

Stanley Clifford COUSENS



Pre-enlistment:

- Stanley was born in Toowoomba 15 May 1891 to parents Clapham & Ester Ann (Nee Leake) who had emigrated from Yorkshire in 1886
- Stanley was the first surviving son born in Australia
- He lived in Milmerran as a farmer
- His brother, 5322 Pte Sydney Leake COUSENS, 26th Bn, was killed in action

Military Record

- Service Number: 816
- Stanley COUSENS enlisted on 23 September 1914 in Milmerran, as a Private, aged 23 years and began training at Enoggera Army Barracks in Brisbane
- He was attached to the 15th Australian Infantry Battalion
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked on A40 Ceramic from Melbourne to Egypt arriving early February 1915
- He became part of the 4th Brigade under Col Monash.
- He landed at Gallipoli at 4pm 25 April 1915 with 4th Brigade.
- In August 1915 he was evacuated to England with influenza.
- He was promoted to the rank of Temporary Corporal in February 1916
- On 5 Apr 1916 he was promoted Sergeant, with the 15th Infantry Battalion, in Egypt prior to departure for France.
- On 8 Aug 1916 he was involved in Battle for Pozieres
- Lieutenant Stanley COUSENS was Killed in Action on 9 August 1916 at Pozieres, France aged 25 years.
- **Gallantry Commendation:** In the operation north west of Pozières from 5th to 9th August he was most conspicuous and handled his men with great gallantry and judgement and was a splendid example to them throughout by his coolness and magnificent courage. He made his way through heavy artillery barrage in quest of necessary information. He was a fine soldier and an irreparable loss to the Battalion
- His war service was in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Millmerran War Memorial
- Toowoomba Roll of Honour WW1, Toowoomba St James' M2, Toowoomba War Memorial (Mothers' Memorial)
- Villers-Bretonneux Memorial (Australian National Memorial - France)

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Stanely Cousens was a member of Rifle Club Reserves and Millmerran District Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=64360>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search?query=COUSENS%2C+Stanley+Clifford>
- <https://wwma.org.au/explore/people/679111>
- Rifle Club Members-KIA WW1-1905: by Brian Rough
- <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/search/display/112582-millmerran-district-rifle-club-roll-of-honour>
- <https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/awm-media/collection/RCDIG1068746/document/5515932.PDF>