

Roderick Malcolm Livingstone BRUCE

Pre-enlistment:

- Roderick BRUCE was born on 20 November 1883 in Germanton NSW to parents James Bruce and Harriet FENNEL from The Hill, Germanton
- He attended public schools in Holbrook, NSW
- His occupation was that of a labourer
- His address was at The Hill, Germanton, NSW
- Other details from Roll of Honour Circular: He had tried to enlist for the Boer War but his father would not allow him.
- Previous military service:
 - Mobilised for War Service in August 1914 and he embarked at Cairns, Qld on 8 August 1914 for Thursday Island, (War Station) Garrison Duty,
 - He enlisted 14 August for service outside Australia, then re-embarked at Thursday Island, on 16 August on Troopship 'Kanowna' to take part in the capture of German New Guinea.
 - He was Taken on Strength of the AN&MEF on 6 September 1914. returned to Townsville on 19 September account of the trouble caused by the firemen on the troopship. He did not participate in the capture of German New Guinea.
 - He was discharged on 18 September 1914



Military Record

- Service Number: 114, 5790
- Roderick BRUCE first enlisted SN 114, on 21 September 1914 as a Private in Cootamundra
- He embarked with the 15th Infantry Battalion from Melbourne on the Ceramic on 22 December 1914.
- He then returned to Australia on the Horotata on 29 July 1915 due to illness and was discharged on 25 December 1915.
- He again enlisted on 31 March 1916 as a Private SN 5790 at Enoggera
- He embarked with the 17th Infantry Battalion, 16th Reinforcements from Sydney on the Ceramic on 7 October 1916.
- He disembarked at Plymouth, England on 21 November 1916 then joined his Battalion in France
- Private Roderick BRUCE died of wounds 13 April 1918 he received in Cachy, France or Pozieres with 17th Battalion, aged 34 years
- His war service included Egypt, Gallipoli and the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Buried in the vicinity of Villers-Bretonneux
- Commemoration details: Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial Panel Number 82

Honours & Awards

- 1914-1915 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Roderick Bruce was a member of Townsville Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3132766>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=36803>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/333922>
- Information for Roll of Honour, Bruce Scott