

Frank (Francis) STOREY



Pre-enlistment:

- Frank (Francis) Storey was born in Waiterimu, New Zealand on 27 February 1890 to parents, R.J. and Sarah STOREY, of Tanewha, Waikato, NZ
- He attended Pukekohe East School, South Auckland
- Frank Storey left New Zealand with his dog Blazer for Australia in March 1913, aged 23 years, to join his cousin Francis 'Hack' Storey and lived at Malanda, on the Tablelands, near Cairns
- His occupation was that of a farmer
- His next of kin was his father, Richard John Storey, Taniwha, Kanwhata, NZ
- Family/military connections Cousin of Francis Storey killed in France.

Previous Military Service

- When war broke out Frank and Hack joined the AIF. Blazer was made the company mascot and went to New Guinea on the Troopship Kanowna. When they returned Hack left and went back farming and Frank left for Egypt. Blazer was again smuggled on board for the trip but was discovered and left in the care of friends in Brisbane.

Military Records

- Service Number: 198
- Frank Storey enlisted on 17 September 1914 as a Private, with 15th Infantry Battalion A Company, in Townsville, Qld
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit from Melbourne, Victoria, on board Transport A40 Ceramic, aged 23 years
- On 25 Apr 1915 he joined the original ANZAC's on the first day of the Gallipoli landings
- His last Unit was the 15th Infantry Battalion
- War service was in Egypt, Gallipoli
- Private Frank Storey was killed in action at Gallipoli
- He was killed on the night of the landing and buried, later his grave was moved to Quinn's Post Cemetery. His grave records his death as 26 April 1915. His parents got word of his death and travelled to Brisbane to collect Blazer. The Collie whimpered and climbed all over them when they arrived and they sat in the dirt hugged him and cried, Blazer came home to the family farm at Taniwha. He was all the family had left of Frank. Hack later called up and left for France with the 41st Battalion in November 1916 and was also killed the following year.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Quinn's Post Cemetery, ANZAC, Row D, Grave No. 11, Gallipoli Peninsula
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 77

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Frank (Francis) Storey was a member of the Yungaburra Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8094277>
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