

Edward Ashton KIRBY



Pre-enlistment:

- Edward KIRBY was born on Thursday Island, Torres Strait, Qld on 26 September 1892
- He made his home town Cairns, Qld
- He was schooled at Cairns Boys School
- His occupation prior to enlistment was that of a butcher in the local area

Previous Military Service

- Edward Kirby was mobilised for War Service with 2nd A.N. & M.E.F.
- 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 the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship
- Discharged 18 September 1914.

Military Records

- Service Number: 710
- Edward KIRBY enlisted: 5 October 1914 in Townsville, Qld.
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with 17th Infantry Battalion, for 'ANZAC' / Gallipoli on HMAT Ceramic, from Melbourne
- On 2 May 1915 he landed with 15th Infantry Battalion, at 'ANZAC' / Gallipoli
- On 7 May 1915 he was wounded at Gallipoli
- Lance Corporal Edward Ashton KIRBY was killed in action, Gallipoli, 2 May 1915, aged 22 years
- His War Service was in Gallipoli

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Quinn's Post Cemetery, ANZAC
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Cairns Boys' State School,
- Cairns Cenotaph

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Edward Kirby was a member of the Cairns Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7370452>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/260743>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=166308>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/42894563>
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