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Paul.Mishura@scotch.vic.edu.au emailed 9 Feb 2022

Joseph LEARY
7600

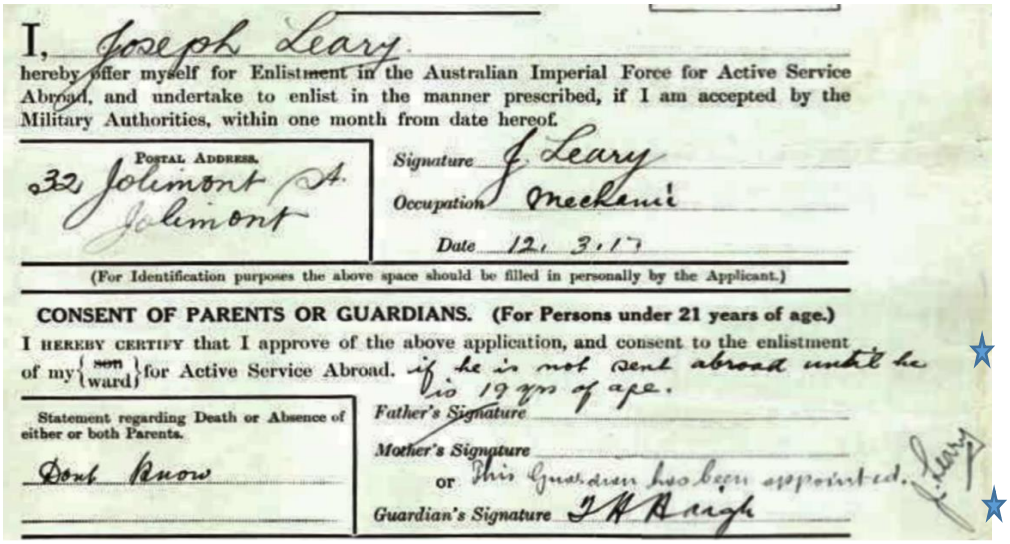
Name	Joseph LEARY
Conflict	World War 1
Number	7600
Born	c1899, Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Education	Scotch College, East Melbourne, Vic School may still have student information
Occupation	Mechanic
Address	32 Jolimont St, Jolimont, Victoria
Marital Status	Single
Age enlisted	18 years, - months
Prior Service	4 years in Senior Cadets, area 64B based at drill hall on corner of Powlett Street & Victoria Parade, East Melbourne - still serving
Next of kin	Guardian, Thomas Henry Haigh, 32 Jolimont St, Jolimont, Victoria (S/R, p35) Parents deceased & signed by Pte Leary (Service Record p1 & p5
Parents	Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents: *Don't know*
Enlisted	12 March 1917, Richmond, Victoria
Description	Height 5'7", Weight 154lbs, Chest 31-34", Complexion fresh, Eyes grey, Hair black One vaccination scar left arm, Mole under left breast
Rank	Private
Unit	14th Battalion, 25th Reinforcement
Embarked	Not to leave Australia until 19 Years of Age Unit left Melbourne, Victoria aboard HMAT A71 *Nestor*, on 21 November 1917
Hospitalised	Numerous times with Myalgia of legs (slight)
Nominal Roll	Private, 1st Australian Auxiliary Hospital
Fate	Returned to Australia 28 August 1919 aboard *Kanowna,* disembarked 23 October 1919
Medically	Found *"Permanently unfit for General Service. Fit for Home Service, 7 July 1918."*
Discharged	28 November 1919
War Service	Western Front
Medals	British War Medal, Victory Medal – forwarded after his death, returned 10 May 1923

AIF Project: https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=173134
NAA: Series B2455, Barcode 8198038, Service Record: Access- open, digitised
https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8198038
Series B73, Barcode 20619162, (Melbourne) Personal case file:Access- open, not digitised



14th Battalion

Service Record, page 35



I, Joseph Leary
hereby offer myself for Enlistment in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Abroad, and undertake to enlist in the manner prescribed, if I am accepted by the Military Authorities, within one month from date hereof.

Postal Address: 32 Jolimont St. Jolimont
Signature: J. Leary
Occupation: Mechanic
Date: 12. 3.17

(For Identification purposes the above space should be filled in personally by the Applicant.)

CONSENT OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. (For Persons under 21 years of age.)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I approve of the above application, and consent to the enlistment of my {son / ward} for Active Service Abroad. if he is not sent abroad until he is 19 yrs of age.

Statement regarding Death or Absence of either or both Parents.
Dont Know

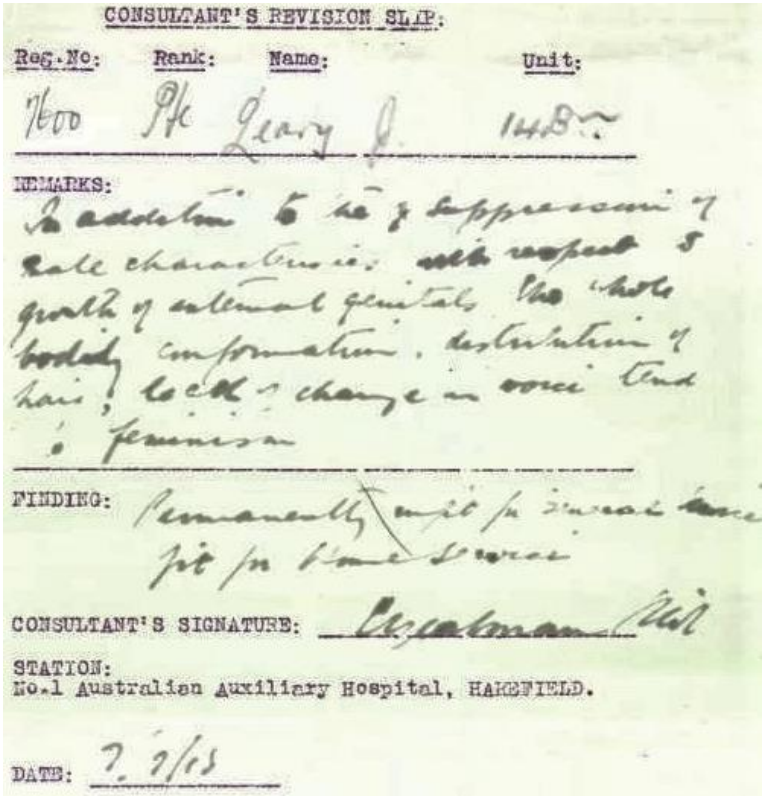
Father's Signature
Mother's Signature
or This Guardian has been appointed.
Guardian's Signature J A Haigh

J. Leary

Michael –

Service Record, p17: *undescended right testis – congenital deformity of genitals*

Service Record, p23: *In addition to the suppression of male characteristics, with respect* & growth internal genitals, whole bodily confirmation, distribution of hair; lack of change of voice tends to feminism



CONSULTANT'S REVISION SLIP:

Reg.No: 7600 Rank: Pte Name: Leary J. Unit: 14Bn

REMARKS: In addition to the suppression of male characteristics, with respect to growth of external genitals the whole bodily conformation, distribution of hair, lack of change in voice tend to feminism

FINDING: Permanently unfit for service abroad fit for Home Service

CONSULTANT'S SIGNATURE: [illegible]

STATION: No.1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital, HAKEFIELD.

DATE: 7. 9/18

Cairns Post (Qld.),
Tuesday 12 September 1922, p7

A FATAL MISTAKE.

