas was spent with his parents, and he, with other local lads, was given a welcome home by the Women's Comforts Fund. He embarked for New Guinea in September, 1942, and saw service in the Owen Stanley campaign. At Eora Creek he was wounded in action, and Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished service in the field, being subsequently promoted from Corporal to Commissioned Rank. Returning from New Guinea in January, 1943, a period was spent in Australia, and, in December, 1944, he returned to active service in New Guinea, where he was killed in action on March 27th, 1945. Whilst employed in Sydney the late Lieut. Walker played a good game of rugby union football with the St. George Club. Lieut. Angus Walker was a splendid type of Australian manhood, admired and respected by all — a type of man whom Australia can ill-afford to lose. He played his part nobly in civilian life, always playing the game, as was also the case in the army life; he has played his last grand game, and-now rests in hallowed ground, with other mates and Australians, in New Guinea. All regret these heavy sacrifices, but hope they will not have been in vain — that the principles and ideals for which our lads fought, suffered and gave their all, will be perpetuated as will be the memories of our boys who will never return.*

### WALKER, Athol Onis (Corporal)



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 62197  
**Date of Birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 1906  
**Place of Birth:** Kingston, Norfolk Island  
**Date of Enlistment:** 16<sup>th</sup> February 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Dorothy Walker (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 19<sup>th</sup> October 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 3 Communications Unit

**Notes:** Son of Revd. Matthew Walker and Agnes Annie Phillips. Married Dorothy Lacey (1920-1953) at Auburn in 1938. Died 1<sup>st</sup> August 1990 at Inverell.

### WALKER, Robert Gibson (Warrant Officer Class II)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX98056  
**Date of Birth:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 1916  
**Place of Birth:** Donald (Vic)  
**Date of Enlistment:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Ashfield  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Evelyn Walker

**Date of Discharge:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** HQ N G F

**Notes:** Son of John and Mary Jane Walker (*nee* Gibson). Brother of Angus Walker (see above). Married Evelyn Edith Rayner (1919-1988) at Granville 14<sup>th</sup> February 1942. Died 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1997 at Bonny Hills. Buried Innes Gardens Memorial Park. His father was a minister at Port Macquarie for some time.

**Sgt. R. Walker, A.I.F., with his wife and child, a friend, Miss Miller, visited his parents, Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Walker, on hearing the news of his brother Angus being killed in action.**

PMN 7th April 1945

### WALKLATE, Eric Mervyn 'Jim' (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX10142  
**Date of Birth:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 1914  
**Place of Birth:** Tenterfield  
**Date of Enlistment:** 15<sup>th</sup> March 1940

**Locality on Enlistment:** Paddington

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Mary Walklate (mother)

**Date of Death:** 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1943

**Posting on Death:** 2/32 Australian Infantry Battalion

**Place of Burial or Commemoration:** Lae War Cemetery, Lae, Papua New Guinea

**Notes:** Son of Spencer Henry John William Walklate (1887-1954) and May Hope Aston (1894-1955). Married Mary Veronica Hinds (Hines) of Fairfield NSW in 1938.

### KILLED IN ACTION.

Sgt. S. H. and Mrs. Walklate received the sad news on Wednesday that their son, Pte. Eric Walklate, had been killed in action. The parents of the deceased soldier, and his wife and children, who reside in Sydney, will have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their sorrow. Pte. Walklate spent a few weeks here after returning from the Middle East with the 9th Division. Since returning to duty he has taken part in the fighting in New Guinea, where he made the supreme sacrifice.

PMN 6th November 1943 p2

**WALKLATE, Garfield 'Garth' Earle (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX114498  
**Date of Birth:** 15<sup>th</sup> October 1919  
**Place of Birth:** Wardell (NSW)  
**Date of Enlistment:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Ingleburn

**Next of Kin:** Spencer Walklate

**Date of Discharge:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/4 Dental Unit

**Additional Service Numbers:** N270913

**Notes:** Son of Spencer Henry John William Walklate (1887-1954) and May Hope Aston (1894-1955). Married Mary Agnes Brickman in 1842 (registered Mayfield.), Died 22 Jan 1996, Port Macquarie.

