



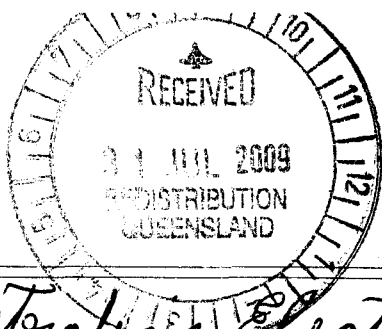
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Dear Miss Bright A.H.D.

I received your letter a few days ago. Thank you for the information you sent.

I heard the late news on the Radio on Saturday night to let the public know the seat was to be called "Wright". I believed that it wasn't to be named until the end of the year. I phoned Monday morning to the Electoral office and was informed that people could write in until the 21st August to still make their selection. I nominate Len Waters.

I felt Warrant Officer Leonard D. Waters had done a lot for his country and he didn't have an easy time to reach the goal he wanted. That was to be a fighter pilot in the Australian Air Force.

He had to leave school at 13 to help support the family doing Bush work for some time also going into the shearing shed.

When War started he had to go into ground crew because he didn't have a Education so when others went out he did night school. When the Call came for air crew he passed out 169 he came 4th in the Class. He really wanted

to be the best and he was so very lucky to be sent to 78 Kittyhawk fighter Squadron at Noemfoor. He was so proud that he had made the grade.

When he arrived back in St. George on the 4th February 1946. He came to my birthday party at Greek Cafe and 12 days later we were married.

His head was in the clouds as a business wanted to buy a plane and Len had to apply to the Federal Government back there to apply for a pilots licence. They never answered the letters he wrote to apply.

He was so down and he knew things weren't so good once he took the uniform off.

We were married 47½ years when he passed away if he was alive now it would have been 63 years on the 16th February. I donated all Len's RAAF things to the War Memorial as I don't want it from one end of Australia to other.

I suppose I can be thankful and honoured that Len was nominated by Mr Robert Buchan of St. George.

Len felt it very hurtful once he came out of the service even aboriginals referred to him as a white dachy. I often read the pages of the Book he started.

Thank you for your time. Gladys Waters