Concerning an incident briefly reported in our wires a few days ago Townsville "Bulletin" says:—A young man named Joseph Leary, a returned soldier, 25 years of age, walked from Mackay to Proserpine, arriving on Friday. As he was suffering from malaria, he went to the doctor, who sent him to the hospital, instructing the Matron to give him 15 grams of quinine. The Matron took the bottle to give the dose, when she was called away to attend some other patients. Returning she administered the dose of what she thought was quinine, but which proved to be some sort of liquid strychnine. The mistake, of course, was discovered at once, and the doctor notified and the stomach pump applied but the efforts were useless, and the patient died shortly afterwards. Very little is known of the unfortunate man, but it is believed he had recently arrived from the southern States. A magisterial inquiry will, of course, be held.

Daily Mercury (Mackay, Qld.
Tuesday 19 September 1922, page 7

POISONED IN ERROR.

SWAGMAN'S DEATH IN PROSERPINE HOSPITAL.

Townsville, September 11.

A man named Joseph Leary, a swagman (25), was poisoned by mistake at the Proserpine Hospital through a dose of strychnine administered instead of quinine.

It appears that Leary arrived in Proserpine on Friday last from Mackay, in search of work. He complained of feeling unwell, and visited the doctor at the Hospital, who diagnosed his case as malaria, and prescribed 15 grains of quinine. It is stated that the Matron entered the dispensary, intending to administer the dose. She took down a bottle of quinine and put it on the table, when she was suddenly called out to attend to a patient. On her return, it is alleged, she gave Leary what she thought was his prescribed dose, but liquid strychnine was administered by mistake. A stomach pump was used, but was of no avail, and Leary died soon afterwards.

Bowen Independent (Qld.),
Tuesday 19 September 1922, p1

Dear Sir, —I wish to enter a most emphatic protest against the enclosed account of the death of my friend, Mr Joseph Leary. The deceased was never at any time during his career, a swagman. Prior to his enlistment he was a student of the Scotch College, Melbourne and on his return from the war he proceeded to the New Hebrides where he was employed as an overseer on a plantation. During his stay there he contracted malaria and was advised by a medical practitioner to return to Australia. The deceased and myself arrived here from Mackay about a month ago and I am surprised that such a statement should be made in regard to my late friend's profession or trade.

P.S.—The only swag I have ever known my late friend to carry was the one carried by the A.I.F. in France.

[Sorry to have cast any reflection on the deceased soldier but official information received is to blame.—Ed. Indep.]

Northern Miner (Charters Towers, Qld.),
Wednesday 27 September 1922, p4

Proserpine Notes
(For the "N.Q. Register")
PROSERPINE, September 18

The circumstances surrounding the other fatality are, briefly, as follows:—The young man, Joseph Leary, came here about a month ago, and obtained work on the Shire Council, and strange to relate, on Wednesday, he had dug the grave for the little child before mentioned. He was suffering from an attack of malaria, and was sent by Doctor Turnbull to the hospital for medical treatment. The Matron was about to give the man some quinine, when she was called away inside to other patient, who was in a very serious condition. When she returned she gave the man what she thought was the dose of quinine, but after the man had taken the dose, was horrified to find that it was strychnine hydrochloride. Immediately the doctor was notified, and a stomach pump brought into operation, but without avail, the poor fellow expiring shortly afterwards. The magisterial enquiry was held on Friday, before Mr. Shepherd, J.P., when, Doctor Turnbull, Nurse Fitzpatrick, Nurse Connolly and Acting Sergeant Laughren gave evidence, which is being forwarded to Brisbane. The deceased was buried on Saturday with military honors, a number of returned men attending the funeral. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Matron in her distress, and to the relatives of the deceased.

From: Paul Mishura
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:32 AM
To: 'Thomas Smith'
Subject: RE: WW1 soldier 7600 Private Joseph Leary

I'm sorry that I don't know whether to address you as Thomas (the email address) or Sandra (the signature at the bottom).

Leary did not attend Scotch, unless his name at the time was something quite different. I am fairly sure that I have been asked about him before, and did a number of searches based on what little information exists about him, but no-one matching his details came up.

Such newspaper reports are often wrong, whether due to Scotch being mistaken for another school, carelessness by the author, or (quite commonly) people claiming they attended a school they never did.