**WALKLATE, Spencer Henry (Lance Corporal)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX202843  
**Date of Birth:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Brushgrove, near Maclean  
**Date of Enlistment:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 1944  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Sydney

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Linda Maude Walklate (*nee* O'Keefe) (wife)

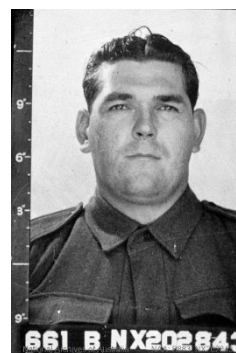
**Date of Death:** 13<sup>th</sup> April 1945

**Place of Death:** Muschu Island, Papua New Guinea

**Posting at Death:** Group 'C' - 'Z' Special Force

**Place of Burial or Commemoration:** Missing presumed dead 13 April 1945. Spencer Walklate's remains were not found until 2013. His remains, and those of another soldier, were reinterred at Bomana War Cemetery in Port Moresby in 2014.

**Notes:** Son of Spencer Henry John William (1887-1954) and May Hope Walklate (*nee* Aston [1894-1955]). Married Linda Maude O'Keefe (1912-1998) at Gunnedah 31<sup>st</sup> January 1938. Listed on memorial W. H. Walklate (KIA), probably same man. **See Appendix Two**



**WALKLATE, W.H. *see* WALKLATE, Spencer Henry**

### WALSH, Agnes Dick 'Dixie' (Signaller)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NF454908  
**Date of Birth:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 1924  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 6<sup>th</sup> April 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

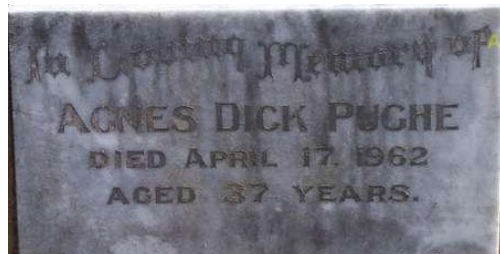
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Ivy Walsh (mother)

**Date of Discharge:** 24<sup>th</sup> March 1947

**Posting at Discharge:** Australian Womens Army Service

**Notes:** Daughter of Maurice and Ivy Agnes Walsh (*nee* Dick) and sister to Albert Walsh (below) and June Walsh (below). Married George John Pughe (1922-2007) in Parramatta 1<sup>st</sup> April 1961. Died 14<sup>th</sup> April 1962 at Carina, Qld (late of Concord). Only one A.D. Walsh is listed on the memorial.



### WALSH, Albert Drew (Gunner)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX 28025  
**Date of Birth:** 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 1919 (see notes)  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 4<sup>th</sup> June 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Maurice Walsh (father)

**Date of Death:** 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941

**Place of Death:** Bonegilla Victoria

**Posting at Death:** 2/15 Field Regiment

**Notes:** AKA Drew Walsh. Albert initially enlisted under this, his own name. Being under age, he was discharged on 14<sup>th</sup> August 1941. He re-enlisted on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 1941 as Arthur John Dick (AKA John Dick) service record NX45007. Son of Maurice and Ivy Agnes Walsh (*nee* Dick). Born 6<sup>th</sup> October 1921 (Albert D. Walsh), he never married, and died 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941 (under the name Arthur John Dick) at Bonegilla Victoria. His body was returned to Port Macquarie for interment at St Thomas' Church of England. Brother to Agnes Walsh and June Walsh. Only one A.D. Walsh is listed on the memorial. *See* obituary PMN 6<sup>th</sup> December 1941.



