

# Bazil Hope COLEFAX



## Pre-enlistment:

- Bazil was born in Maclean NSW
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a labourer
- He was married to Vera Ivy Colefax and they lived at Hyde Road, Yeronga, Brisbane
- His brother-in-law, Olley Carl Rush also enlisted and was killed in action

## Military Records

- Service Number: 3714
- Bazil Hope Colefax enlisted in Brisbane Qld, on 14 August 1915, as a Private with the 15th Battalion, 12th Reinforcement aged 23 years 3 months
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A23 Suffolk on 23 November 1915
- On 6 March 1916 the reinforcements joined the Battalion in Tel-el-Kebir
- He was taken on strength on 7 March when he was transferred from the 15th Battalion to the 47th Battalion
- On 7 August he suffered shell wounds to the head and body which he received in action during the Battle of Pozieres with the 47th Infantry Battalion
- Private Bazil Hope Colefax died of wounds on 9 August 1916 while he was being treated in the 13th Australian Field Ambulance Hospital, Somme Sector, France. He was 24 years old.
- His War Service was Egypt and the Western Front

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Warloy-Baillon Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot VII, Row B, Grave No. 7)
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, Panel number 143
- Yeronga Avenue of Honour
- Annerley Stephens Shire Council Residents Honour Board 2,
- Murwillumbah War Memorial,
- Yeronga War Memorial

## Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- Bazil Colefax was a member of the East Brisbane Sportsman's Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

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