

Albert Christopher Julius GRAFFUNDER MID

Pre-enlistment:

- Albert GRAFFUNDER was born 21st July 1890 at TaKowai near Mackay. His father was Julius Christopher Albert Graffunder, who was a labourer aged 39 years at the time of Albert's birth. He was born in Germany. He married Sylvia Ronilda Frances nee Baat aged 24 years, on 10th May 1883 at Mackay
- Albert attended school at Mackay State School
- His place of residence was St Helen's Mackay
- His occupation prior to enlistment was that of a farmer
- He named his father as Next of Kin, however he predeceased Albert, so his mother, Sylvia later resided at Millchester Creek, Charters Towers, dealt with his affairs.
- He had previously served in 15th Light Horse & 27 Light Horse, B Squadron



Military Records

- Service Number: 462
- Albert GRAFFUNDER enlisted in Gladstone on 21 August 1914 in the 2nd Light Horse Regiment aged as a Private, aged 24 years one month,
- On 24 September 1914 he was promoted Corporal on embarkation on the HMAT Star of England from Brisbane
- He joined the Mediterranean Expeditionary Forces – Gallipoli from Alexandria on 9 May 1915
- He was Mentioned in Dispatches from 6 May - 28 June 1915 for valuable services
- Albert had established himself as a capable soldier, expert horseman, and one who displayed leadership qualities.
- He had served in Egypt and Gallipoli
- Corporal Albert GRAFFUNDER was killed in action at Monash Gully near Quinn's Post, Gallipoli on 14 May 1915 aged 24 years
- His body was later reinterred from Pope's Hill Cemetery at ANZAC Gallipoli 5/8th mile north east of Anzac Cove. Row D Grave 2

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Quinn's Post Cemetery, ANZAC, Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale Province, Turkey
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Mackay Cenotaph
- Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Roll
- Marian Roll of Honour
- Bauple Honour Board

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Albert Graffunder was a member of the Marian Rifle Club

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Some Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4669139>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=115850>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/180286>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1729607>
- Information for Roll of Honour, Bruce Scott