

# Ernest ALLEN



## Pre-enlistment:

- Ernest was born on 8th October 1883 to parents William ALLEN and Sarah Jane CHILDS of Gin Gin, Bundaberg, Qld.
- He went to Gin Gin State School.
- He was a grazier with his brother Joseph Allen, lessee of a large selection on the Bania Ranges, 40 miles west of Gin Gin.
- He was a keen sport, being a member of all the sporting associations in the district.
- He was also an expert horseman

## Military Records

- Service Number 2615
- 5 May 1916 he enlisted in Bundaberg, Qld, with his two brothers Pte Josiah Service Number 2614 and Pte James Edward Service Number 2616 – three consecutive Service Numbers
- The three brothers joined 49th Infantry Battalion, 6th Reinforcement
- 7 Oct 1916 he embarked as a Private, on HMAT A40 Ceramic, Sydney, aged 32 years.
- Private Ernest ALLEN was 'Killed in Service' on 25 April 1918 at Villers-Bretonneux, France aged 34.7 years

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery. No known grave
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel 147
- Bundaberg War Memorial
- Gin Gin War Memorial
- Villers-Bretonneux Memorial (Australian National Memorial - France)

## Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- Ernest Allen was a member of the Gin Gin Rifle Club where he held the position of Club Secretary
- He was a fine marksman and won various shooting competitions including the Wide Bay Champion 1914.

## ACWM Commemoration Service

- Remembrance Day 1918 Service Booklet.
- ANZAC Day 2021 Keynote Address, Ian Errington

## Some Reference Links

- [vwma.org.au/explore/people/162296](http://vwma.org.au/explore/people/162296)
- [aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=3093](http://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=3093)
- ACWM ANZAC Day 2021 Keynote Address, Ian Errington
- Queenslanders Who Fought in the Great War – 1914-1918
- [awm.gov.au/collection/R1672648](http://awm.gov.au/collection/R1672648) 'View Circular'
- [trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/216946621?searchTerm=Private%20Allen%2C%20gin%20gin](http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/216946621?searchTerm=Private%20Allen%2C%20gin%20gin) Sat 26 Oct 1918 Family Sacrifice
- [couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/bundaberg/we-remember-tragedy-takes-three/news-story/d6870cc8193859868b4236ca3b914822](http://couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/bundaberg/we-remember-tragedy-takes-three/news-story/d6870cc8193859868b4236ca3b914822)