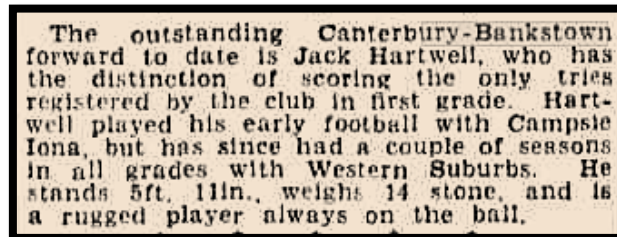


# Jack Hartwell

..... only played the one season with Wests as he lived at Campsie which would become part of the Canterbury Bankstown district when Canterbury was included in the Sydney competition in 1935.

Jack was compelled to play for the new club due to the residential qualification rules that applied at the time. He made an immediate impact with his new club by scoring the first and only two tries registered by Canterbury in the opening matches of the 1935 season, played against Norths and Souths. He played eight First grade games for Canterbury that season.



The outstanding Canterbury-Bankstown forward to date is Jack Hartwell, who has the distinction of scoring the only tries registered by the club in first grade. Hartwell played his early football with Campsie Iona, but has since had a couple of seasons in all grades with Western Suburbs. He stands 5ft. 11in., weighs 14 stone, and is a rugged player always on the ball.

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Jack also played for Canterbury in the 1936 season. He played eleven First grade games, with his final match being Canterbury's historic semi-final loss to Eastern Suburbs. No further record has been found of Jack Hartwell playing First Grade rugby league beyond 1936.

Jack Hartwell enlisted with the AIF in June 1940 for service in the Second World War. He was posted to the 2nd/6th Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers and his rank was Sapper. Jack embarked for the Middle East in April 1941. He returned to Australia in March 1942.

Jack was a tough character and despite the effects of Malaria, he was only discharged from service in the general demobilisation in August 1945.

After a short respite Jack embarked for New Guinea in August 1942, but by January 1943 he was medically evacuated with Malaria. However, by July 1943 he was once more in New Guinea and remained there until he was evacuated in February 1944. Jack continued to be affected by Malaria during his second tour of duty and had to be medically treated.



Jack Hartwell 1940

Jack Hartwell's son, John Frederick Hartwell also played with the Canterbury Bankstown club between 1948 and 1951. Jack

Hartwell's memorial is at the Rookwood Memorial and Gardens and Crematorium, Rookwood, NSW. His memorial identification number is 135294930.