**WALSH, Barry Leo (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX166144  
**Date of Birth:** 10<sup>th</sup> August 1921  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 26<sup>th</sup> October 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Not known  
**Place of Enlistment:** North Head



**Next of Kin:** Christopher Walsh (Father)  
**Date of Discharge:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** 1 Australian Parachute Battalion  
**Additional Service Numbers:** N219785; N99335  
**Notes:** Son of Christopher and Lucy Walsh (*nee* Trueman).  
Married Norma Clorine Kirkwood in 1947 at Port Macquarie.  
Died 26 June 2000 at Port Macquarie. Buried Port Macquarie General Cemetery

**WALSH, B.M.** *not found*

**WALSH, Colleen Veronica (Private)**



**Service:** A.W.A.S.  
**Service Number:** NF454527  
**Date of Birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> February 1925  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 30<sup>th</sup> March 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington  
**Next of Kin:** Christopher Walsh (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1946  
**Posting at Discharge:** Australian Womens Army Service  
**Note:** Daughter of Christopher and Lucy Walsh (*nee* Truman). Sister to Lucy Walsh (below) and Barry Walsh (above). Died Taree 17th Dec 1996 (PMHC Family Files)

Miss Colleen Walsh, who recently joined the A.W.A.S., was home on leave during Easter week-end.

PMN 1st May 1943

**WALSH, June Elizabeth (Signalman)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NF456257  
**Date of Birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 1923  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington  
**Next of Kin:** Ivy Walsh (mother)  
**Date of Discharge:** 4<sup>th</sup> June 1947  
**Posting at Discharge:** Australian Womens Army Service  
**Notes:** Daughter of Maurice and Ivy Agnes Walsh (*nee* Dick) and sister to Agnes Walsh (above) and Albert Walsh (above). A triplet (PMN 8 March 1924) with brothers Maurice Barrie (d.2005) and Charles Leslie (d.1924). Married Norman Francis Dunn (1925-1987) at Parramatta on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1954. Died 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Wauchope.

DUNN June Elizabeth Passed away peacefully on Tuesday 15th May, 2018 at Bundaleer Nursing Home Wauchope and formerly of Widderson Street, Port Macquarie, Beloved Wife of Norm (deceased), Loving Mother and Mother in law of Gail and Don, and Neville. Adored Gran of James, Adam and Meagan, Cameron and Angela, and Great Grand Mother of Connor and Oliver. Aged 94 Years A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of June will be celebrated in the Chapel of the Innes Gardens Memorial Park Crematorium, Philip Charley Drive, Port Macquarie on Friday 25th May, 2018 commencing at 1pm. All Ex Service Men and Women are kindly invited to attend.

**WALSH, Mona Lucy 'Tinky'**



**Service:** AAMWS  
**Service Number:** NFX162962  
**Date of Birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> December 1913  
**Place of Birth:** Taree  
**Date of Enlistment:** 14<sup>th</sup> March 1944

**Locality on Enlistment:**  
**Place of Enlistment:** Adelaide  
**Next of Kin:** Christopher Walsh (father)  
**Date of Discharge:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 1948  
**Posting at Discharge:** Aust. Army Medical Women's Service  
**Additional Service Numbers:** N460307; N162962  
**Notes:** Daughter of Christopher and Lucy Walsh (*nee* Truman), sister to Colleen Walsh (above) and Barry Walsh (above). Notice in Manning Times 4<sup>th</sup> June 2004. Died 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004. Buried Manning Great Lakes Lawn Cemetery, Pampoolah.

Miss Mona Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Walsh, of Port Macquarie, returned on the "Merker" from Japan. Miss Walsh will be discharged, after serving five years with the A.A.M.W.S.

