

RESEARCH NOTES by W. Baker (sources as noted) on ALFRED ERNEST HASTWELL b.1881

#### 20 JAN 1881 BIRTH REGISTRATION

Digger - South Australian Births 1842 - 1906 (SAGHS) 5 Jan 2010, gives:

Alfred Ernest HASTWELL, male, (mother: Ann WHEATLEY)(father : John HASTWELL) born 1881-01-20, Birth Place, Penfield, Reg. Dist. PtG, Bk.252, Pg.413

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#### 20 JAN 1881 BIRTH RECORD

Rootsweb World Connect

Name: Alfred Ernest HASTWELL

Sex: M

Birth: 20 Jan 1881 in Penfield, South Australia, Australia

Death: Y

Note: Birth record - Father: John HASTWELL. Mother: Ann WHEATLEY. Source: South Australian Births 1842 - 1906 Book: 252 Page: 413 District: PtG.

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#### 8 MAY 1893 SCHOOL ADMISSION

The Register of Admissions to Schools in South Australia lists an Alfred HASTWELL born 20 Jan 1881 as being enrolled on 8 May 1893, Reg. No. 1954, at Pt Pirie West School.

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#### 16 FEB 1915 ATTESTATION PAPERS WWI

Wendy Baker has copy of Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad (Australian Imperial Force) as follows:

Name: HASTWELL, Alfred Ernest

Unit: Aust. Employ. Coy.

Joined on: 16/02/15

Born: Penfield Nr Gawler, SA

Age: 34 1/12 yrs

Trade: Laborer

Next of Kin: Father: Mr John HASTWELL, Yorketown, York's Peninsular.

Never previously served.

Signed: 16 Feb 1915.

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#### 16 FEB 1915 NOMINAL ROLL

AIF 7th Inf. Brigade

27th Inf. Btn.

NOMINAL ROLL

HASTWELL, Alfred Ernest

Rank: Private

Age: 34

Occupation: Labourer

Marital status: Married

Residence: Yorketown, Yorke Peninsula

Father: John Hastwell

81st Btn.

Date of joining 16 Feb 1915.

Rate of pay: - 5 shillings per diem (before embarkation)

After embarkation: 5 shillings

Allotment in Aust. per diem - 3 shillings

Net rate not incl. allowances or deferred pay: 2 shillings

Daily rate: 1 shilling

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#### 31 MAY 1915 EMBARKATION ROLL

First World War Embarkation Roll - Alfred Ernest Hastwell

Alfred Ernest Hastwell

Service number: 99

Rank: Private

Roll title: 27 Infantry Battalion (May 1915)

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of embarkation: 31 May 1915

Place of embarkation: Adelaide

Ship embarked on: HMAT Geelong

Ship number: A2

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#### 10 OCT 1951 DEATH

HASTWELL Alfred Ernest 99

Rank: Private

Unit: 2nd Pioneers, late 27th Battalion

Born: 20th January 1881, Penfield via Gawler, Sth Aust

Son of John Hastwell and Ann nee Wheatley

Next of Kin: Father - Mr John Hastwell, Yorketown, York Peninsular, Sth Aust

Occupation prior to Enlistment: Labourer

Enlisted: 17th February 1915, Keswick, Sth Aust.

Embarked for Overseas 31st May 1915, from Adelaide per HMAT "Geelong"

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Resting: Centennial Park, Sth Aust

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#### 11 OCT 1951 FAMILY NOTICES - DEATH

The Advertiser 11 October 1951 HASTWELL. -On October 10, (suddenly), at his residence, 25 North ter., Highgate, Alfred Ernest, dearly beloved husband of Ivy Rachel and loving father of Cecil, Sydney, Claudia and Ivy. Aged 70 years. Peacefully sleeping. Photo: State Records of S.A. GRG 26/5/4 1228

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#### RSL - VIRTUAL WAR MEMORIAL RECORD

<<http://future.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/units/2>>

HASTWELL, Alfred Ernest

Service Number: Not yet discovered

Enlistment Date: 16 February 1915

Last Rank: Not yet discovered

Last Unit: 27th Infantry Battalion

Born: Penfield South Australia, 20 January 1881

Home Town: Yorketown <<http://future.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/places/320>>, Yorke Peninsula, South Australia

Schooling: Not yet discovered

Occupation: Miner

Memorials: Yorketown Town and District Honour Board WW1\*

<<http://future.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/memorials/1442>>

World War 1 Service

Unknown Date: 27th Infantry Battalion <<http://future.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/units/2>>

