Lieutenant W.E. DARVALL

[1899 – 1977]

Research has not uncovered an
image of Lieutenant Darvall

Lieutenant Darvall was the Part-time Secretary of the Club from 1929 to 1931

William "Bill" Ernest Darvall was born in Brisbane on 11 April 1899.

His father was Frank Henry Frazer Goertz (1864-1919), a clerk who was born in Brisbane and died in the Solomon Islands. His mother was Beata Jane (née Tully) [1869-1967] who was born and died in Brisbane. Bill had two older sisters.

Records indicate that the family changed their surname from the Germanic *Goertz* to Anglo-Saxon *Darvall* early in the First World War. This was a relatively frequent occurrence at the time to avoid ostracization or internment. It is not known how the alternative name of Darvall was selected.

In Brisbane in 1930 Bill married Vera Violette (née Foote) [1896-1976]. It is not known if they had children.

They lived in Brisbane Street Toowong from the 1930s until moving to Buderim in 1973.

Little is known of Bill's education or employment. Census records from the 1930s to 1960s record his profession as "Secretary".

Military records do not disclose any service in either World Wars, and it is presumed that his rank came from Militia service between the Wars.

Bill joined the Club in 1928.

Lieutenant Darvall died on 9 February 1977 and is buried at Buderim.

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During his tenure, Lieutenant Darvall served Presidents Beamish, Carter and Hughes.

Sources included:
- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports, and sundry documents