

David Emmett COYNE, AM



Pre-enlistment:

- David was born on 14th March, 1896 in Ballinrush near Marian, Mackay, North Queensland.
- He was the son of David Coyne and Annie Hughes Coyne, of Marian, Mackay, Queensland.
- He was a farmer at Marian, Qld

Military Records

- Service Number: 3347
- David COYNE enlisted 25 January 1916 with 7th 31st Battalion, 7th Reinforcements in Rockhampton, aged 19 years 9 months, as a Private
- On 4 May 1916 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Seang Choon, Brisbane
- He was promoted Sergeant on 17 December 1916
- He was regarded an expert in the use of Mills Bombs otherwise known as hand grenades.
- Sergeant David Emmett COYNE was 'Killed in Action' 15 May 1918, from a grenade explosion while he saved his men at Vaire-sous-Corbie, Vignacourt, France, aged 22 years.

His selfless action of cold blooded courage resulted in his death, was acknowledged through the coveted award of the Albert Medal.



Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Vignacourt British Cemetery
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Mackay Cenotaph
- Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Roll
- Marian Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

- Albert Medal in Gold
- British War Medal.
- Victory Medal.

**"He answered the call of his Country,
He fought for the liberty and freedom of its people.
He gave his young life and manhood to his country — no man could give more,
He gave his all."**

Rifle Shooting

- David was a member of the Marian Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

- ACWM Keynote Address: ANZAC Day 2019: Bruce Scott

Some Reference Links

- awm.gov.au/collection/P11039235
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