

Kelk, William Stanger.

ASC 1879-88

William was originally with 12th LH transferred to 6LH and landed at Anzac 4/9/15. A few days later, on the 9th, he was evacuated to England with Dysentery. He must have had a long period of illness as he joined ship to Australia some 8 months later. At the end of his dossier there are extracts dealing with his family history. One reads of his connection to Bathurst, with having with having his father, a very prominent citizen.

Sydney. Deceased.

KELK, William Stanger (Born, 1879-85). Bathurst. Clerk of Petty Sessions; resigned as protest against appointment of solicitors and other outsiders as police magistrates. Took up stock, station, estate and land court agency, Dubbo. After Great War re-entered the Justice Department. While at school he pluckily rescued a little girl who had fallen down a well near the School. Great War. Played first grade cricket with Glebe, Burwood and Corowa.

It could have been that William unsuccessfully ran for House of Reps the seat of Darling in 1914.

Reference Examiner (Launceston) 16/9/14 P.3

More Magistrates.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be magistrates for the colony, viz.: William Stranger Kelk, C.P.S., of Hillgrove,

Evening News (Sydney) 10/2/1900 P.5

ASC School Register

No. 615 Name KELK, William Stanger
 Unit 6th Flora Coy 29/4/15
 Joined on 22/4/15

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Kelk 1. William Stanger

2. In the Parish of in
 near the Town of Sydney
 in the County of Cumberland

3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)
Natural Born

4. What is your age? 4. 11 years 11 months

5. What is your trade or calling? 5. Agent.

6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so where, to whom, and for what period? 6. No.

7. Are you married? 7. Yes.

8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. Wife, Ida Ewendoline Kelk
subscribed Taylor

9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. No.

10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? 10. No.

11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 11. No.

12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. Yes.

13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. No.

14. (For Married Men and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? 14. Yes.

15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever? 15. Yes.

Papers are done on 21/4/15

William Stanger Kelk do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

* And I further agree to allot not less than ~~two fifths~~ ⁴ of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife wife and children W.S. Kelk.

Age 4.4 years 10 months
 Height 5 feet 5 3/4 inches
 Weight 152 lbs
 Chest Measurement 33 1/2 inches 36 1/2 inches
 Complexion Ruddy
 Eyes Blue Good
 Hair Brown
 Religious Denomination C of E.

16/5/15

Service Number: 615

Rank: Private (Trooper)

Roll title: 12 LHR [Light Horse Regiment] (June 1915)

Date of embarkation: 13 June 1915

Ship embarked on: HMAT Suevic A29, at Sydney

Regiment or Corps 12th LIGHT HORSE REG

Regimental No. 615 Rank Trooper Name K E L K

Enlisted (a) 22/4/15 Terms of Service (a) _____ Service _____

Date of promotion to present rank } _____ Date of appointment to lance rank } _____

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (i) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date
Date	From whom received			
4/9/15	O.C 6th L H Regiment	Transferred to 6th L H Regiment and posted to "D" Squadron.	Anzac Cove Gallipoli Peninsula	29/
4/9/15	O.C Regiment	Sick- to hospital	do	3/
7/9/15	Nom Roll "Salta"	Dysentry- Embarked	do	3/
11/9/15-19	Gen Hosp.	Dysentry- admitted	Alexandria	9/
24/9/15.	Nom Roll "Karoola"	Embarked for England	ex do	23/
W.O.List., H 2088.	F27.	Admtd Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley	ENGLAND	5/10
8/5/16	Nom Roll "Themistocles" f140	Debility- Embarked for Australia ex	Portland ENGLAND	8/

Australian Military Forces.

2nd Military District.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

SYDNEY,

SEP 28 1916

OFFICER IN CHARGE,

BASE RECORDS,

VICTORIA BARRACKS,

MELBOURNE.

Entd B R LIST 69

No. 615 Tpr Kelk W.S. 12th L.H.

The above mentioned Returned Soldier was discharged from the Australian Imperial

Force in consequence of medical unfitness on 8/9/16 19

Born on 1870 to William Coates Kelk and Mary Sophia Stanger. William Stanger married Ida Gwendoline Vance and had 4 children. Gwendoline, William, Vivienne, Eulalie.

Joseph Edmund Vance, a businessman and company director, moved into Sutherland House in 1897. Born in 1846, he was brought up at Kiama on the New South Wales south coast. His first job was with a storekeeper at Shellharbour, and from 1868 he was a partner in a produce agency in Sydney. He had married Jane Mitchell at Kiama in 1872, but she died in 1890. **While he was living at Glebe Point in September 1896, his only child, 23-year-old Ida Gwendoline Vance, married William Stanger Kelk, the eldest son of William Coates Kelk, a Bathurst magistrate, draper and political identity.** Ten months later, on 13 December 1897, Joseph Vance, then aged 52, married his son-in-law's youngest sister, 19-year-old Emily Stanger Kelk, in the Bathurst Wesleyan Church.

The Granville Guardian Apr. 2011.

MR. W. C. KELK.

Mr. William Coates Kelk, who died recently, was prominent in commercial and political circles in the Bathurst district for many years. He was born at Burgh-le-Marsh, Lincolnshire, England,

in 1839, and spent his early days in Manchester. With his brother (the late Mr. H. J. Kelk) and sister (now Mrs. C. M. Foster) he arrived at Brisbane in August, 1866. After a few weeks in the northern capital, however, Mr. Kelk came to Sydney, and joined the business of his cousins, Messrs. G. and S. Greenwell, of Windsor, Hawkesbury River. There he met and married Miss Mary Stanger, daughter of the late J. C. Stanger, who was the second Mayor of Bathurst.

Mr. Kelk went to Bathurst, and established himself in business in 1872, and remained there for upwards of 40 years. He was a staunch supporter of the late Sir Francis Suttor in his election campaigns and held a seat as a delegate at the Federation convention at Bathurst. Mr. Kelk was a foundation life member of the Bathurst School of Arts and for 23 years a member of the Bathurst District Land Board. He was a zealous lay member of the Methodist Church of Australia. Mr. Kelk was thrice married, his second wife being Elizabeth, daughter of the late M. Saunders of Bathurst, and the third Katherine, daughter of the late Richard Doughty, of Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England. Surviving sons and daughters are -Messrs. W. S. Kelk of the Crown Lands Department, J. R. Kelk (Wagga), M. J. Kelk (Sydney) Mrs. O. C. Litchfield. (Cooma), Mrs., F. H. Shepherd (Narromine), Mrs. R. W. Webb (Tarana), and Mrs. J. E. Vance (Roseville).

SMH 5/3/30 P.19.

Died 1947. Randwick, Age 77