

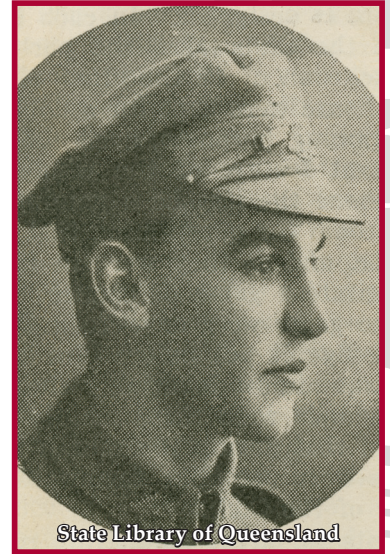


# RALPH FREDERICK OSWALD PAUL



The War Graves Photographic

Date of Birth:	8 March 1898
Student Number:	1363
Enrolment:	July 1913
Age Entered IGS:	15 years
Final Day at IGS:	June 1914
Unit:	49 <sup>th</sup> Battalion
Regimental Number:	7108
Enlistment:	4 July 1917
Age at Enlistment:	19 years
Final Day of Service:	Killed in Action 15 September 1918



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Paul was already a hero to many, prior to his enlistment in the 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Shortly after graduating from IGS, he was travelling on a boat when he and his mates heard a young boy calling for help. The crew rushed to the scene and Paul, together with another of the crew, leapt from the boat in search of a youngster who had fallen into the river. Paul dived down and managed to save the youth - bringing him to the surface. For his actions, he was awarded a Royal Humane Society Award for bravery (The Daily Standard, 13 December, 1915, published the account opposite). Within two years of this action he enlisted in the A.I.F, and eighteen months after that (only days after the image below was captured) Ralph was killed in action in France. He was just twenty years old.

**A PLUCKY SAVE.**

Pluck on the part of Ralph Paul, son of Dr. Paul, saved the life of William Fraser, 5, of Latrobe-street, East Brisbane. Fraser was fishing off the pontoon at Mowbray Park on Saturday afternoon, when his hat fell in. In trying to recover it he himself fell in. His brother, who was on the bank, gave the alarm, and young Paul, who was in a boat in the vicinity, at once jumped in. He had to swim about 100yds before he reached the boy, and when he did recover him the boy was unconscious as the result of immersion, Paul had a knowledge of first-aid to the apparently drowned, and was able to resuscitate the body. The Ambulance subsequently arrived, and they gave further necessary attention, and took the boy home.



The Telegraph (7 September, 1918)

### WRITING HOME

Private Victor Adsett, reported wounded, Private W. Thorpe, killed in action; Private Frank Sykes, killed in action; Private Ralph Paul, now 49<sup>th</sup> Battalion.