

Albert James COLEMAN



Pre-enlistment:

- Albert was born in Essex, England, on 19 October 1883 and came to Queensland with his parents in March, 1885
- His parents were Albert and Rachel COLEMAN, of Bridge Street, East, Toowoomba
- He gained an education at Ipswich State School
- His occupation at the time of enlistment was that of a painter
- He lived in Bridge St, Toowoomba
- He was anxious to get away right from the beginning of the war, but was turned down as being "too small," but he persevered until the size standard was lowered, and he was accepted for enlistment.

Military Records

- Service Number: 2286
- Albert Coleman enlisted on 5 June 1916 in Toowoomba as a Private with 42nd Battalion, 4th Reinforcement
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, Qld, on board HMAT A36 Boonah on 21 October 1916 and disembarked at Plymouth 10 January 1917 aged 33 years
- He marched into the 11 Training Battalion where he remained until he proceeded overseas to France on 25 April 1917
- He was taken on strength by the 42nd Battalion in the field on 1 May 1917
- He was wounded in action on 22 May 1917 with gun shot wounds to the chest and admitted to the 11th Clearing Station, France
- Private Albert James Coleman died of wounds on 24 June 1917 in France aged 33 years 8 months
- His war service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot III, Row D, Grave No. 89), Lille, Nord Pas de Calais France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 135
- 42nd Infantry Battalion AIF Roll of Honour
- Toowoomba No.36 Prosperity Tent Independent Order of Rechabites
- Toowoomba Roll of Honour WW1
- Toowoomba War Memorial (Mothers' Memorial)

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Albert Coleman was a member of the Darling Downs/Toowoomba Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3267803>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=57566>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/180945>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1713841>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/20092869> - 22 July, 1916. Enlistment & shooting
- <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article121960572>