PMN 23rd April 1948 p.5



**WALSH, William David (Driver)**



**Service:** Army

**Service Number:** NX59489

**Date of Birth:** 9<sup>th</sup> October 1906

**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie (see below)

**Date of Enlistment:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 1940

**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Florence May Walsh (wife *nee* Campbell)

**Date of Discharge:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 1948

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/3 Motor Ambulance Convoy

**Prisoner of War:** Yes - Malaya

**Notes:** Son of Maurice David and Maria 'Louisa' Frances Walsh (*nee* Lockhart). His service record shows Port Macquarie as his birthplace, however, his birth was registered (NSW BDM) in Hillgrove. William married in 1930 at Armidale and had moved to Port Macquarie by 1936 (NSW Electoral Roll) where the couple lived in Clarence Street. Died 7<sup>th</sup> September 1982 at Banksia.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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MEMBERS OF THE 2/3RD MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOY AND THE 3RD RESERVE MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANY BEING FERRIED TO THEIR ASSIGNED SHIP WHICH IS WAITING TO TRANSPORT THEM TO MALAYA. 14<sup>th</sup> February 1941

**WARD, Arthur William (Leading Aircraftman)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 37407  
**Date of Birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 17<sup>th</sup> June 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney



**Next of Kin:** William Ward

**Date of Discharge:** 4<sup>th</sup> April 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 87 Squadron

**Notes:** Memorial lists A. Warde. Son of William P. and Florence L. Ward (*nee* Rosenbaum) and brother of Reginald Ward (below).

Married Dorothy Joan Elford in Port Macquarie in 29 April 1950.

Died 24 Nov 1999 (PMN). Served time in the Islands north of Australia (PMN 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945 p4)

**WARD, Edward Steven Alfred (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX10088  
**Date of Birth:** 29<sup>th</sup> December 1896  
**Place of Birth:** Parry Sound, Canada  
**Date of Enlistment:** 13<sup>th</sup> March 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington



**Next of Kin:** Victoria Ward (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 1942

**Posting at Discharge:** 2/1 Field Ambulance

**Notes:** Son of Charles Edward and Mary Ann Ward. AKA 'Pop Ward' Enlisted to be with his son Steven Ward (see below). Had previous service listed on his enlistment papers in France and Eastern Mediterranean. Married Victoria Mabel Perfremment in 1925 at Manly and died 1971 in Sydney.

**Private Edward Steven Ward (54), of Port Macquarie, and a veteran of the 1914-18 war, dyed his grey hairs brown, joined up with the A.I.F., met his son at Bardia, and was blown up in Greece.**

PMN 30 Aug 1941 p4

**WARD, Reginald (Sergeant/Pilot)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 35330  
**Date of Birth:** 21<sup>st</sup> March 1920  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney



**Next of Kin:** Coral Ward (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** Advanced Flying and Refresher Unit

**Notes:** Son of William P. and Florence L. Ward (*nee* Rosebaum,) and brother to Arthur William Ward (above). He married Coral Reid 17<sup>th</sup> January 1945 at Temora. Died 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 1997 at Port Macquarie (PMN 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 1997). He saw service in Darwin and in the islands to the north of Australia with the Air Force as a fitter, gaining the Pacific Star. (PMN 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945)

The Temora Baptist Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January, when Coral, youngest daughter of the late Mr. J. E. Reid, formerly of "Pine Lodge" and of Mrs. Reid, of Crowley Street, was married to Sgt./Pilot Reginald Ward, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward, of West Port Macquarie.

**WARD, Steven Claude (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX8872  
**Date of Birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918  
**Place of Birth:** London, England  
**Date of Enlistment:** 5<sup>th</sup> December 1939  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Edward Ward (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 114 Australian General Hospital; 2/1 Field Ambulance. Served in Crete.

**Notes:** Son of Edward Steven Alfred (above) and Victoria Mabel Ward (*nee* Perfrement). Held Stalag XVIII D and Stalag III D. POW number 11865. Repatriated November 1943. Returned to Australia. He married Hilda Eileen Bechag in 1945 at Rockdale. Died 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1997 at Yowie.

