

Edgar Ernest BIRD



Pre-enlistment:

- Edgar was born in 1889, in Lexton Victoria
- He was the fourth son of Mary and John Bird, Lexton, Victoria
- He also had a sister, Elma who married John Skinner of Caringya Park, Trundle
- His home town was Fifield, Lachlan, NSW
- He attended Rundle Public School in NSW (Forbes area)
- His next of kin was listed as his father, John Bird
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a farmer

Military Records

- Service Number: 86
- Edgar Bird enlisted on 22 August 1914 in Brisbane Qld as a Sapper with 1st Division Signals to 5th Divisional Signal Companies, aged 24 years 10 months
- On 20 October 1914 he embarked with his Unit on board HMAT Karroo, from Melbourne
- He landed with his Unit at Gallipoli on 25 April, the initial day of the landings.
- He was later promoted to Lance-Corporal partly because of his good work on the day of the landing at Anzac Cove with the Queensland Signal Engineers
- Lance Corporal Edgar Ernest BIRD was killed in action on 3 June 1915 by shell fire at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli, aged 25
- At the time he with three others were repairing one of the brigade's telephone lines, when a shell burst over them. Death was instantaneous
- In him, his Commanding Officer noted that he had lost one of his best and most reliable Non-Commissioned Officers.
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Buried: Shell Green Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey. Plot 1, Row A, Grave 10.
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Murgon Memorial Wall
- Murgon RSL Honour Board
- Murgon War Memorial
- Parkes & District Cenotaph

Honours & Awards

- 1914-1915 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Edgar Bird was a member of the Cloyna Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3084383>
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