

Leslie George William GARDNER



Pre-enlistment:

- Leslie was born in July 1890 in Merimbula, NSW, to parents, William and Gertie GARDNER, John Street, Windsor, Brisbane
- His home town was Maleny, via Landsborough, Qld
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a farmer
- He was single
- His next of kin was listed as his father, W F Gardner, Maleny, Elleslie via Landsborough

Military Records

- Service Numbers: 794A, 794, 794B
- Leslie Gardner enlisted on 24 April 1917 in Brisbane as a Private with Machine Gun Company 12, Reinforcement 15
- He embarked with his Unit from Melbourne, Vic, on board SS Indarra on 26 November 1917 and sailed for Egypt then disembarked in Suez on 27 December
- He embarked with his Battalion from Port Said on board the "Kashgar" on 9 January 1918 for Taranto, Italy, where he arrived on January 20 and underwent more training.
- He embarked on board the "Kenas Queen" on 31 January for England and disembarked on 7 February when he joined the 15th Training Battalion and received further training at Codford then Grantham
- He embarked with his Unit from Folkestone on 18 June 1918 for France. He disembarked in France the next day, and was sent with his Unit to the Somme.
- On 21 June 1918 he transferred to 3rd Machine Gun Company which would be his last Unit
- Private Leslie George William Gardner was killed in action on 22 August 1918 on the Somme, France
- At 6:00 a.m., during an attack in Etinehem, while he was on his machine gun, the Germans opened fire with their artillery for a barrage to stop the Australian advance,
- Leslie received shrapnel in the face and in his back and was killed immediately, he was 28 years old.
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front

Rifle Shooting

- Leslie Gardner was a member of the Melany Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=4026348
- aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=107507
- vwma.org.au/explore/people/88789
- awm.gov.au/collection/R1730486
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/81867044

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Buried in Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery (Plot VIII, Row E, Grave No. 10), Fouilloy, France. His grave bears the following inscription "His country called he answered, now in God's hands he rests".
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 176,
- Brisbane Grammar School Memorial Library WW1 Honour Board 1,
- Caloundra Shire of Landsborough WW1 Roll of Honour,
- Maleny Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Roll of Honour

Honours & Award:

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal