

# Alexander Madden FOOT



## Pre-enlistment:

- Alexander was born on 16 July 1892 in Townsville to parents Alfred Knethel and Mary Ellenor (nee Madden) Foot, Cardington, Nth Qld.
- He had 4 sisters & 3 brothers – Janet born 1882, Henry Daintree born 1883 (served in the 15th Battalion), George Pierce born 1885 (served in 2nd Light Horse), Alice born 1887, Eric born 1889 (served in 4th Pioneer Battalion), Lilla born 1894, Hester born 1896, Edith born 1898, and Alfred born 1900.
- He was educated at Townsville Grammar School where he was a Corporal in the Senior Cadets
- His hometown was Cardington
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a Stockman
- His brother, Henry Daintree Foot died at Gallipoli service number: 135 and his other 2 brothers, George and Eric, also served but returned to Australia.

## Previous Military Service

- 2nd AN&MEF
  - Mobilised for war service, August 1914.
  - Embarked Cairns for Thursday Island, 8 August 1914.
  - Enlisted in the 2nd Battalion, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, 14 August 1914.
  - Embarked Thursday Island for German New Guinea, 16 August 1914; returned to Townsville, 18 September 1914, owing to mutiny by members of ship's crew.
  - Enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force, 17 September 1914;
  - discharged from Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, 18 September 1914.

## Military Records

- Service Number: 244
- Alexander FOOT enlisted in Townsville on 18 September 1914 with the 5th Light Horse Regiment, Headquarters as a Batman, aged 22 years
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney on A34 Persic on 21 December 1914 and disembarked in Egypt on 1 February 1915
- On 25 September 1915 he was admitted to hospital in Cairo, with diphtheria until 2 October 1915
- He arrived at Gallipoli on 14 November 1915 when he was Taken on Strength by the 5th Light Horse Regiment, Gallipoli into B Squadron
- Trooper Alexander Madden FOOT was killed in action at Wilson's Lookout, Gallipoli on 22 November 1915 aged 23 years
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Shell Green Cemetery (Plot I, Row H, Grave No. 2), Gallipoli
- Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, Panel No 4
- Townsville Cenotaph
- Townsville Grammar School Roll of Honour
- Townsville Grammar School WWI Honour Board

## Honours & Awards

- 1914-15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- Alexander Foot was a member of the Townsville Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3912795&S=3&R=0>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=100638>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/71232>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1732220>
- 'The Townsville Cenotaph World War I Soldiers' by Carolyn Lee Larard and Maureen Valda Newnham