

Joseph Louis DELLEY



Pre-enlistment:

- Joseph was born in 1896 at Bundaberg, Qld, to parents, Louis and Mary Ann DELLEY of Dallarnil, Qld. Native of Bundaberg
- He attended Bundaberg South State School and Mt Perry State School in Qld
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a farmer
- He lived in Brisbane as a single man
- He listed his next of kin as his mother, Mrs Mary Ann Delley, Tawah, Dallarnil Line via Maryborough, Qld
- 'He was determined to go to the war, though rejected 9 times on account of filaria (tropical parasitic disease). He underwent 2 operations then past the 2nd. A good son and a brave lad. Never tasted strong drink, no cigarettes in his life.'
- His brother: 4114 Pte Charles William DELLEY, of 25th Battalion, died of disease on 28 February 1917.

Military Records

- Service Number: 5575
- Joseph Delley enlisted on 16 March 1916 in Brisbane, Qld as a Private with the 26th Battalion, 15th Reinforcement
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A46 Clan MacGillivray on 7 September 1916, aged 21 years
- He disembarked at Plymouth, England, on 2 November 1916, then marched into 7th Training Battalion, Rollestone, England on 21 November 1916
- He proceeded overseas to France on 13 December 1916, then he was taken on strength by 26th Battalion in the field on 19 December 1916.
- He spent some time in various hospitals being treated for filaria sanguinis hominus in England before he proceeded overseas to France on 14 October 1917 and re-joined 26th Battalion in Belgium on 20 October 1917.
- He was granted leave and went to Paris on 13 March 1918 until 20 March 1918 when he again re-joined his Unit.
- He was again admitted to hospital and spent 85 days undergoing medical treatment
- He re-joined his Battalion on 23 September 1918 and again took leave on 12 October 1918 and went to United Kingdom. While on leave he was again admitted to Boscombe Military Hospital on 27 October 1918.
- Private Joseph Louis died of disease (influenza) on 11 November 1918 in England, aged 22 years
- His war service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Bournemouth East Cemetery (Plot S, Row I, Grave No. 145), Hampshire, England
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 107
- Biggenden Honour Roll,
- Biggenden War Memorial, Bundaberg War Memorial,
- Dallarnil District WW1 Honour Roll

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal,
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Joseph Delley was a member of the Dallarnil District Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3499281
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