

William Ernest MARKWELL DSO MID

Pre-enlistment:

- William was born on 23 December 1889 at Beaudesert Qld, to parents, John and Agnes MARKWELL
- He was educated at Beaudesert State School and Southport High School
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a grazier living at Kargorum, Beaudesert
- His next of kin was recorded as his father, John Markwell, also of Kargorum, Beaudesert
- He had previously served 4 years with the 2nd Light Horse as a Captain



Military Records

- Service Number: Officer
- William MARKWELL enlisted on 19 August 1914 as a Captain in Brisbane, Queensland aged 24 years
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked with 2nd Light Horse Regiment, on the A15 'Star of England' from Brisbane.
- On 12 May 1915 he was involved with ANZAC/Gallipoli where he remained until evacuation at Anzac then returned to Egypt
- From 15 to 26 June 1916 he assumed command of the Regiment as a Major
- On 13 October 1916 he was Mentioned in Dispatches (MID)
- 19 January 1917 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Order
- On 18 March 1917 he was Mentioned in Dispatches of 1 March 1917 (in the London Gazette)
- On 31 October 1917 he was involved with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment, in the Battle of Beersheba
- Major William MARKWELL DSO MID, was Killed in Action in Palestine on 31 October 1917, aged 27 years
- His War Service was in Gallipoli and Palestine.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Buried in Beersheba Military Cemetery, (Row D, Grave No. 55), Palestine
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 3
- Beaudesert War Memorial,
- United Service Club

Honours & Awards

- DSO
- MID
- 1914/15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- William Markwell was a Foundation Member of the Beaudesert Rifle Club

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Some Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8215242>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=187566>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/297143>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/297143>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1621962>
- <https://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/browse/person/347260>