

William George MUIR



Pre-enlistment:

- William was born in Glasgow Scotland and came to Australia aged 7 years
- He attended Kilkivan State School
- He was married to Mary Ann Walker, they had 3 children and lived in the Kilkivan area
- His occupation at the time of enlistment was that of a farmer

Military Records

- Service Number: 6822
- William MUIR enlisted on 4 April 1917 at Maryborough QLD with 26th Infantry Battalion, 20th Reinforcements aged 40 years
- On 13 June 1917 he embarked as a Private, on HMAT 'Hororata', from Sydney then disembarked at Liverpool on 25 August 1917
- On 27 August he marched into 7th Training Battalion at Rostone
- On 7 November he transferred to 5th Training Battalion, Fovant
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- On 8 January 1918 he proceeded overseas to France from Fovant (on the Salisbury Plains) via Southampton to Havre and re-joined his Unit on 11 January 1918
- On 13 January he was Taken on Strength with 26th Battalion in Belgium
- 28 July 1918 he was admitted to hospital then discharged to duty on 2nd August 1918
- On 8 August 1918 he was wounded in action
- Private William MUIR Died of Wounds on 8 August 1918, fighting with the 26th Battalion in France and initially buried at Card Copse Cemetery then later re-interred at Villers-Bretonneux
- His war service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Nanango War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- William Muir was a member of the Kilkivan Rifle Club along with three other members who paid the supreme sacrifice. The other members were S. Beer, S. J. Renouf, and H. H. Kitt.

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

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