

Thomas Robert IRWIN



Pre-enlistment:

- Thomas was born in 1895 in Bundaberg Qld to parents, Robert and Gertrude IRWIN, of Cordalba, Qld
- He was a single man living at Cordalba via Childers and working as a farm labourer at the time of enlistment.
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Gertrude Ellen Irwin, Cordalba via Childers, Qld

Military Records

- Service Number: 79
- Thomas Irwin enlisted on 11 February 1916 as a Private with Machine Gun Company 11 in Brisbane, Qld.
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A30 Borda on 5 June 1916, aged 21
- He disembarked Alexandria on 12 July 1916
- He was promoted Temporary Sergeant on 20 November 1916
- He proceeded overseas from Southampton to France on 23 November 1916.
- He was admitted to hospital with mumps on 2 December 1916 and re-joined his Unit in the field on 29 December 1916
- On 2 March 1917 he reverted to Corporal
- He was transferred to Machine Gun Company, Grantham, England from France on 1 January 1917 and promoted Sergeant on 13 February 1917
- On 7 September 1917 he proceeded overseas from Southampton to France
- He was admitted to hospital on 1 November 1917 for a few days
- He was promoted 2nd Lieutenant on 1 December 1917, then promoted Lieutenant on 1 March 1918
- He was wounded in action on 6 May 1918 then wounded again on 8 August 1918
- Lieutenant Thomas Robert Irwin died of wounds 8 August 1918 that he sustained in action in France when on duty with 3rd Machine Gun Battalion. He was 23 years old.
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery (Plot VIII, Row D, Grave No. 6), Fouilloy, Amiens, France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 176
- Childers Memorial Hall (Isis District Pictorial War Memorial),
- Cordalba War Memorial,
- Isis District Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Thomas Irwin was a member of the Cordalba Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7362198
- aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=150059
- wwma.org.au/explore/people/105172
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