

# William James BREWER



## Pre-enlistment:

- William was born in June 1895 in Bundaberg, Qld to parents, James and Sarah BREWER. Native of Burnett Heads, Bundaberg
- He attended Burnett Heads State School, Qld
- His address was also Burnett Heads, via Bundaberg
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a labourer and he was single
- He listed his next of kin as his mother, Mrs S C Brewer, Burnett Heads, Bundaberg

## Military Records

- Service number: 5990
- William Brewer enlisted on 10 March 1916 as a Private in Brisbane with 15th Battalion, 19th Reinforcement, aged 20
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A50 Itonus on 8 August 1916 and disembarked in Plymouth, England on October 18, 1916.
- From 15 November to 12 December William served with the 4th Training Battalion in England.
- He was then transported to France on SS Arundel via Folkestone, England and disembarked in Etaples, France on December 13, 1916
- William fought in the Somme and was wounded for the first time on April 14, 1917 during the Battle of Bullecourt where he received a gunshot wound in his left arm, and was transferred to hospital and given furlough. Much of this time was in units in England.
- From 28 July to 18 August 1917, he was again in France at 4th Division Base Depot. He then re-joined the 15th Battalion and returned to fight in the Somme.
- Private William James Brewer was killed in action 29 March 1918 at Hebuterne, Somme France, aged 23
- His war service was on the Western Front

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Euston Road Cemetery (Plot V, Row P, Grave no. 3), Colincamps, France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 75
- Barolin State School HR,
- Bundaberg War Memorial,
- Burnett Heads War Memorial

## Honours & Awards

- British War Medal,
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- William Brewer was a member of the Barolin Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- [recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3119748](http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3119748)
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