Biography Surname: HASTWELL;  
Given Names: Alfred Ernest;  
Date of Birth: 20 January 1881;  
Date of Enlistment: 16 February 1915;  
Trade or Calling: Miner;  
Birth Location: Penfield;  
Address prior to enlistment: Yorketown;  
Photograph sent by: A E Hastwell Source: State Records SA

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HASTWELL Alfred Ernest: Service Number - 99 : Place of Birth - Gawler SA : Place of Enlistment - Adelaide SA : Next of Kin - (Father) HASTWELL John  
Series number: B2455  
Name: HASTWELL A E  
Contents date range: circa 1914 - circa 1920  
Access status: Open  
Location: Canberra  
Barcode: 4768151

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(Photographic portrait)  
No.113 HASTWELL, Alfred Ernest  
GRG26/5/4 Photographic portraits of South Australian Soldiers, sailors and nurses who took part in World War One.  
27th Battalion  
Place of birth: Penfield  
Residence: Yorketown  
Wounded: Aug 2 1916  
SRSA ref GRG26/5/4/113

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16 FEB 1915 UNSW - AIF PROJECT  
Source: UNSW - The AIF Project  
<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=130631>  
Alfred Ernest HASTWELL  
Regimental number 99  
Place of birth Gawler South Australia  
Religion Church of England  
Occupation Labourer  
Address Yorketown, Yorke's Peninsula, South Australia  
Marital status Married  
Age at embarkation 34  
Next of kin Father, John Hastwell, Yorketown, Yorke's Peninsula, South Australia  
Enlistment date 16 February 1915  
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll 17 February 1915  
Rank on enlistment Private  
Unit name 27th Battalion, A Company  
AWM Embarkation Roll number 23/44/1  
Embarkation details Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A2 Geelong on 31 May 1915  
Rank from Nominal Roll Private  
Unit from Nominal Roll 2nd Pioneer Battalion  
Fate Returned to Australia 24 August 1918

Miscellaneous information from cemetery records: Plaque in South Australian Garden of Remembrance

Other details

War service: Egypt, Gallipoli, Western Front

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

Date of death 10 October 1951

Age at death 70

Place of burial Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia

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12 AUG 1916 LETTER FROM FRANCE, PUBLISHED IN "THE PIONEER"

The Pioneer (Yorketown, SA: 1898 - 1954) Sat 12 Aug 1916 Page 3 Blowing up Fritz

trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/199100225/22510710#

Blowing up Fritz

Sapper A. E. Hastwell, 2nd Australian Pioneer Battalion, France, writing on June 8, to Mr B. Lloyd, at Yorketown says-Have just received your letter of February 14th and you will see by the above address that I have left the 27th and got transferred to the Second Australian 'Pioneer Battalion. I am in the Miners' Section and am now what you call a Sapper. We get better fed than the infantry, and have a very exciting time all the while blowing Fritz up and he doing the same to us, it is alright as long as one is not caught; it is all chance in the game of war though, and we left Australia to fight, not look on. A hundred of us miners of the 2nd Pioneers were the first Australians in the trenches in France. We have some very heavy bombardments here at times, Gallipoli is a fool to it, it is a very pretty site at night time, but very unpleasant to be in, especially when your own trenches are getting knocked about. One sees some bad sights and I do not think any of us will be sorry when we are on the home track again, but not until we see old Kaiser Bill and his dupes well under. I am still one of the lucky ones and hope my luck continues.

We will give those fish at Minlacowie Wha-tho! when I come back, which I do not think will be a great while now. This is a fine country, we had a three days trip right through France, so had a look at the country, no waste of any kind, we are situated in the North among Flemish people.

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Photo of Alfred Ernest Hastwell: State Records of S.A. GRG 26/5/4 1228

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26 NOV 1918 MARRIAGE

Digger - South Australian Marriages, Registrations 1917-1937, 22 Oct 2009, gives:

Ivy Rachel LATTY, single, 26 yrs, (Father: John LATTY) married on 1918-11-26, Alfred Ernest HASTWELL, single, 37 yrs, (Father: John HASTWELL) at Res. of John Latty, Lower Mitcham, SA; Reg. Dist. Ade; Bk.277; Pg.498.

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1926 SANDS & MACDOUGALL DIRECTORY (pg.155)

HASTWELL, A.E., Strkpr 156 Victoria St, Goodwood.

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1935 ADDRESS (Sands & MacDougall 1935 Directory)

Hastwell, A.E., 25 Victoria St, Goodwood W.

