

John Algar KELLY



Pre-enlistment:

- John was born in Adelaide SA to parents, John Robert and Annie May Kelly of Oakey, Qld
- He attended state school and Prince Alfred College in Adelaide, South Australia
- He left South Australia and moved to Queensland in 1898
- His home town was Oakey, Toowoomba, Qld
- He was a single man working as a farmer at time of enlistment.
- His next of kin was listed as his father, John Robert Kelly, Oakey, Qld

Previous Military Service:

- He served for 5 years in the Colonial Forces Light Horse

Military Records

- Service Number: 342
- John Kelly enlisted on 19 August 1914 as a Private, in the 2nd Light Horse Regiment B Squadron in Toowoomba Qld making him one of the first to enlist from Oakey on the declaration of war
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked with his Unit from Brisbane on board HMAT Star of England A15 aged 32 years
- He proceeded from Alexandria on 9 May 1915 to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli
- He was wounded at Gallipoli on 8 August and was admitted to hospital on Malta on 12 August 1915. He was later transported to England on 2 September 1915 and admitted to hospital in Epsom on 10 September 1915
- He disembarked Alexandria from England on 15 January 1916 and returned to duty with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment in Schag on 20 April 1916
- He was again admitted to hospital on 5 May 1916
- Private John Algar Kelly died of Illness (Pneumonia), on 17 May 1916, at Sohag Hospital in Egypt, aged 37
- His war service was in Gallipoli and Egypt

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Cemetery Cairo War Memorial Cemetery H7, Cairo War Memorial Cemetery, Cairo, Egypt
- Memorial: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel number 3
- Oakey War Memorial

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- John Kelly was a rifle club member for 5 years living in the Oakey area near Toowoomba

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3011058
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