**WELCOME HOME.**

The Empire Hall was packed on Tuesday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> inst., for the welcome home by the Women's Comforts Fund to Pte. Steve Ward, a prisoner of war repatriated from Germany. Sgt. F. Potts, from New Guinea, and Pte. G. Priestly, from Darwin. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ward, of Armidale, parents of Steve, with daughter Maryon, came down for the function to be the guests of the WCF for a week. Steve is on three weeks' leave after returning to Australia through France and Alexandria, prior to reporting back to duty. He was taken prisoner on Crete and was one of three Australians in a prisoner of war camp in Berlin for 20 months. Sgt. Potts was accompanied by his wife and family, and Pte. Priestly by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Priestly.

PMN 19<sup>th</sup> February 1944 p.3

**WARDE, A *see* WARD, Arthur William**

**WATSON, Robert Frederick**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NG2079  
**Date of Birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1913  
**Place of Birth:** Murrurundi  
**Date of Enlistment:** 4<sup>th</sup> August 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Campsie

**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Maureen Watson

**Date of Discharge:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1949

**Posting at Discharge:** 9 A A Canteen Service Club

**Notes:** Married Dulcie Findlay (1916-1972) at Canterbury in 1949.

Died 4<sup>th</sup> March 1986. Buried Innes Gardens Memorial Park.

**WATT, Leslie Gordon (Sergeant)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 32588  
**Date of Birth:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 1905  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Windsor  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Grace Watt (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 17<sup>th</sup> October 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** RS Laverton

**Notes:** Son of John and Maud Watt (*nee* Hyde). Married Grace Elizabeth May Johnson in Armidale 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 1926 (Armidale Express 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1926).

Died 24 Feb 1995 at South Windsor.

**WHATSON, Dudley Kingston (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX131868  
**Date of Birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1910  
**Place of Birth:** Taree  
**Date of Enlistment:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Bankstown

**Next of Kin:** Gwendoline Whatson

**Date of Discharge:** 30<sup>th</sup> January 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 29/46 Australian Infantry Battalion

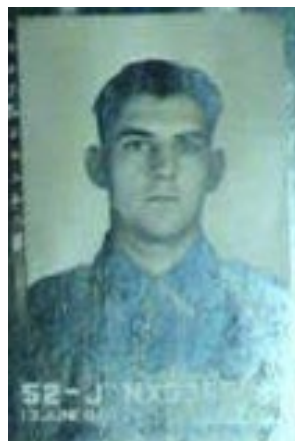
**Additional Service Numbers:** N106724; N290355

**Notes:** Son of William G. and Mary A. Watson (*nee* Kerr). Married Gwendoline D. Ruprecht in 1933 at Taree. Died 16<sup>th</sup> November 1968 at Port Macquarie.

**WHITING, John Frederick (Driver)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX33654  
**Date of Birth:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1918  
(see below)  
**Place of Birth:** Cessnock  
**Date of Enlistment:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port



Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Hazel A E Griffiths (sister, *nee* Whiting)

**Date of Death:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1945 (Acute leukaemia)

**Posting on Death:** 2/20 Transport Platoon

**Place of Commemoration or Death:** Labuan, Manila North War Cemetery in the Philippine Islands

**Notes:** Born 1921 son of Frederick Peter and Amy Alma Whiting (*nee* Fogg). Died aged 24 years.



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**WHOLOHAN, William Claude (Private)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N161376  
**Date of Birth:** 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1906  
**Place of Birth:** Wauchope  
**Date of Enlistment:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Next of Kin:** Henry Wholohan (Brother)

**Date of Discharge:** 19<sup>th</sup> March 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 32 Employment Company

**Notes:** Son of James and Blanch Wholohan (*nee* Gow). Died 7<sup>th</sup> November 1951 at Port Macquarie.

**WICKHAM, Ronald James**



**Service:** Army

**Service Number:** N322961

**Date of Birth:** 28<sup>th</sup> July 1924

**Place of Birth:** Macksville

**Date of Enlistment:** 6<sup>th</sup> August 1942

**Locality on Enlistment:** Paddington

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Rudolph Wickham (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery Field Training Regiment

**Notes:** Son of Captain Rudolph Sidney and Ethel Wickham (*nee* Pearce). His father was the Pilot at Port Macquarie Pilot Station. Married Lucy Ellen Fullbrook at Tamworth in 1951. Died 25<sup>th</sup> October 1995 at Port Macquarie.