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10 OCT 1951 DEATH

From List of Deaths of Returned Servicemen WWII:

Surname: HASTWELL

Given name(s): AE

Service/Unit: 2nd Pioneers

Death date: 10-10-1951

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#### 10 OCT 1951 DEATH REGISTRATION

Digger - South Australian Deaths, Registrations 1916 to 1972 (SAGHS) 5 Jan 2010, gives:

Alfred Ernest HASTWELL, Male, died 1951-10-10 age 70 yrs, married, Death place Highgate, Residence Highgate, Reg. Dist. Adelaide, Bk.774, Pg.5761.

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#### 11 OCT 1951 FUNERAL NOTICE

Trove online (Wendy Baker Feb 2012)

The Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 12 October 1951, page 20

HASTWELL - The RELATIVES and FRIENDS of the late Mr ALFRED ERNEST HASTWELL of 2? North Terrace Highgate (late 27th Battalion and 2nd Pioneers first A.I.F.) are respectfully informed that his Remains were privately laid to rest in the Centennial Park CEMETERY on Thursday 11th instant. Reverend Wilkins kindly officiated..

ALFRED JAMES & SONS LTD

Funeral Directors, Unley and Mile End.

Phone UA1129 2 lines

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#### 11 OCT 1951 BURIAL EXPIRY NOTICE

Centennial Park Cemetery Lists gives:

Name: HASTWELL, Alfred Ernest

From: Highgate

Age: 70 yrs

Interment Type: Burial

Section: General AA

Path: F

Site: 475

Licence: 5606

Expiry Date: 11 Oct 2050

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11 OCT 1951 INTERMENT

<https://www.centennialpark.org/memorial-search/alfred-ernest-hastwell-7033/>

Details

Interment Type

Burial

Interment Date

11/10/1951

Interment Status

Interred

Interment Location

General AA, Path F, Grave 475

Interment Right

5606

Interment Right Status

Current

Interment Right Expiry

11/10/2050

View Map

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Sources:

<https://playfordspast.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/500>

<https://playfordspast.recollect.net.au/nodes/index/Search.ofvit:4f636375706174696f6e/Search.ofval:4c61626f75726572>

<https://playfordspast.recollect.net.au/nodes/index/Search.ofvit:4f636375706174696f6e/Search.ofval:536f6c64696572>

Alfred Ernest Hastwell

Alfred was born on 20 January 1881 at Penfield. His parents were John Hastwell and Ann Wheatley. John hailed from Lambeth, Surrey, England.

John and Ann's children were;

Edith Belinda born 9 February 1869 at Penfield.

John Rupert born 15 October 1870 at Penfield.

Priscilla Maud born 20 May 1872 at Penfield.

Annie born 8 June 1874 at Penfield.

Lily Madeline born 1 January 1878 at Penfield.

Alfred Ernest born 20 January 1881 at Penfield.

John and Ann resided at Penfield where they both died.

Alfred enlisted on 16 February 1915 when he was 34 years old labourer. He was appointed to the 2nd Pioneer 27th Battalion. He embarked for the Gallipoli Peninsula on 31 May 1915 where he commenced fighting. He became sick with Jaundice and was transferred to Malta.

He sailed to join the B.E.F. to Marseilles, France on 19 March 1916. He began fighting in France and on 2 August 1916 he received a severe gunshot wound to the forehead. He was transferred to L.C. Hospital, London. Albert remained in England during 1917 and spent time at Sutton Verny and Long Bridge Deverill.

He sailed from Southampton to France on 19 December 1917, whilst in the Employment Company. He was suffering from varicose veins of the abdomen on 20 February 1918, and was transferred to England. It was decided to discharge him and he sailed to Australia on the Medic. He was discharged on 28 October 1918.

Alfred married 26 years old, Ivy Rachel Latty. They had a daughter; Claudia May born 30 August 1925 at Clarence Park, Adelaide.

Alfred died on 10 October 1951 at the age of 70 years and was buried at Centennial Park Cemetery.

Ivy was living at 25 North Terrace, Highgate, when she wrote to the army requesting Alfred's Gallipoli Medal in 1967. Ivy died and was interred on 12 December 1970 at the age of 78 years in the same grave as Alfred.

Wife - Ivy Rachel Latty  
Mother - Ann Wheatley  
Father - John Hastwell  
Child - Claudia May Hastwell

Date of Birth - 20 January 1881  
Place of Birth - Penfield  
Date of Death - 10 October 1951  
Gender - Male  
Occupation - Labourer

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