William John MURDOCH

Pre-enlistment:
- William was born in October 1897 in Toowoomba Qld, son of James and Elizabeth Murdoch of Bridge Street, Oakey, Qld
- His home town was Oakey, just outside Toowoomba
- He attended State School, Qld
- He was a single man with his occupation being that of a barber
- His next of kin was listed as his father, James Murdoch of Oakey, Qld

Military Records
- Service Number: 3830
- William Murdoch enlisted on 2 August 1915, as a Private with the 9th Infantry Battalion in Toowoomba
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A50 Itonus on 30 December 1915, aged 20 years
- They sailed for Zeitoun, Egypt, where he arrived on February 29, 1916 and was sent to the 3rd Training Battalion then was transferred the same day to the 49th Australian Infantry Battalion in Tel-El-Kébir
- After intensive training in the heat of Egypt for four months, on June 5 1916, William joined the British Expeditionary Force in Alexandria and embarked on board Arcadian. After arriving in France on June 12, William and the 49th Battalion moved into the trenches of the Somme on the Western Front for the first time on 21 June where he fought with courage and coolness

Cemetery &/or Memorial
- Cemetery: Pozières British Cemetery Plot II, Row D, Grave 28, Pozieres British Cemetery Ovillers-La Boisselle, Pozieres, Picardie, France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel Number 149,
- Oakey War Memorial

Honours & Awards
- British War Medal,
- Victory Medal

- On January 23, he fell ill and was sent to hospital suffering from mumps and a month later, on February 13, he was admitted to the 14th Stationary Hospital of Boulogne. Two weeks later, on February 26, 1917, after recovering, William went to Etaples and joined the 49th Battalion in the front line in the Somme on March 12.
- On 2 April 1917 he was wounded during the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line and Outpost Villages, when he suffered serious gunshot wounds to his legs including a compound fracture, in operations at Noreuil.
- Private William Murdoch died of wounds 2 April 1917 in the 3rd Casualty Clearing Station in Pozieres, Somme, France, He was aged 20 years 6 months
- His war service was in Egypt and the Western Front

Rifle Shooting
- William Murdock was a member of the Australian Militia for 3 years

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links
- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7989370
- vwma.org.au/explore/people/146014
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