**WILKES, Douglas William (Sapper)**



**Service:** Army

**Service Number:** N465085

**Date of Birth:** 4<sup>th</sup> August 1904

**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie

**Date of Enlistment:** 4<sup>th</sup> October 1943

**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie

**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Agnes Wilkes (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 3 Battalion Royal Australian Engineers T C

**Notes:** Son of Whitney Walter and Ellen Wilkes (*nee* Claven). Married Agnes Caville Wholohan, [sister of William Wholohan above (1916-1982)] in 1935 at Port Macquarie. Died 20<sup>th</sup> January 1989 at Port Macquarie.

**WILLIAMS, L *not found***

**Notes:** Listed on memorial, no records found for a Hastings person. Possibly Leslie Thomas Williams, born Kempsey 12 July 1908, son of Robert James and Mary E Williams of Eungai Rail Yarrahappini.

**WILSON, Ena Maude (Aircraftwoman)**



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 106019  
**Date of Birth:** 7<sup>th</sup> September 1909  
**Place of Birth:** Rollands Plains  
**Date of Enlistment:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Telegraph Point  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Roger Wilson

**Date of Discharge:** 16<sup>th</sup> November 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** Station HQ Richmond

**Notes:** Daughter of Roger Williamson and Maude Charlotte Wilson (*nee* St. John).

Died 22 March 1985 at Port Macquarie.



**WILSON, Eric Ian (Corporal)**



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX91244  
**Date of Birth:** 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1921  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 5<sup>th</sup> March 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Casino  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** Eric Wilson (father)

**Date of Discharge:** 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 5 A P OPS COY

**Note:** Memorial lists I. Wilson. Son of Eric John and Ethel Mary Wilson (*nee* Harper) and brother of Norman Macquarie Wilson (below). Married Kathleen Mabel Munday in 1952 in Sydney. Died 10 August 1999 at The Entrance (Ryerson Index).

**WILSON, I see WILSON, Eric Ian**

**WILSON, N.H. not found. Possibly N.M. Wilson (below)**

### WILSON, Norman Macquarie (Aircraftman 1)



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 131341  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1925  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1943  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Eric Wilson

**Date of Discharge:** 9<sup>th</sup> October 1946

**Posting at Discharge:** 1 Central Reserve

**Notes:** Son of Eric John and Ethel Mary Wilson (*nee* Harper) and brother of Eric Ian Wilson (above).

Died 2002 in Sydney.

Norman Wilson, son of Sgt. E. J. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Tacking Point Road, last week answered a call-up for the R.A.A.F.

PMN 6 Feb 1943

### WILSON, Roger Williamson (Aircraftman 1)



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 21627  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1907  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Macleay River  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Beryl Wilson (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 1941

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Initial Training School Bradfield Park

**Notes:** Son of Roger Williamson and Maude Charlotte Wilson (*nee* St. John).

Married Beryl Hastings Andrews at Port Macquarie in 1931. Possibly known as Roy (see fathers obituary PMN 7 Jan 1949). Died 27 Feb 1995. *See also entry below.*

### WILSON, Roger Williamson (Sergeant)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** 2900232 (NX113165)  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1907  
**Place of Birth:** Port Macquarie  
**Date of Enlistment:** 5<sup>th</sup> February 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Wauchope

**Place of Enlistment:** Glenfield

**Next of Kin:** Beryl Wilson (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 1947

**Posting at Discharge:** RMC

**Additional Service Numbers:** 2900232



### WOODLAND, Joseph (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX71307  
**Date of Birth:** 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Kempsey  
**Date of Enlistment:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 1941  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Glebe  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** William Woodland

