

# Frank Dartford DANN

## Pre-enlistment:

- Frank was born on 9 December 1885 in Bexley, Kent, England to parents, Harry Dann Gravesend & Elizabeth Ann (nee Wyatt)
- He was educated at Doon House, Westgate and at King's School Canterbury
- He emigrated to Australia in 1911 to join his brother in Qld
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a Selector (farm estate manager in Australia) whilst living in Cairns Peeramom,
- Previous Military Service was with the 2nd AN&MEG:
  - Mobilised for War Service in August 1914
  - Embarked at Cairns on 8/8/14 for Thursday Island (War Station) on Garrison Duty, then enlisted on 14/8/14 for service outside Australia. He re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16/8/14 on Troopship Kanowna to take part in the capture of German New Guinea. He then Taken on Strength of the NA&MEF on 6/9/14
  - Returned to Townsville on 18/9/14 on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship. He did not participate in capture of German New Guinea, discharged on 18/9/14



## Military Record

- Service Number: 126
- Frank DANN enlisted on 17 Sept 1914 in Townsville as a Private, aged 28 years 9 months with 15th Battalion, A Company
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked on HMAT Ceramic in Melbourne with 4th Australian Infantry Brigade. After a brief stopover in Albany WA, he landed in Egypt in February 1915
- On 12 April 1915 he embarked for Gallipoli where the Battalion landed at ANZAC in the late afternoon of 25 April 1915
- On 2 or 3 May 1915 he was wounded in action while in trenches at Quinn's Post, Gallipoli when hit by bullet in left side of chest. The bullet penetrated his lung. Empyema developed.
- He embarked on HS Gascon, then on 7 May 1915 he was admitted to General Hospital, Alexandria. On 16 May he was transferred to England per Nevesa, to the Western Hospital, Manchester, Middlesex, on 28 May, then to the Auxiliary Hospital, Harefield on 30 August
- He was discharged to furlough on 6 September 1915.
- On 28 June 1916 he was transferred from Monte Video to Perham Downs, on 5 July to AIF Headquarters, Salisbury
- On 16 July 1916 he reported to 4th Training Battalion, Rolleston then to Estaples on 18 July
- His war service was in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front.
- On 26/ July he joined 15th Battalion in the field
- On 29/ July he joined Battalion in 2nd draft British Expeditionary Force
- Private Frank DANN was killed on 9 August 1916 as a Stretcher bearer at Pozieres, France, aged 30 years

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

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

## Honours & Awards

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

## Rifle Shooting

- Frank Dann was a member of London Rifle Club then Yungaburra Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3486559>
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