

Dick Richard PALMER



Pre-enlistment:

- Dick Palmer was born on 13 November 1886, in Toowoomba, Qld
- He was the fifth of nine children born to Frank Edgar Palmer and Elizabeth Palmer (nee Beck) being Francis Fanny (1879-1981), also called Francis Fanny (1881), Thomas Kelsey (1883), Ann Maria (1884), Dick Richard (1886); John Edgar (1888), Harrison Frank (1890), Valentine Poole (1892), Florence Jemimima (1895).
- He lived at Coome Station, via Dalby as a single man working as a well sinker
- As his next of kin he listed his mother, Elizabeth Barks, Greenmount, Toowoomba

Military Records

- Service Number: 1738
 - Dick Palmer enlisted on 13 July 1916 in Brisbane as a Private, with the 31st Infantry Battalion
 - On 3 January 1916 he embarked on HMAT Kyarra from Brisbane, aged 28 years
 - He disembarked Demosthenes at Suez on 31 January 1916
 - He joined 47th Battalion at Serapeum on 1 April 1916
 - Proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) at Alexandria on 2 June 1916 and disembarked at Marseilles, France on 9 June 1916
 - He was wounded in action, on 10 August 1916 with Gun Shot Wound to the shoulder
 - He was admitted to hospital in Rouen then transferred to Etaples. He re-joined his Unit on 5 October 1916
 - On 30 November he was admitted to the 36th Casualty Clearing Station with Pyrexia (Trench Fever) .
 - Private Dick Palmer died of disease - Broncho-pneumonia at the 36th Casualty Clearing Station 'in the field' in France on 5 December 1916. He was aged 30 years
 - On 27 November 1916 he was recommended for the Military Medal for unspecified gallantry at Guedecourt but died before it was approved. This medal is not awarded posthumously and therefore there is no record on his personal file
 - His war service was in the Middle East and on the Western Front.
- Cemetery &/or Memorial
- Cemetery: Heilly Station Cemetery Plot VI, Row D, Grave 20, Mericourt-L'Abbe, France
 - Inscription: Until the Day Dawns and the Shadows Flee Away
 - Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel 144
- Honours & Awards
- 1914-1915 Star
 - British War Medal
 - Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Dick Palmer was a member of the Greenmount Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=232656>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/91128>
- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8004943>
- <https://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/browse/person/267816>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1221789>