

George ROWLANDS



Pre-enlistment:

- George was born on 22 September 1891 at Watsonville, Qld
- His home town was Watsonville, Tablelands
- His schooling took place at Watsonville State School
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a miner
- His Next of Kin was listed as his brother, Daniel H. Rowlands also of Watsonville

Previous Military Service

- He embarked at Cairns on 8 August 1914 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty
- enlisted 14 August 1914 for service outside Australia
- Re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16 August 1914, on Troopship 'Kanowna' to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
- Taken on Strength' of the A.N. & M.E.F on 6 August 1914
- Returned to Townsville on 18 September 1914, on account of trouble caused by firemen on board
- Discharged 18 September 1914.

Military Records

- Service Number: 5739
- George ROWLANDS enlisted on 13 January 1916, at Cairns, Qld as a Private, with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 18 Reinforcements, aged 24 years 4 months
- On 4 May 1916 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Seang Choon, from Brisbane for the Western Front
- He later embarked on 29 July 1916 Alexandria on board the 'Arcadian'.
- On 9 August 1916 he was Taken on Strength of 3rd Training Battalion from Egypt, at Perham Downs
- He proceeded overseas from Folkstone, England on 19 November 1916 on the S.S. 'Onward', and marched in at Etaples on 20 November.
- He proceeded to his Unit in France on 16 January 1917 joining his Battalion on 17 January
- On 20 June he was admitted to hospital and discharged to Duty with is Battalion on 5 July 1917
- He was again admitted to hospital on 21 July and within a few days was transferred for treatment at Havre where he remained until discharge on 5 October 1917 and reported to Base Depot until he re-joined his Battalion in Belgium 20 October 1917
- He was wounded in action with a gunshot wound to the left leg which sustained a fracture, on 3 November and taken to the 17th Casualty Clearing Station, Belgium
- Private George Rowlands died of wounds on 4 November 1917 that he received in action the day before during the Third Ypres in Belgium, aged 26 years
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery (Plot XXI, Row HH, Grave No. 18A), Belgium
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Tree Plaque: Anzac Tree Watsonville

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- George Rowlands was a member of the Watsonville Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8071243>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=262685>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/362453>
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