

# Information Sheet 9

C H A R L I E G O R M A N

## Salvation Army Wedding

Little is known of Charlie Gorman and his life before settling and marrying in Ipswich in 1919.

On 19 June 1919 the Queensland Times reported on the engagement of Charles who was "an old Ipswich resident, and Salvationist of many years standing, to Miss Martha Mallacola, of Brisbane."

An article titled 'The Turf' in the Queensland Times on Tuesday, 24 June 1919 read: A double event! Last Saturday was, it is said, the shortest day of the year. Be that as it may, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 1919, provided the most unique double event of this city. The start was affected somewhere approaching 8 o'clock

p.m., and "the affair" (as the bridegroom "Charley" Gorman subsequently termed the ceremony) attracted a large gathering, the rendezvous being the Salvation Army barracks. Both the entrants for the "Marriage Stakes" were brought to the "post" fit and well, evidently, "Charley," the widely-known Kanaka of that name – Quarter-master Sergeant of the Salvation Army Band – was wreathed in smiles as he approached the barrier, while the bride, who is not so ebony in colour – although a lass of the South Sea Islands, from one of which isles Charles hailed years previous to The Flood (of '93) and settled in this city – as the "better half," appeared to be somewhat nervous. Still she gave no

bother in "lining up" beneath the flag, the signal for the commencement of the journey in connection with the "double-event" – the union of two hearts. Just as the winning-post was being approached, some one yelled out "Kiss, Charley," and Charles Gorman obeyed, and thenceforward Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gorman gained the judge's happy approval and decision, as well as the unanimous appreciation of an apparently delighted crowd of Charley's well-wishers. Thus terminated the best double event of this season: but where was Charles Gorman the next morning? He certainly was not in the ranks of the Army Band with his "pom-pom".



The Salvation Army Band in the 1900s. Charlie Gorman is second on the right in the middle row. Tarra Gindi Tasserone is seated on the far left of the same row.

## D e a t h o f C h a r l e s G o r m a n

The Queensland Times, Thursday 11 October 1934  
 In the course of the meeting of the Moreton District branch of the Returned Soldiers' League, held in the Memorial Hall yesterday, the funeral of the late Mr. Charles Gorman passed. As a mark of respect all present stood in silence as the cortege went by, Rev. H. Saul, who was present, expressed appreciation of this action. Subsequently it was resolved that the

branch should forward an expression of members' sympathy to the relatives and friends of the late Mr Gorman.

Ipswich General Cemetery Information in the Burial Registers revealed that Charles Gorman died on 6 October 1934. He was buried in the Methodist New B section of the cemetery on 10 October 1934.

**FUNERAL NOTICES.**

**GORMAN**—The Friends of Mrs. C. GORMAN and SOLDIERS of the SALVATION ARMY are invited to attend the Funeral of her deceased Husband and their late Comrade (CHARLES GORMAN), to leave the Citadel, South-street, at 2.30 THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON for the Ipswich Cemetery.  
**J. & H. REED.**

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**THE SALVATION ARMY BAND.**

**GORMAN**—All Members are requested to attend the Funeral of their late Comrade, Bandaman "CHARLIE" GORMAN, to move from the Citadel, South-street, at 2.30 p.m., THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.  
**J. WHYBIRD, Secretary.**

## I n s i d e S t o r y H e a d l i n e

**"A Devoted  
 Army Worker"  
 Queensland  
 Times  
 Saturday  
 6 July 1935**

(To the Editor)  
 Sir, - I read with great interest your report of the Salvation Army Jubilee celebrations. I believe that honour should be given to whom honour is due. I do not want for a moment to take away honour from any who have faithfully served, but I was struck very forcibly by the absence of the name of Bro. Charles Gorman (known as Charlie) from the

lists of those soldiers who had given noble service. I venture to say that Charlie was among the front rank of Army workers in the last fifty years, and every man, woman, and child of Ipswich and district learnt to love and respect this Christian gentleman, who has now been promoted to glory. As an outsider, I would like to honour the name of Charles Gorman, and I am sure every

other Ipswich citizen will join me in doing so. Yours, &c.  
 "OUTSIDER".



## I n M e m o r i a m

Queensland Times  
 Wednesday 9 October 1935

GORMAN - In loving memory of my dear husband, who passed away October 9, 1934.

I have lost my sole companion. A life linked with my own' As time passes

by I miss him more, As I walk through life alone. (inserted by his sorrowing wife.)

GORMAN - In loving memory of our dear friend, Charlie Gorman, who passed away October 9, 1934. Ever remembered.

(Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Drew and family.)