

# Ferdinand William CLIFTON



## Pre-enlistment:

- Ferdinand was born in 1874 (about January) Farnborough, Hampshire, England
- He spent 2 years in 2nd Oxfordshire Light Infantry (UK) as a volunteer.
- He arrived in Australia aged 19 years
- His home town was Eumundi, Sunshine Coast, Qld
- His occupation on enlistment was that of a farmer

## Military Record

- Service Number: 686
- Ferdinand CLIFTON enlisted on 7 September 1914, at Gympie, Qld in 9th Infantry Battalion D Company, aged 41 years
- On 9 September he was attached to F company on £5 per day
- On 15 September he began training at Enoggera Training Camp
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked as a Private with his Battalion, on the HMAT Omrah, from Brisbane and spent time in Egypt at a training camp
- He was among the first landings at Gallipoli with the 9th Battalion
- On 21 August 1915 he was transferred to Mudros on Lemnos from Gallipoli with gastroenteritis
- Private Ferdinand CLIFTON Died of Illness (sunstroke) at 8.35pm on 26 August 1915 while at sea on the HS Canada. He was buried at sea the next morning at 7.30
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli.

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Lone Pine Memorial to the Missing, No known grave Lone Pine Memorial Panel 31
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Eumundi & District Roll of Honour
- Tree Plaque: Eumundi Avenue of Honour Nambour Heroes Walk
- Nambour Maroochy Shire War Dead Memorial
- Marble Memorial Tablet, erected by Eumundi Masonic Lodge, now in the Queen Alexandra Masonic Lodge, Elm Street, Cooroy)
- Eumundi Memorial School of Arts Hall, Memorial Drive, Eumundi
- Maroochy Shire Honor Roll, Shire Chambers, Bury Street, Nambour
- Nambour (Maroochy Shire) Roll of Honor Scroll, Private Collection, Nambour
- Maroochy Shire War Dead, Quota Park, Matthew Street, Nambour

## Honours & Awards

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

## Rifle Shooting

- Ferdinand Clifton was a member of Eumundi Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3258169><https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/318018>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=55666>
- <http://www.adoptadigger.org/search-for-a-ww1-digger/search-for-a-ww1-digger/item/3-diggers-database/421-clifton-ferdinand>