I am sorry that I cannot assist.

Regards,

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~ LEARY ~

Joseph LEARY
Guardian Thomas Henry HAIG (Police Constable)
b. c1899, Victoria [no birth registration]
d. 08-09-1922, Hospital, Proserpine, Qld (25yrs) [1922/C/2343 Qld] no parents named
bur 09-09-1922, Military funeral - Proserpine Cemetery – Memorial, Row OP7, Grave 183
cause Hospital Matron administered strychnine instead of quinine – did not honour him with a headstone (disgusting)
res. 32 Jolimont St, Jolimont, Victoria – residence of Thomas Henry & Ada HAIGH
ww1 7600, Private, 14th Battalion, 25th Reinforcement (aged 18 years)

Whitsunday Regional Council Burial Records

Name:	Leary, Joseph
Ref #:	301.2010.00003296.001
Location:	Section: Memorial - Row: OP-7 - Plot: 183
Born:	Not recorded
Deceased:	08/09/1922
Service:	09/09/1922
Service Type:	Interment
Notes:	Strychnine Poisoning (accidental)
Address:	Proserpine Cemetery, 307 Crystalbrook Rd, Proserpine QLD 4800

https://mapping.whitsundayrc.qld.gov.au/trueview/cemeteries/main/deceased/search?cemeteries=false&surname=Leary

Australian Electoral Rolls

1921	HAIGH, Ada	32 Jolimont St, Melbourne, Vic	home duties	1925+
	HAIGH, Roy Morton	32 Jolimont St, Melbourne, Vic	salesman	
	HAIGH, Thomas Henry	32 Jolimont St, Melbourne, Vic	police constable	1925+
	LEARY, Joseph	32 Jolimont St, Melbourne, Vic	mechanic	1922+
	Not in any Electoral Roll after 1922 as John LEARY			
1925	HAIGH, Irene	32 Jolimont St, Melbourne, Vic	home duties	

East Melbourne Historical Society:

LEARY, Joseph

Surnames **Haig, Leary**
Subjects: WW1
Author: Sylvia Black
Family name: LEARY
Given names: Joseph
Gender: Male
Place of birth: Richmond, Victoria, Australia
East Melbourne addresses
Year: 1917: 32 Jolimont Street, Jolimont Victoria, Victoria, Australia
Military service: WW1
Field of service: AIF
Regimental number: 7600
Rank: Private
Military units: 14th Battalion, 25th Reinforcement
Biographical notes: Joseph Leary was aged 18 at enlistment, and working as a mechanic. His enlistment form is marked 'not to leave Australia until 19 years of age'. His next of kin and adoptive father was Thomas Haig of 32 Jolimont Street, Jolimont. Joseph Leary 5ft 7ins; 154 lbs; dark complexion; black hair; grey eyes. He embarked from Melbourne 21 Nov 1917. He spent much time in hospital with myalgia of the legs. Some time in France. He was discharged from further service on 28 November, 1919.
References: NAA search
Acknowledgments: Ruth Watson provided information about the link between Joseph Leary and the Haig family: email 11 Feb 1913

https://emhs.org.au/biography/leary/joseph

Errors in this document

1. Surnames: Spelling of HAIG should read HAIGH
2. Place of Birth: Was unknown by all parties (as were the names of his parents).
3. Notes: Thomas "HAIG" was a not his adoptive father. Service Record, page 35 has "*This Guardian has been appointed*" which has been verified with the signatures of T H Haig & J Leary (see above)

