



SARGENT FAMILY





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Philip Hadan

Service No: 3211

Basic Information

Name: Philip Haden Sargent

Service Number: 3211

Date of Enlistment: 6/11/1916

Age at Enlistment: 30 years 2 month

Civil Occupation: Farmer

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

Height: 5 Ft 3 ½ inches

Weight: 120 Lbs.

Chest Measurement: 35 inches

Complexion: Dark

Eye Colour: Grey

Hair Colour: Dark Brown

Father: Obeithio Sargent

Mother: Mary Anne Lewis

Siblings: Oswald Hewlett born 1881, Olive Mary born 1882, Ivy Ann born 1884, Lionel Obeithio born 1888 and Marjorie born 1890.

Married: No

Life Story

Philip was born in 1886 to Obeithio and Mary Ann Sargent. His parents and older siblings, Oswald, Olive and Ivy, had arrived in Australia that same year on the *Elderslie*. Obeithio was the pharmacist and dentist in York between 1886 and 1914.

Philip was educated at York State School and did well. He was 2nd in his class and given a special award for mapping in 1900, and was in second place behind the dux of the school in 1901.

Philip won prizes for produce at the 1908, 1909 and 1910 York Shows and was a Committee member of the York Agricultural Society and Steward for several years between 1910 and 1916. He was also a Member of the York Branch of the Farmers and Settlers' Association.

In 1913, Philip gave an address on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the Talbot Progress Association in 1913. His brother Oswald also gave lectures, illustrated with lantern slides, in York during this time frame.

To assist with the War effort, Philip purchased shares in the War Munitions fundraising drive in 1915.

Philip enlisted as a Private in the 46th Battalion on the 6th November 1916, naming his mother as Next of Kin and stating his occupation as farmer.

He sailed for England on the *Persic* and disembarked at Devonport on the 3rd March 1917. After a couple of months at Codford Training Camp, Philip proceeded overseas to France where he joined the 8th Reinforcements of the 46th Battalion at Havre.

On the 8th October 1917, Philip suffered a severe gunshot wound to his right arm, as well as his left arm and face, and was returned to hospital in England. The extent of the injury to his right arm made him permanently unsuitable to serve and on the 30th June 1918, he was returned to Australia. Philip was finally discharged from 8th Australian General Hospital in Fremantle on 8th March 1919, seventeen months after being wounded in action.

Before going overseas, Philip had lived in Brook Street, York, and had listed his occupation on the Electoral Roll as market gardener. After his return, he lived at Claremont for a short time, then Talbot Brook, until settling at “Fairview,” in Balladong, in 1925. He remained there until his death in 1963.

Philip never married.

After his death in 1964 at the York Hospital, Philip’s short obituary stated that he was one of the best-known workers for returned servicemen and that he was an R.S.L. Sub-branch executive.



“Fairview” Ashworth Road York. Now an abandoned homestead.

Photo: Kathy Emin

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Lionel Obeithio

Service No: 1313



Photograph courtesy: Earl & Joy Sargent

Basic Information

Name: Lionel Obeithio Sargent

Service Number: 1313

Date of Enlistment: 10/9/1914

Age at Enlistment: 26 years 8 months

Service Occupation: Trooper

Civil Occupation: Labourer

Medals, Honours, Awards: 1914/15
Star, British War medal, Victory medal,
mentioned twice in despatches

Height: 5 feet 2 ½ inches

Weight: 118 Pounds

Chest Measurement: 33-35 inches

Complexion: Fair

Eye Colour: Brown

Hair Colour: Dark Brown

Father: Obeithio Sargent

Mother: Mary Anne Lewis

Siblings: Oswald Hewlett born 1881, Olive Mary born 1882, Ivy Ann born 1884, Philip born 1886 and Marjorie born 1890.

1st Marriage: Edith Lilian Williams

2nd Marriage: Alice Beatrice Williams

Children: John Arthur b.1921 and Peter Hewlett b. 1924 Perth,



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Life Story

Lionel was born on the 28th January 1888, the fifth child of Obeithio and Mary Ann Sargent. His parents and older siblings, Oswald, Olive and Ivy, had arrived in Australia two years earlier from England. Obeithio was the pharmacist and dentist in York between 1886 and 1914.

Lionel was educated at the York State School, becoming dux of his class in 1900 and 1901. He later studied at the Perth Technical School and won the Webster Gold Medal in 1913 before becoming a pharmacist in 1914. Soon after graduating, Lionel enlisted in the Australian Imperial Forces, knowing



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that trained medical staff would be needed.

He enlisted on the 4th September 1914 and served throughout the War in the Field Ambulance Service. His elder brother Philip enlisted in 1916. Lionel kept a journal throughout the War where he noted things of interest or letters he had received

from home.

Lionel served at Gallipoli for almost the entire campaign, treating men with injuries and illnesses from varied Allied forces. He was a keen amateur photographer and took a camera with him to war. Lionel's experiences are captured in a unique series of photographs that capture his time on Gallipoli and the nearby island of Lemnos. He began by talking photographs of landscapes, horses and Indian Ghurkhas, but his interests changed to more sober topics the longer he was at Gallipoli.



Photo Courtesy: Earl & Joy Sargent

Lionel was sent to the Western Front after the Gallipoli campaign was abandoned, but we have only one photograph from France. Cameras were restricted and private cameras banned because the Australian authorities had realised that the photographs being sent home by the troops did not match the propaganda they were circulating at home.

Lionel took his time returning to Australia, travelling via the U.S.A. and Canada. However, he was back in York in time to attend the reception for Returned Soldiers at the York Town Hall on the 14th June 1919. Lionel felt that he had not received the sightseeing holiday many men had expected when they signed up.

The following year, Lionel left York and purchased a pharmacy in Maylands. The pharmacy was very successful and the building still stands on Railway Terrace today. In 1933, his pharmacy was placed 2nd in the



Lionel and Lillian with baby John Arthur aged approx. 6 weeks.

Photo courtesy: Earl & Joy Sargent

world after he sent photographs of the store to an international newspaper.

Lionel married Lillian William in 1921 and the couple had two sons, John (born 1921) and Peter (born 1924). Their marriage was short as, just fifteen days after Peter was born, Lillian died.

Her elder sister, Alice, came to live with the family and take care of the boys. She had served in World War One as a nurse with the Voluntary Aid Detachment, so she and Lionel had a lot in common.

Lionel and Alice married in 1926 but had no children together.

Lionel was very active in the Maylands community. He was a member of the Maylands Local Board of Health from 1924 until its amalgamation with the Perth Road District (where he continued to serve into the 1930s), President of the North Maylands Primary School Parents & Citizens' Association for 1928 and 1929 and inaugural Treasurer of the Progress Association for Inglewood and Bayswater in 1928 and 1929, having purchased a second chemist shop in Beaufort Street, Inglewood. Lionel was also a Committee member of the Maylands Centenary Celebrations group.

Both of Lionel's sons were members of the prestigious Junior Naturalists' Club of W.A. in the 1930s and both became pharmacists. Peter won the Mayhew Dispensing Prize in 1946.

Lionel and Alice both died on 22nd of June 1955.

John, Lionel's eldest son, returned to York with his wife Gladys, to raise their family. John was very close to his uncle Philip, and John's children looked up to him as another grandfather.

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