

John S. Laurie

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We regret to chronicle the death of a very much esteemed resident of the district in the person of Mr. John S. Laurie, which occurred at the Caulfield Military Hospital on December 27th last.

The deceased was the second eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. James Laurie, "Sutton Glen". Rushworth, and was 43 years of age at the time of his death.

He was born at "Possum Hill", Rushworth, and carried on farming in the district all his life. When the call to arms came during the Great War Mr. Laurie enlisted in the A.I.F. in February 1916 and saw two years of active service in France as a member of the 5th Infantry Battalion. He was twice wounded, the second time severely, and was invalided home by hospital ship in February, 1918.

In 1920 he married Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hammond, "Carnarina", Waranga. He leaves his widow and two children (Norma, aged 8, and Jim aged 4), also his mother, two brothers (Will and Gordon), and two sisters (Sis and Dollie, Mrs. Syd. Furphy) to mourn their sad loss.

The late Mr. Laurie took a great interest in sport, and was a member of the Moora tennis and cricket clubs. His genial nature made him hosts of friends who deeply regret his death.

The body was brought to Rushworth by train for interment in the Rushworth Cemetery on Saturday last. The coffin was first taken to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where a short funeral service was held by the Rev F. G. Faram.

The cortege then proceeded to the place of interment, a very large number of people from the town and district following the remains to the grave, the funeral cortege being headed by members of the Waranga Lodge G.U.O.O.F, (of which deceased was a member), four members of the Rushworth branch of the R.S.S.I.L.A. and the Waranga Lodge G.U.O.O.F. marching alongside the hearse.

The coffin was borne to the grave under the Union Jack. The burial service of the Presbyterian Church was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Faram and that of the G.U.O.O.F. was read by Bro. F. Rich, who at the conclusion of the service, sounded the "Stand Fast" and "The Last Post".

Mr. E. F. Anderson carried out the burial arrangements. Amongst the floral tributes were wreaths from the Rushworth branch of the R.S. & S.I.L.A. and the Moora Tennis Club.