

Frank Pierpoint LAXTON



Pre-enlistment:

- Frank was born in 1888 in Murtoa, Victoria to parents Edward and Elizabeth (nee Burton) Laxton who married in 1883 in Victoria
- He attended State School in Victoria
- His home town was Dalby, Western Downs, Qld with his address being given as Wimmera, Gulera Tara Line, Qld
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a farmer and he was single
- His next of kin was listed as his father, Edward Laxton, Wimmera, Gulera Tara Line, Qld

Military Records

- Service Number: 305
- Frank Laxton enlisted on 6 January 1915, in Dalby, Qld with the 11th Light Horse Regiment B Squadron, as a Private, aged 26 years 7 months
- He embarked from Brisbane on 2 June 1915 on HMAT Borda
- He embarked Alexandria on 25 August 1915 for Gallipoli on board HT Marquette
- On 29 August 1915 he was transferred to the 5th Light Horse Regiment at Gallipoli
- Then on 17 December 1915 he was promoted Sergeant, 11th Light Horse Regiment at Maadi
- On 10 December 1915 he was promoted Corporal, 11th Light Horse Regiment
- He was evacuated from Gallipoli and disembarked at Alexandria on 25 December 1915
- Then on 22 February 1916 he was transferred back to the 11th Light Horse Regiment at Heliopolis (Cairo, Egypt)
- He passed Machine Gun Instructor Course on 2 February 1917 at Zeitoun (a training base in Egypt)
- On 24 February 1917 he was again transferred, this time to the 4th Light Horse Regiment
- Then finally he was transferred back to his original 11th Light Horse Regiment on 12 March 1917
- Sergeant Frank Pierport Laxton received gunshot wound to chest and died of those wounds in Palestine on 19 April 1917 near Gaza, aged 30 years
- His war service was in Egypt and at Gallipoli.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Place of burial: first buried near Wadi Sihan, outside of Gaza and re-interred in the Gaza War Cemetery, Palestine Plot 18, Row F, Grave 1
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel Number 8
- Dalby 'The Fallen' Honour Board,
- Dalby War Memorial,
- Kupunn HB1, Kupunn HB2 (Dalby area)

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Frank Laxton was a member of a rifle club in the Dalby area

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Reference Links

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