

John Alexander BOYNS



Pre-enlistment:

- John was born on 3 September 1890 in Gympie QLD to parents George and Elizabeth (nee Quinn) Boyns, Mosley Cottage, 30 Scott Street, Cairns
- He was the youngest of 4 siblings: Albert George born 1883, Amelia born 1885, Elizabeth Beatrice born 1887 and George Henry born 1888
- He attended Croydon State School
- He was a clerk in the Warden's Office in Croydon in 1912, transferred to Kingaroy, Wondai and Murgon as Clerk of Petty Sessions
- At the time of enlistment, he was living in Kingaroy
- In January 1917 he became engaged to Miss Mona Emmons, a schoolteacher in Brisbane.
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Elisabeth Boyns

Military Records

- Service Number: 3460, 3469A
- James Boyns enlisted on 22nd May 1916, in Brisbane with the 49th Battalion aged 25 years 6 months
- On 24th January 1917 he embarked from Sydney on the A33 "Ayrshire" and disembarked in Devonport, England on the 12 April 1917. He joined 13th Training Battalion in Codford
- During his service John Alexander qualified 1st class at the School of Musketry and had fair knowledge of the Lewis gun.
- On 6 June 1917 he proceeded overseas to France and joined his Unit on 22 August 1917. He was taken on strength by the 49th Battalion on 25 August 1917
- He was promoted Lance Corporal on 6 December 1917
- He was detached to the 10th Corps Bombing School on 14 March 1918
- His War Service was on the Western Front
- Lance Corporal John Boyns was killed in action on 9 June 1918 at Sailly-le-Sec, Somme Sector France aged 27 years

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: the Communal Cemetery, Vaux-sur-Somme.
- His remains were later reinterred at the Buried Villers Bretonneux Military Cemetery, France Section V11, Row A, Grave No 10
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour,
- Cairns Cenotaph

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- John Boyns was a member of the Kingaroy & Gympie Rifle Clubs

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

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