

# Joseph William FISHER



## Pre-enlistment:

- Joseph was born in November 1891 in Charters Towers, second son of a prominent mining family
- He lived at Kennedy, Charters Towers
- His father Roger James Fisher won the 1900 NQRA Queens Prize
- After attending school in Charters Towers, Joe became an engine driver, stationary (stationary steam engines powered the hoists and battery in underground mines) and also joined the Kennedy Regiment. By 1913 when the family moved to Raceview near Ipswich, Joe had also been promoted to Colour Sergeant of the regiment. Joe resigned from the Kennedy Regiment to join his family in Ipswich.
- Previous Military Service: Citizen Military Service for 3 years

## Military Record

- Service Number: 880
- Joseph FISHER enlisted on 21 August 1914 in Brisbane as a Private with 9th Battalion, H Company aged 22 years 9 months
- With his previous military training in the Kennedy Regiment, he was appointed Lance Corporal on 26 August 1914
- He embarked from Brisbane on Transport A5 Omrah on 24 September 1914
- He reverted to Private at his own request on 29 October 1914 but he was later reappointed Lance Corporal
- He disembarked with his Unit in Egypt for training and by April 1915, were preparing for the landings at Gallipoli on the 25th. The 9th Battalion were among the first group ashore, landing at 4:50am, near the promontory known as Gaba Tepe, to the south of Anzac Cove.
- Just days after the landing, L/Cpl Joseph FISHER was listed as Killed in Action on 2 May 1915 at Gaba Tepe.
- An obituary notice appeared in the Northern Miner (Charters Towers) in June 1915 stating in part:
  - "-----he volunteered at once, for there was north country blood in the boy, moving with the gallant ninth battalion."
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave
- The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 31), Gallipoli, Turkey
- Australian War Memorial roll of Honour Panel Number 55
- Corinda Sherwood Shire Roll of Honour
- Graceville War Memorial
- Queenton State School Roll of Honour
- Richmond Hill Teachers and Ex-Pupils Great War Honour Roll
- Oxley War Memorial, Brisbane
- War Memorial and Roll of Honour Charters Towers

## Honours & Awards

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

## Rifle Shooting

- Joseph Fisher was a member of Charters Towers Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3900443>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=98033>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/74550>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1732037>