

# Allan William NASH



## Pre-enlistment:

- Allan Nash was born on 7 May 1879 in Queensland
- His address of Two Mile, Gympie, Qld
- His occupation was that of a school teacher
- He was married and his next of kin is listed as his wife, Mrs. A. W. Nash, Two Mile, Gympie, Queensland
- He served in the Queensland Mtd Infantry and 1st Light Horse

## Military Records

- Service Number: Officer
- Allan William Nash enlisted on 21 August 1914 as a Captain, with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment B Squadron, Brisbane, Qld
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked with is Unit on HMAT Star of England, from Brisbane, aged 35 years
- On 9 May 1915 he was involved with his Unit at 'ANZAC' / Gallipoli
- On 15 May 1915 he was promoted Major, with 2nd Light Horse Regiment
- On 29 Jun 1915 he was involved in battle at Gallipoli
- His War service: Egypt, Gallipoli
- Major Allan William Nash was killed in action on 29 June 1915, at Gallipoli aged 36 years

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Shrapnel Valley Cemetery, (Plot III, Row F, Grave No. 29), Gallipoli
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 3
- Gympie & Widgee War Memorial Gates

## Honours & Awards

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

## Letter from The Front on the passing of Major Nash

- *Major Nash had just received orders and replied "Yes, Sir," when the shot from the Turkish lines came down the path and struck him in the head, and he fell on the field of honour. Without pain he passed away to his God. I write, to tell you how much I appreciated the worth of your husband as a Christian man and a true soldier. He was very regular at Church services and always bore himself with honor. We knew that we had his support in the good work we were trying to do, and it must be comforting to you to know how highly he was thought of by officers and men. We laid his body in the grave on the night of the 30th June. He was attended by four officers and many of his N.C.O.s and men to his last resting place. The chaplain (C.E.) attached to the 2nd Regiment took part of the service. The night was wild, dark, and stormy, and an attack broke out on the heights as we bore his body down the track to the burial ground, but we had the service in all reverence and honor. His grave is marked with a strong wooden cross, painted, and with his name on it; so that I do not think there is any likelihood whatever of the identity of the spot ever being lost."*

## Rifle Shooting

- Allan Nash a member of the Gympie Rifle Club and Gympie Light Horse Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interfa ce/ViewImage.aspx?B=7994107>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=220472>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/128447>
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- Rifle Club Members-KIA WW1-1905 by Brian Rough