

Joseph Francis Tasman DOBSON



Pre-enlistment:

- Joseph was born in Launceston, Tasmania to parents Edward & Lucy Dobson
- He gained his education at a State School in Tasmania
- His occupation on enlistment was that of a printer

Military Record

- Service Number: 3496
- Joseph DOBSON enlisted in Rockhampton with 25th Battalion, 8th Reinforcements on 1 September 1915 as a Private aged 29 years
- He embarked from Brisbane on the HMAT A55 Kyarra on 3 January 1916
- On 27 March 1916 he disembarked at Marseilles, and then joined his Battalion with the 8th Reinforcements on the 10 June 1916
- On 5 August 1916 he was reported wounded in Action, with a gun shot wound to the arm
- Private Joseph DOBSON was Killed in Action on 5 August 1916 at Pozieres, the Somme, France aged 32 years
- His isolated grave was later found and personal effects were used to confirm his identification. These items included 2 gold rings with the inscriptions of "T.D. from B.W." and "Edward" respectively. The first from a friend, Blanche Whitehead, and the second ring had been his father's.
- His War Service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Serre Road Cemetery No 2
Beaumont Hamel Plot 30, Row C,
Grave 7
- Australian War Memorial roll of
Honour Panel Number 104
- Mackay Cenotaph
- Mackay Old Town Hall Honour
Roll

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Joseph Dobson was a member of Mackay Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3509910>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=80112>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/119570>
- Information for Roll of Honour, Bruce Scott