

Harry Rutland GAULD



Pre-enlistment:

- Harry was born to parents, Hugh and Dora GAULD, "Somerford", Kirkland Avenue, Coorparoo in Woolloowin, Qld
- He was educated in State Schools in Brisbane
- His occupation was that of a salesman at the time of his enlistment
- He lived in Coorparoo, Brisbane
- His Next of Kin was his mother, Mrs Dora Australina Beak, Coorparoo, Brisbane

Military Records

- Service Number: 2365
- Harry GAULD enlisted on 20 May 1915 in Brisbane as a Private, when he was 25 years old
- He enlisted on 20 May 1915 in Brisbane with 15th Battalion, 7th Reinforcements
- On 20 August 1915 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Shropshire, from Sydney
- He was Taken on Strength from Lemnos on 23 October 1915
- He landed with the second deployment at Gallipoli on 23 October 1915. The Gallipoli campaign was winding down by this time as the winter rains and snow arrived. The 15th Battalion were evacuated from the peninsula on 17th December 1915 by which time Harry had been promoted to Corporal.
- On arrival in Egypt, Harry was transferred to the 47th Battalion then was sent to France via Marseilles. The 47th spent a period of time being acclimatised to conditions on the Western Front before being shifted to the Somme during the Battle for Pozieres. While holding a defensive position on 8th August 1916 in newly won trenches at Pozieres, Harry, who had just been promoted to Sergeant, was wounded in both arms and a leg by machine gun fire. He was evacuated back to a military hospital at Camberwell, England to recover from his wounds. After a period of convalescence, Harry was granted a furlough in England during December 1916.
- Harry remained in England with the 13th Training Battalion until May 1917, before rejoining the 47th on 23 June 1917, where he was promoted to Acting Company Sergeant Major.
- The 12th Brigade was part of the infantry assault at Messines. General Plumer had opened the battle with overpowering artillery barrages and the firing of up to 19 mines (the craters of which are still in existence almost 100 years later). As a follow up to the Messines attack, the 12th Brigade attacked at Wytshaete (two kilometres north of Messines) on 18th August 1917.
- Sergeant Major Harry GOULD was Killed in Action on 18 August 1917 in the Battle of Messines, Belgium
- Red Cross reports indicate that A/CSM Gauld and another sergeant from the 47th were hit when a large artillery shell landed directly in the support trench they were occupying, killing both instantly.
- His war service was in Gallipoli, Egypt and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Derry House Cemetery No.2
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Langland's Park Memorial Gates

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Harry Gould was a member of the Coorparoo Rifle Club. After the War, The Harry Gauld Memorial Cup was shot for over 300, 500, and 600 yards in his memory.

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Reference Links

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