~ HAIGH ~
Family of official guardian
No mention of Pte Leary

Thomas Henry HAIGH
s/o Allan HAIGH (1930-1908) & Charlotte Matilda POLLIRR (1829-1911)
b. 22-12-1865, Landsborough, Vic [22947/1865 Victoria] [Police Gazettes]
d. 15-02-1928, at residence, 32 Jolimont St, Melbourne, Vic
bur. Memorial Park, Fawkner, Victoria – FA-COE.K.562
occ. 13-06-1890, Victoria Police No 4274 – 1909 was Police Constable at Bourke St, West, Melbourne
m. 1899, Victoria [1048/1899 Victoria]
Ada MORTON
d/o Mark MORTON (1817-1901) & Eliza HEARD (1838-1900)
b. 1863, Geelong, Victoria [7958/1863 Victoria]
d. 13-03-1948, Parkville, Victoria [2574/1948 Victoria]
bur. Memorial Park, Fawkner, Victoria – FA-COE, Row K, Grave 562
Issue

1. Roy Morton HAIGH
   b. 08-05-1899, Richmond Vic [13381/1899 Victoria] [Parish Baptism Register]
   bap. 20-07-1899, Christ Church, South Yarra [FHL Film 993809]
   d. 1975, Caulfield Victoria (76y) [21524/1975 Victoria]
   bur. 17-09-1975, Botanical Cemetery, Springvale – Plot W Stewart Lawn, Row H, Grave 33
   res. 3 Ashburton Rd, Glen Iris , Vic
   occ. salesman
   Probate 15-08-1975 at Glen Iris (gentleman)
   m. 1925 [1134/1925 Victoria] Victoria]
   Vera Alice Isabella LOYER
   d/o Matthew Camille LOYER (1864-1916) & Isabella Frances WILLIAMS (1863-1945)
   b. 1899, Richmond, Victoria [29317/1899, Victoria]
   d. 21-01-1977, Glen Iris/Caulfield, Victoria (76y) [362/1977 Victoria]
   Issue known:
   4.1. Bruce Anthony
      b. c1926, Glen Iris, Victoria
      d. 15-10-1977, Glen Iris, Victoria [2745/1978 Victoria]
      bur. Botanical Cemetery, Springvale, Vic –Dr. McLorinan Lawn, Row P, Grave 48
   4.2. Desmond Camille HAIGH
      Note: had Connection with "John Pierce Centre *Sprit to the Deaf Community",* Prahran
      b. 21-10-1927, Glen Iris, Victoria
      d.. 30-04-2011, Glen Iris, Victoria
      res. 1980: 3 Ashburton Rd, Glen Iris, Victoria
      occ. civil engineer (Catherine's Probate)
      m. Joan
      Issue Christopher David (Public Servant) & Catherine Robyn (1963-2006)
   4.3 Male
   4.4 Female
2. Irene HAIGH
   Note; one of seven little girls who organized a bazar in aid of Yarra Park School Fund for the Australian Wounded Soldiers
   b. c1902, East Melbourne, Victoria [12004/1902 Victoria]
   d. 1980, Bulla, Victoria (78y) [18491/1980 Victoria]
   m. before 1949 - nothing in Victoria 1918-1940
   Leslie "Les" CLARK
   Issue ????? 1. Lois Arlene (1931-2002), 2. Catherine, 3. Dory, 4. Private, 5 Doris, 6. Son. 7. Daughter



Argus (Melbourne, Vic.), Thursday 16 February 1928, p1

DEATHS.

HAIGH.—On the 15th in February, at his residence, 32 Jolimont street, Jolimont, Thomas Henry, the dearly loved husband of Ada Haigh, loving father of Roy and Irene, page 62 years
A patient sufferer at rest.

HAIGH.—On the 15th February, at his residence, 32 Jolimont street, Jolimont, Thomas Henry, loved brother of Emily (Mrs. A. Hodgetts, Lands-borough), Albert (Thornbury), Charlotte (Mrs. F. Hodgett, Malvern).

The weary days and hours of pain,
The dreary sleepless nights are past.
The ever-patient, worn-out frame
Has found eternal rest at last.

Argus (Melbourne, Vic), Friday 15 February 1929, p1

IN MEMORIUM

HAIGH.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who passed away on 15th February 1928.

At times we feel so sad and lonely.
Our hearts grow strangely sore
With that silent, hopeless longing
For the loved one gone before.

