

Rupert Pering CASTLESMITH

Pre-enlistment:

- Rupert was born in Surrey England
- His father, Perring Castlesmith lived at 7 St Helens Place, Bishopgate Street, London, England
- At the time of enlistment, he was a student at the School of Mines, Charters Towers, Queensland



Previous Military Service:

- Previous Military Service: 2nd AN&MEF, Mobilised for War Service in August 1914
 - Embarked at Cairns on 8/8/14 for Thursday Is, (War Station) Garrison Duty and enlisted on 14/8/14 for service outside Australia then re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16/8/14 on Troopship Kanowna to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
 - Taken on Strength of the AN&MEF but returned to Townsville on 18/9/14 on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship so he did not participate in capture of New Guinea.
 - He was discharged on 18/9/14

Military Record

- Service Number: 1588, 118, 118A
- Rupert CASTLESMITH enlisted on 21 September 1914 at Townsville as a Private in the 15th Battalion, A Company, aged 23 years
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Ceramic from Melbourne
- On 14 May 1915 he was at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli
- He was evacuated between 30 and 31 May 1915, transferred to 1st A.G.H. On 1 June 1915, transferred to 2nd AGH on 3 July 1915 diagnosed with Enteric Fever and the infection was due to his military service so he was sent back to Australia for a minimum of three months.
- He embarked for Australia per SS Ascanius from Port Said on 6 September 1915, and disembarked at Brisbane.
- On 20 January 1916 at the 6th Australian G Hospital, Brisbane, he was assessed to be free of Typhoid infection and could return to duty.
- On 7 September 1916 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Clan McGillivray, Brisbane, then disembarked in Plymouth on 2 November 1916
- On 16 November 1916 he marched in to Rolleston with 4th Training Battalion then went to France on Princess Clementine via Folkestone on 21 December 1916. The next day he marched into 4th Australian Division Base Depot in Estaples
- On 31 December 1916 he joined 15th Battalion and on 6 January 1917 he was Taken on Strength of 15th Battalion from Reinforcements
- Rupert Pering CASTLESMITH was Killed in Action near Flers, Bullecourt, France on 11 April 1917
- His war service was in Gallipoli and on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave
- Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel number 75

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Rupert Castlesmith was a member of Charters Towers Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3219440>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=48916>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1676387>
- Information for Roll of Honour, Bruce Scott
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/141292>