

Stanley William TAYLOR



Pre-enlistment:

- Stanley was born in Brisbane, Qld
- He was the son of William Cleghorn and Isabella (nee Waghorne) Taylor.
- He was raised in inner city Brisbane, at Cox Street, Windsor
- He attended Brisbane State School
- His home town was Brisbane where he lived with his parents
- At the time of enlistment his occupation was that of a postal assistant after a short time as a draper
- He was single but his daughter was born while he was on duty in Egypt
- His next of kin was listed as his father, W C Taylor, 259 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane
- His brother, Service Number 2277 Norman Claude TAYLOR, 10th Field Artillery Brigade was killed in action on 17 October 1918
- **Previous military service:** he served as a Sergeant in the State School Cadets
- Stanley spent some time as a cadet in a local militia unit before volunteering for the AIF on the outbreak of World War I in August 1914 along with his brother Norman Claude Taylor

Military Records

- Service number: 10, 3100
- Stanley Taylor enlisted on 25 August 1914, (Service Number 10) in Brisbane with 2nd Light Horse Brigade HQ as a Private
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked with his Unit on board HMAT Star of England, from Brisbane
- He served with the 2nd Light Horse Brigade in Egypt, training and providing protection for the Suez Canal
- On 4 May 1915 he returned to Australia for personal reasons, presumably to care for his newborn daughter. On his records it states he was returned as per a cable from the Minister of Defence. He had a relationship with the girl's mother but they never married
- He wasn't long in Australia before he re-enlisted on 27 July 1915, (Service Number 3100) and joined the 11th Field Artillery Brigade, the same unit as his brother, Norman in France
- On 5 October 1915 he embarked with his new Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A69 Warilda, aged 20 years
- On 5 February 1916 he joined the Battalion in Moascar, Egypt for training, then on 24 March was transferred to 11 Field Artillery at Serapeum, Egypt. On the 7 April he was taken on strength as a Gunner. On 18 May he was promoted Bombardier, then on 27 May was promoted Corporal
- He proceeded overseas departing Alexandria on 1 June 1916 and disembarked Marseilles on 10 June
- Corporal Stanley William Taylor died of wounds on 7 April 1917 at Bapaume, Somme Sector, France, serving with 11th Field Artillery Brigade. He was aged 22
- During the first Battle for Bullecourt, France he was killed by a shell fragment on Easter Saturday while laying cable with two others just north of Bapaume. He was four days short of his 22nd birthday. His brother Norman, serving nearby, helped have him buried in the Bapaume cemetery.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Bapaume Communal Cemetery (Row I, Grave No. 4), France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel number 17
- Laidley Memorial Park Gates,
- Laidley Memorial Park Gates,
- Postmaster-General's Dept Qld. WWI

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Stanley Taylor was a member of the Laidley Rifle Club. He qualified as the best shot in musketry in the Lockyer Rifle Clubs Association, 1913. His brother and father were both members of the Laidley Rifle Club

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Reference Links

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