-(Inserted his loving wife and family.)

HAIGH.—In loving memory of our dear brother Tom, who passed away on 15th February, 1928.

Our memory does not need to be
Reminded of this day;
Our love for you, dear brother,
Will never fade away.

—(Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, C. and F. Hodgetts.)

HAIGH.—in loving memory of Thomas Henry Haigh, who passed away on the 15th February, 1928, ay Jolimont.

A tender chord of memory
Is deeply touched to-day:
Loving thoughts of you, dear Tom,
Will never fade away.

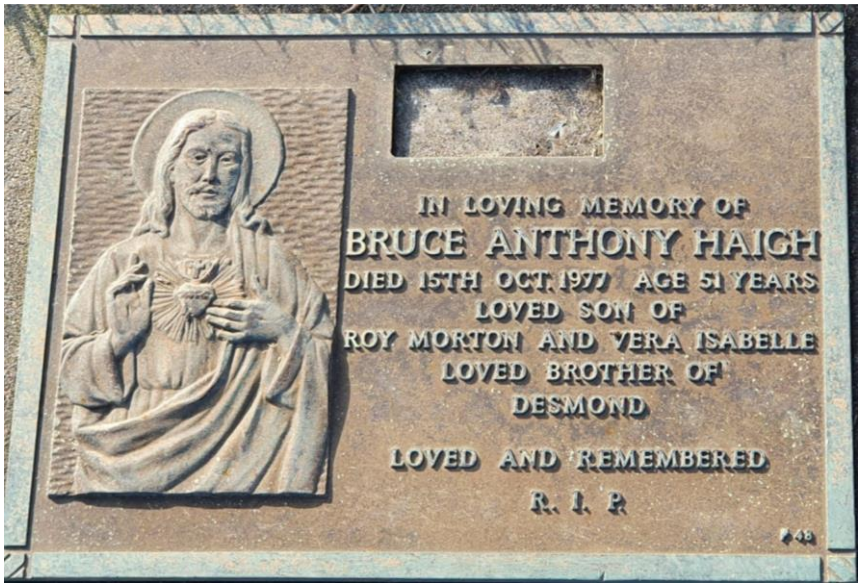
—(Inserted by M. E. Mathewson and Mrs. E. Curtis and family, Vickery street, East Malvern.)

Age (Melbourne, Vic), Saturday 12 March 1949, page 2

IN MEMORIUM

HAIGH.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, who passed away February 13, 1948. Resting.
—Inserted by her son, Roy; daughter-in-law, Vera, and grandchildren Bruce and Desmond.

HAIGH.—In loving memory of dear mother, who passed away March 13, 1948.
—Ever remembered by her loving daughter, Irene, and son-in-law, Les Clark.





Desmond Camille HAIGH

Herald (Melbourne, Vic), Wednesday 10 November 1915, p8

SEVEN LITTLE GIRLS HELP

Seven little girls of Jolimont—Marie Brunt, Lily Brunt, Irene Haigh, Florrie Hamill, Frances Holmes, Thelma Brown, and Nellie Gardner—set to work last week and organised a children's bazaar in aid of the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. It was held on Saturday on the verandah of Plainclothes-Constable T. Haigh's house, at the corner of Agnes street and Wellington parade, and as a result the children have handed £15 to the head teacher of the Yarra Park school for the fund referred to.

Punch (Melbourne, Vic), Thursday 18 November 1915, p24

Seven little girls, the Misses Marie Brunt, Lillie Brunt, Irene Haigh, Frances Holmes, Thelma Brown, Florrie Hamill, and Nellie Gardner, organised a bazaar last Saturday week, 6th November, at the residence of Mrs. Brunt, corner of Wellington Parade and Agnes-street, Jolimont. The proceeds were in aid of the Yarra Park School Fund for the Australian Wounded Soldiers, and so well was the children's effort supported by their elders that £16/12/ was realised.



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Had no knowledge of Private Joseph LEARY