Ronald "George" Wooster (1919-1997)

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Ronald George Wooster was born on 12 May 1919 in Brisbane, Queensland[1], the fourth child of six born to Francis Seymour Wooster and Sarah Jane Atkinson. Ronald was known by his middle name of George throughout his life and "George Wooster" is the name which appeared on most documentation.

On 12 January 1940, at Kelvin Grove, George enlisted[2] in the Australian Army as a Private in the Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. His occupation at the time was a sheet metal worker and was living with his parents at 38 Princhester Street.

His service record[2] states that he was on active service from 26 February 1942 to 4 November 1944, a total of 983 days, all served in Australia. George's responsibilities would have been the maintenance and repair of equipment and vehicles, possibly even aircraft for use in the war.

After his discharge, he married Hazel Connely Bell on 23 December 1944 at St James Church in the Newmarket area of the city[3].

George didn't receive his War Medal and Australia Service Medal following his discharge as in 1969 he reapplied for them, now using his full name of Ronald George Wooster[2]. He and Hazel were living at 10 Granville Street (picture above[4]) at the time.

George died on 22 July 1997 aged 78 and Hazel died on 4 April 2005 aged 88.

Sources

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