

# Wylie Norman GORDON



## Pre-enlistment:

- Wylie GORDON was born on 1 January 1896 in Townsville to parents, James and Catherine GORDON, of Staghole Street, West Townsville
- His siblings were Lily (b 1894), Daisy (b 1897, d 1899), Eileen (b 1899), Robert (b 1900), Elsie (b 1903), Henry (b 1906), Leslie (b 1907), d 1908)
- He attended school at Belgian State School, North Townsville
- He was a Cadet in Townsville for 4 years
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a stockman
- His home address was Stagpole Street Townsville
- As Next of Kin, he named his father, James Gordon
- After the war, Gordon Street in Townsville was named after the three Townsville Servicemen named Gordon who died in WWI.

## Military Records

- Service Number: 6026
- Wylie Norman GORDON enlisted on 5 February 1916 as a Private with 9th Battalion, 19th Reinforcement, aged 20 years
- He embarked from Brisbane on board HMAT A50 Itonus on 8 August 1916 with his Unit
- He disembarked at Plymouth, England on 15 October 1916
- He spent some in January 1917 in hospital in England being treated for scabies before going overseas to France for duty.
- He sailed from Folkestone and was marched into Etables in northern France on 11 April 1917
- From 18 April 1917 when he was Taken on Strength, until 22 January 1918 he was fighting in both France and Belgium with the 9th Battalion. During this time the 9th Battalion fought at Ypres, Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseine and Poelcappelle.
- He was granted leave in January 1918 to the UK for 17 days. On his return he was admitted to hospital on 13 March 1918 with Trench Feet, then again on 31 March.
- Wylie was then sent to convalescent and hospitalised on 2 May 1918 with Pleurisy.
- Private Wylie GORDON Died of Disease at 2nd General Hospital, Le Havre, France on 3 May 1918 at 1.45pm of Pneumonia 'which was attributable to exposure in connection with military service'.

### Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Ste Marie Cemetery (Plot III, Row G, Grave No. 5), Le Havre, France
- Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, Panel Number 56

### Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- Wylie Gordon was a member of the Townsville Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4787579>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=114756>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/190708>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1729852>
- 'The Townsville Cenotaph World War I Soldiers' by Carolyn Lee Larard and Maureen Valda Newnham