

Josiah ALLEN



Pre-enlistment:

- Josiah was born on 11 February March 1890, Gin Gin, Bundaberg, Queensland.
- He was the son of William ALLEN and Sarah Jane CHILDS.
- His occupation was a grazier.
- He was a keen sportsman and an excellent horseman.

Military Records

- Service Number 2614.
- 5 July 1916 Josiah enlisted in Bundaberg, Qld same day as his 2 brothers, Pte Ernest & Pte James Edward.
- He joined the 49th Infantry Battalion.
- 7 October 1916 he embarked, HMAT A40 Ceramic, from Sydney, with his brothers.
- He disembarked Plymouth, England, 21 November 1916.
- 8 January 1917 he embarked Folkestone to join the British Expeditionary Force, France.
- 8 January 1917 'Marched in' 4th Australian Divisional Base Depot, Etaples.
- 15 January 1917 'Taken on Strength', 49th Battalion.
- 24 March 1917 he proceeded to School of Instruction, in the field.
- 9 April 1917 Re-joined 49th Bn.
- Private Josiah ALLEN was 'Killed in Action', 7 June 1917, Messines, Belgium aged 27 years - the same day as his brother James Edward ALLEN.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave - "Known Unto God".
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour.
- Gin Gin War Memorial.
- Menin Gate Memorial (Commonwealth Memorial to the Missing of the Ypres Salient).

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal.
- Victory Medal.

Rifle Shooting

- Josiah was a member of the Gin Gin Rifle Club.
- And he was a good marksman.

ACWM Commemoration Service

- Remembrance Day 1918 Service Booklet.
- ANZAC Day 2021 Keynote Address, Ian Errington.

Some Reference Links

- vwma.org.au/explore/people/110955
- aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=3276
- ACWM ANZAC Day 2021 Keynote Address, Ian Errington
- awm.gov.au/collection/R1667000 View Circular
- Queenslanders Who Fought in the Great War – 1914-1918
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/216946621?searchTerm=Private%20Allen%2C%20gin%20gin Sat 26 Oct 1918 Family Sacrifice
- couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/bundaberg/we-remember-tragedy-takes-three/news-story/d6870cc8193859868b4236ca3b914822