

William Frederick DONISCH



Pre-enlistment:

- William was born on 11 November 1883
- His address was recorded as Marburg, Ipswich, Qld and his place of association was Dalby
- His occupation was that of a school teacher at Dalby State School at time of enlistment
- He was single
- Next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Magdalene Donisch, of Marburg, Qld. She died September 16 1918
- His brother Henry lived in Moffatt St Ipswich

Military Records

- Service Number: Officer
- William Donisch enlisted on 30 March 1915 in Brisbane as a 2nd Lieutenant with 25th Battalion, C Company
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, Qld, on board HMAT A60 Aeneas on 29 June 1915 aged 32 years.
- He spent time training in Egypt before he embarked at Alexandria on 4 September 1915 for Gallipoli where he remained until the evacuation when he returned to Egypt
- On 1 June 1915 he was appointed Lieutenant and on 24 February 1916 he was appointed Captain
- He again embarked Alexandria this time on 14 March 1916 and disembarked at Marseilles France on 19 March 1916
- On 29 July 1916 he was wounded at Pozieres and transferred to England for treatment for his shoulder wound
- He was taken on strength in England on 10 October 1916 then proceeded overseas to France and re-joined his Unit on 17 October 1916
- He was reported missing after which a Court of Inquiry was held
- Captain William Frederick Donisch was killed in action on 14 November 1916 at Somme, France aged 33 years
- His war service was in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Warlencourt British Cemetery (Plot III, Row B, Grave No. 27), France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 104
- University of Queensland WWI Roll of Honour ('Pro Patria Ceciderunt'; They fell for their Country), St Lucia, Queensland
- Dalby 'The Fallen' Honour Board
- Dalby St. John's Anglican Church Roll of Honour
- Dalby War Memorial
- Marburg Roll of Honour
- Jondaryan Woodview State School

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- William Donisch was a prominent member of the Dalby Rifle Club and an excellent marksman

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Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3513661
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