

Ernest Irving EDWARDS



Pre-enlistment:

- Ernest was born on 10 November 1892 in Churchill, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, England,
- He attended school at the British Orphanage in England
- He arrived in Australia when he was 17
- He was single and lived in Townsville, and was a farmer in the area
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Maud Edwards, 302 Boundary Road, Oxford, England
- Previous Military Experience: 2nd Expeditionary Force
 - Mobilised for War Service in August 1914
 - He embarked at Cairns on 8/8/14 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty
 - He enlisted on 14/8/14 for service outside Australia
 - He re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16/8/14 on Troopship Kanowna to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
 - He was Taken on Strength by the NA&MEF on 6/9/14 then returned to Townsville on 18/9/14 on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on the troopship. He did not participate in the capture of German New Guinea
 - He was discharged on 18/9/14

Military Records

- Service Number: 130
- Ernest Edwards enlisted on 18 September 1914 as a Private with 15th Battalion, A Company in Townsville aged 21 years
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit onboard the HMAT Ceramic, from Melbourne
- On 25 Apr 1915 he took part in the first landings on the Gallipoli Peninsular with the 15th Infantry Battalion, 'ANZAC' / Gallipoli
- His War Service was in Egypt and Gallipoli
- Private Ernest Edwards was killed in action on 3 May 1915, Gallipoli, Turkey, aged 22 years

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Ernest Edwards was a member of the Mulgrave Rifle Club

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Reference Links

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