**Date of Discharge:** 20<sup>th</sup> September 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** Reinforce TS 2/2 Battalion

**Notes:** Memorial lists J. Woodlands. Son of William Mantle and Frances Ann Woodland (*nee* Boughton). Source PMN 4 Jan 1952 and NAA



### WORKMAN, John (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** N393789  
**Date of Birth:** 25<sup>th</sup> March 1890  
**Place of Birth:** Rollands Plains  
**Date of Enlistment:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1942  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Ballina  
**Place of Enlistment:** Ballina

**Next of Kin:** Frances Workman (wife)

**Date of Discharge:** 25<sup>th</sup> September 1942

**Posting at Discharge:** Volunteer Defence Corps

**Notes:** Registered birth 1891 son of James and Isateha (probably Isabella *nee* Silvy/Silva) Workman. Married Frances Farrawell (1896-1959) at Port Macquarie on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1917. Died 8th July 1973 at Ballina.



### WRIGLEY, Keith Hastings 'Chid' (Private)



**Service:** Army  
**Service Number:** NX30608  
**Date of Birth:** 19<sup>th</sup> November 1918  
**Place of Birth:** Pymble  
**Date of Enlistment:** 13<sup>th</sup> June 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Paddington

**Next of Kin:** James Wrigley

**Date of Death:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 1945

**Posting on Death:** 2/10 Field Ambulance, Borneo

**Prisoner of War:** Yes. Ranau, Borneo

**Place of burial or commemoration:** Labuan Memorial Papua New Guinea

**Notes:** Son of James and Jessie Meade Wrigley of Port Macquarie. Keith was a very popular and proficient lifesaver. His family donated a trophy to the Port Macquarie Surf Club as a memorial to their son. The trophy was to be competed for annually at the local carnival. See obituary in PMN 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1945 p.2



## WRIGLEY, Roy (Sergeant)



**Service:** RAAF  
**Service Number:** 34086  
**Date of Birth:** 27<sup>th</sup> May 1917  
**Place of Birth:** Taree  
**Date of Enlistment:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 1940  
**Locality on Enlistment:** Port Macquarie  
**Place of Enlistment:** Sydney

**Next of Kin:** Emma Wrigley

**Date of Discharge:** 14<sup>th</sup> November 1945

**Posting at Discharge:** 2 Aircraft Depot

**Notes:** Son of John and Alice C. Wrigley (*nee* Clunne), Married Emma Edith Joyce at Port Macquarie in 1937. (See PMN Sat 5 Oct 1940 'Soldier's Farewell' for full article)

### SOLDIER'S FAREWELL.

TO ROY WRIGLEY.

At the opening of the power house on Saturday last, a farewell and presentation were tendered to Mr. Roy Wrigley, who, with his wife and two children, left for Sydney that night in answer to a call-up for the R.A.A.F.

### WEDDING.

WRIGLEY—JOYCE.

A pretty wedding was celebrated in the Methodist Church, Port Macquarie, on Wednesday, 4th August, when Emma Edith, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Joyce, of Ballengarra, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Roy, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wrigley, of Port Macquarie.

The bride entered the church on her father's arm, with Miss Molly Marriott in attendance as bridesmaid. Mr. Eric Wrigley supported the bridegroom as best man.

The bride looked charming in a magnolia satin gown, and carried a shower bouquet of carnations and fern. The bridesmaid's frock was of green windswept crepe, and her bouquet was of sweet peas. The bride was also attended by her sister, little Elvie Joyce, who was attired in pale pink silk. Both the attendants wore head dresses of tulle, with a coronet of flowers and leaves. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. E. S Taylor.

The reception was held at the Walcha Cafe, where the guests were received by the bride's mother, who wore a navy serge costume. The cake, which was a two-decker, was made by Mrs. H. Vogeles, a friend of the bride. The usual toasts were honoured.

The honeymoon was spent on the Manning, the bride travelling in a blue ensemble of knoppe angorette with navy accessories. The young couple will be residing in Port Macquarie.