

Albert Percy WARNES



Pre-enlistment:

- Albert was born in 1894, Pine River, Brisbane, to parent William John and Edith Mary WARNES
- He was the youngest of three brothers, all of whom served during World War I.
- He lived at Kybong, Brisbane Road, Gympie, Qld
- He attended school at the local State School
- His occupation at the time of enlistment was that of a dairyman

Military Records

- Service Number: 581
- Albert WARNES enlisted on 5 September 1914 at Gympie, QLD as a Private in 9th Infantry Battalion, E Company. He and his brother (H.S. Warnes) were among the first to volunteer from the district
- After a short training at Enoggera he embarked with his Unit on 24 September 1914 on HMAT S.S. Omrah, Brisbane for Egypt where they underwent a period of intense training, believing that they were heading to the Western Front, but the decision was made to assign the battalion to an Anglo-French force being sent to Gallipoli.
- Albert Warnes and his battalion were some of the very first men ashore during the ill-fated Gallipoli landing. While Albert survived the landing, it is estimated that 2,000 men were killed or wounded on the first day.
- At the end of June 1915, the 9th Battalion participated in attacks on Knife Edge and Sniper's Ridge.
- Private Albert Percy Warnes was killed in action on 28 April 1915 at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli aged 21 years 5 months.
- Fortunately for Albert's parents, their two other sons returned safely to Australia.
- Albert's War Service was in Egypt and Gallipoli
- He was one of 8,700 Australians who were killed during the Gallipoli campaign.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Shell Green Cemetery, Plot 1, Row D, Grave 14 Chaplain J.C. McPhee officiated Headstone inscription reads: In memory of dear Albert son of Mr. & Mrs. Warnes of Gympie
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 58
- Gympie & Widgee War Memorial Gates

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Albert Warnes was Captain of Woondom Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8366906>
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