

Thomas John HIGGINS



Pre-enlistment:

- Thomas was born in 1882 in Bundaberg Qld
- He lived at Coles Creek, Cooran, Queensland
- He was a single farmer
- His brother, Private Brian Higgins, enlisted in the AIF Service Number 393 with 25th Battalion and was killed in action on 29 July 1916.
- His next of kin was listed as his father Brian Higgins who lived at Coles Creek, Cooran, Qld

Military Records

- Service Number: 114
- Thomas Higgins enlisted on 22 September 1914 at Gympie Qld as a Private with 5th Light Horse Regiment, B Squadron, aged 32 years 8 months
- On 21 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit on board HMAT Persic, from Sydney
- During the time he served at Gallipoli he was promoted Trooper
- Trooper Thomas Higgins was killed in action on 28 June 1915 at Gallipoli, just over one month of the campaign on the Peninsular
- His War Service was in Egypt and Gallipoli

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Shell Green Cemetery, Plot 1, Row A, Grave 9 Chaplain J.K. Miller officiated
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 4
- Gympie & Widgee War Memorial Gates
- Imbil War Memorial
- Imbil Mary Valley Enlistments WW1 Honour Board,
- Kandanga Cemetery Memorial

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Thomas Higgins was a member of the Cooran & Kandanga Rifle Clubs

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5457923>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=136892>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/351941>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1634645>