

William Archibald FISHER



Pre-enlistment:

- William was born in June 1893 in Kent, England
- His address was given as Southbrook, Qld
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a farmer
- He was single
- His next of kin was listed as Mrs W. Harris, Pedlings, Hythe Kent, England

Military Records

- Service number: 3292
- William Fisher enlisted on 28 July 1915 in Toowoomba, Qld as a Private with 15th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, Qld, on board HMAT A48 Seang Bee on 21 October 1915, aged 22
- He was admitted to No 1 Australian General Hospital, in Egypt on 21 January 1916 with tonsillitis then transferred to Helouan Convalescent Depot on 31 January 1916; then discharged to duty on 2 February 1916.
- He was taken on strength of 15th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 6 March 1916.
- He embarked Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force on 1 June 1916 and disembarked at Marseilles, France on 8 June 1916.
- He was wounded in action on 8 August 1916 and received treatment in England until he was discharged on 12 October 1916 and stayed in England on furlough for rehabilitation
- On 31 October 1916 he marched into 4th Training Battalion, Codford, England
- He proceeded overseas to France on 3 May 1917 and marched into 4th Australian Divisional Base Depot at Etaples on 4 May 1917. He re-joined the 15th Battalion on 8 May 1917.
- He was again wounded in action on 21 October 1917, and received treatment in England until he was discharged to furlough on 27 December 1917. He marched into No 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny on 28 December 1917
- He marched into Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill on 17 January 1918, then into 12th Training Battalion, Codford on 28 January 1918.
- He proceeded overseas to France on 26 March 1918 then marched into Australian Intermediate Base Depot at Le Havre on 27 March 1918. He re-joined 15th Battalion on 11 April 1918.
- Private William Fisher was killed in action on 4 July 1918 in France after sustaining shrapnel wound to the head
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery (Plot II, Row B, Grave No. 2), Fouillooy, France and buried by Reverend A.A. Ayden, attached 12th Bn, 10 July 1918
- Memorial: Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, Panel number 75

Honours & Awards

- 1914-15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- William Fisher was a member of the Southbrook Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3909654>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=98132>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/295474>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1732824>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/188226268?searchTerm=Rifle%20Club%20annual%20meeting>