

# Leslie Raymond ARTHUR



## Pre-enlistment:

- Leslie was born on 5 August 1897, Lismore, NSW
- He was educated at Public School, Derroughby, N. S. W., and State School, Plainby, Queensland.
- His father was John Matthew ARTHUR, Plainby, Crow's Nest, Qld
- At the time of enlistment he was a Local Preacher on Trial in conversation with the Crows Nest Methodist Circuit. (details from father)

## Military Records

- Service Number: 292
- ARTHUR enlisted on 16 August 1914 at Enoggera in the 2nd Light Horse Regiment, aged 19 years
- 24 Sep 1914 he embarked as a Private, SN 292, with the 2nd Light Horse Regiment, on HMAT Star of England, for 'ANZAC' / Gallipoli
- Embarked Alexandria to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, 9 May 1915.
- 25 Aug 1914 he was promoted to Trooper, 2nd Light Horse Regiment
- Trooper Leslie Raymond ARTHUR was 'Killed in Action' at daybreak on 7 August, 1915, at Gallipoli
- Reports read that he was very badly wounded by machine gun fire at Quinn's Post and died almost immediately.

Trooper Leslie Raymond Arthur, was the first volunteer to offer his services from the Plainby / Crow's Nest district and the first to fall at the Dardanelles.

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Shrapnel Valley Cemetery (Plot IV, Row D, Grave No. 9), Gallipoli
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Crows Nest (Qld) War Memorial
- Toowoomba Roll of Honour WW1
- Toowoomba War Memorial (Mothers' Memorial)

## Honours & Awards

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

## Rifle Shooting

- Leslie Arthur was an active member of the Crows Nest Rifle Club
- He was a good shot.

## ACWM Commemoration Service

## Reference Links

- [recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3036548](http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3036548)
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- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/20068343>  
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