

# Thomas Henry MINES



## Pre-enlistment:

- Thomas Mines was born on 1 April 1887 in Rodden, Frome, Somerset, England
- He was the second son of William and Mary Mines, of Lodge Hill, Rodden, Frome, Slade Hill, Westbury, Wiltshire, England.
- He left the U.K. in 1911, settling down in Queenslan.
- His occupation was that of a miner
- He lived in Cairns, Qld as a single man
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Mary Mines

## Previous Military Service

- He served with the Australian Infantry for more than one period of service, formerly 511, and 1739.
- He joined at the outbreak of war on the 8th of August 1914. Embarked at Cairns, Queensland, on 14th of August 1914, on the troopship "Kanowna", to take part in the capture of German New Guinea. He returned to Townsville on 18th of September 1914, on account of some trouble caused by firemen on the troopship and did not participate in the capture of German New Guinea. Thomas was discharged on the 18th of September 1914, records state that 44 days, time had expired.

## Military Records

- Service Number: 2948
- Thomas Mines enlisted on 8 December 1914 with the 3rd Battalion aged 30 years 3 months Service Number 511. He was promoted to Lance Corporal, whilst doing duty with the Matupi Battery, in Rabaul.
- He was then struck off strength with the Battalion on 31 January 1916 and discharged
- He again enlistment on 25 March 1916 as a Corporal, SN 2948, with 49th Infantry Battalion, in Cairns, Queensland.
- On 27 October 1916 he embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A74 Marathon as a Private, with 49th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcement
- On 9 January 1917 he disembarked Plymouth with 13th Training Battalion
- He proceeded overseas 9 May 1917 from Folkstone
- He marched in Etaples 10 May 1917 and joined his Unit 13 May 1917 in France where he was 'Taken on Strength'
- His War Service was on the Western Front
- Private Thomas Henry Mines was killed in action, in Belgium, on 7 June 1917, aged 30 years

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Menin Gate, Ieper, Belgium. Panel 7.17.23.25. His name appears on the Frome War Memorial
- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Menin Gate, Ieper, Flanders, Belgium. Panel 29.
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel number 149
- Mareeba War Memorial,
- Frome War Memorial

## Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- Thomas Mines was a member of the Mareeba Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7981198>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/230237>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=209995>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1646570>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/42894563>  
Cairns Post, Thu 13 Aug 1914, Page 8, Northern Mobilisation. Roll of Riflemen