

James Eric CAMPBELL



Pre-enlistment:

- James was born & lived in Charters Towers, Qld
- His parents were James Francis and Agnes Campbell of Plane Creek Hill, Sarina, Mackay, Qld
- His schooling was at Richmond Hill State School, Charters Towers
- His occupation was that of an Apprentice Engineer
- He was preparing for the entrance exam to RMC when war was declared

Previous Military Service

- Served at the Australian Expeditionary Force to Rabaul (German New Guinea) with the mobilisation for War Service embarking at Cairns on 8/8/1914 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty.
- He then enlisted for service outside Australia on 14/8/14 and re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16/8/14 on Troopship 'Kanowna' to take part in the capture of German New Guinea and was 'Taken on Strength' of the AN&MEF on 6/9/14
- He returned to Townsville on 18/9/14 on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on the troopship without participating in the capture of German New Guinea and was discharged on 18/9/14

Military Record

- Service Number: 365
- James CAMPBELL enlisted at Liverpool, NSW on 15 April 1915 as a Private in 20th Australian Infantry Battalion, A Company
- He embarked at Sydney on HMAT A 35 'Berrima' on 26 June 1915
- He was a sniper at Russell's Top at Gallipoli. Russell's Top was part of a ridge line that stretched northwest from ANZAC Cove and joined the "second ridge", along which the ANZAC frontline was established, at the large round hill called Baby 700. Russell's Top was joined to Baby 700 by a thin bridge of land called the Nek. "The Top" was the highest point within the ANZAC perimeter and commanded views along most of the Turkish line to the south of Baby 700. On it was sited an artillery battery and at least eight machine-guns. It was named after Brigadier Andrew Russell, commander of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles Brigade, who established his headquarters there in May 1915.
- On 14 May 1916 he was appointed Lance Corporal
- He was Wounded in Action on 5 August 1916 at Pozieres, Somme, France
- Lance Corporal James CAMPBELL died of wounds in 4th General Hospital at Camiers, France on 14 August 1916. He had received gunshot wounds to his back and head, received in action
- His war service was at Gallipoli and on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Etaples Military Cemetery, (Plot IX, Row E, Grave No. 4), Etaples, Nord Pas de Calais, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Roll
- Walkerston Honour Board
- Walkerston Pioneer War Memorial Hall Honour Roll 1914-1918

Rifle Shooting

- James Campbell was a member of Ravenswood Rifle Club
- AWM Circular records "he was a good shot, won 2 medals Cadets Richmond Hill State School, then later a gold medal & trophies for Ravenswood Rifle Club, Qld.

Honours & Awards

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

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/DetailsReports/ItemDetail.aspx?Barcode=1854118&isAv=N>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=44922>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1677545>
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