

# Reginal Graham Tilyer TURNER

## Pre-enlistment:

- Reginald was born on 1 August 1891 in South Brisbane to parents, Robert Graham and Alice Jane Turner, Brisbane Street, Mackay, Qld
- He attended State School
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a draper's assistant
- He lived at Chelmer, Brisbane, as a single man
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs R G Turner, Sydney Street, Mackay
- **Previous military service:** he served in the Light Horse for a short time



## Military Records

- Service number: 3509
- Reginald Turner enlisted on 26 July 1915 in Brisbane, as a Private with the 9th Battalion, 11th Reinforcement
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A48 Seang Bee on 21 October 1915, aged 23
- On 29 February 1916 he was transferred from 3rd Training Battalion in Zeitoun, Egypt and was taken on strength by the 49th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir
- On 28 March he was promoted to Lance Corporal in Tel-el-Kebir, then to Corporal on 13 April at Serapeum, Egypt
- He proceeded overseas on 5 June 1916 from Alexandria on board the Arcadian and disembarked Marseilles, France on 12 June 1916 to join the British Expeditionary Force
- He was wounded in action on 13 August 1916 and admitted to hospital and re-joined in the field on 24 September 1916
- He was promoted Sergeant on 3 November 1916 the sent to Oxford on 8 November 1916 for further training
- On 1 March 1917 he was appointed 2nd Lieutenant and proceeded overseas to France on 14 March 1917
- He was taken on strength in the field by 49th Battalion
- During 1917 he was transferred to School of Instruction several times, re-joining his Unit between each detachment.
- He was promoted Lieutenant on 14 June 1917
- On 14 December 1917 he re-joined his Unit for the final time
- Lieutenant Reginal Graham Tilyer TURNER was killed in action on 5 May 1918 at Dernancourt, France, aged 26 years, 8 months
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave
- Memorials: Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 149
- Corinda Sherwood Shire Roll of Honour,
- Mackay Cenotaph,
- Mackay Old Town Hall Honour Roll

## Honours & Awards

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

## Rifle Shooting

- Reginald Turner was a member of the Mackay, Finney Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- [recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=1921291](http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=1921291)
- [aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=306490](http://aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=306490)
- [vwma.org.au/explore/people/349870](http://vwma.org.au/explore/people/349870)
- [awm.gov.au/collection/R1670396](http://awm.gov.au/collection/R1670396)
- [trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/177951146?](http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/177951146?)
- [trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/181473145?](http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/181473145?)
- [lickr.com/photos/statelibraryqueensland/6831761128](http://lickr.com/photos/statelibraryqueensland/6831761128)
- [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finney\\_Isles\\_&\\_Co\\_Building](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Finney_Isles_&_Co_Building)