

William James Alexander McALLISTER

Pre-enlistment:

- William McALLISTER was born on 20 February 1914, in Forest Hill, Qld
- His father, Alex McAllister, also lived at Forest Hill, via Gatton, Qld
- He gained his schooling at Forest Hill State School and Ipswich Grammar School
- His occupation at the time of enlistment was that of a storekeeper in Forest Hill, Lockyer Valley, Qld where he lived



Military Records

- Service Number: 176
- William McALLISTER enlisted on 22 August 1914: at Gatton, Qld, with 2nd Light Horse Regiment, A Squadron, as a Private aged 21 years 6 months
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked with his Unit on the HMAT Star of England, from Brisbane to Alexandria for more training
- On 9 May 1915 he proceeded to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli from Alexandria where he was involved in action on the Peninsula
- On 24 May 1915 he was transferred to the Hospital Ship 'Dunluce Castle' with a serious wound to the head
- Private William James McALLISTER Died of Wounds on 24 May 1915, on board the 'Dunluce Castle' at sea between Gallipoli and Alexandria, but was not buried at sea despite some early records indicating that that was what had occurred. This mistake was later corrected in his records.. He was aged 22 years
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Shrapnel Valley Cemetery, Gallipoli, IV D 18
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 3
- Forest Hill War Memorial, Gatton Weeping Mother Memorial
- Laidley Memorial Park Gates,
- Laidley War Memorial

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- William McAllister was a member of the Forest Hill Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=1936715>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=192686>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/330553>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1639060>
- Rifle Club Members-KIA WW1-1905 by Brian Rough – from Bruce Scott, in my files
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/20016570#> The Brisbane Courier, Tue 15 Jun 1915, Page 7, PERSONAL NOTES.