

Charles Gustav HOLDING



Pre-enlistment:

- Charles was born on 26 May 1895 at Englesburg (now Kalbar), in the Fassifern Valley, Qld
- His hometown was Cloyna, South Burnett, Qld
- His schooling was at Englesberg
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a labourer
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Johanna Holding of Cloyna,

Military Records

- Serial Number: 1935
- Charles Holding enlisted on 2 February 1915 in Ipswich as a Private with 25th Infantry Battalion, 3rd Reinforcements, aged 19 years 8 months. He had brought with him a note signed by his father, Thomas, giving his permission to enlist.
- On 16 August 1915 he embarked on board HMAT Kyarra, from Brisbane. He was 20 years of age. There is perhaps some significance in his delayed departure, as during the early years of the war, it was not unknown for younger recruits to be kept out of the front line until they had turned 20 or 21.
- During his time at Gallipoli he contracted mumps and on 4 December 1915 was admitted to hospital on Mundros for a few days
- On 9 January 1916 he embarked Alexandria and disembarked Marseilles, France on 19 March 1916
- On 28 June 1916 he took part in a successful raid on enemy trenches
- On 31 August 1916, he suffered shell shock after coming out of the line in the Battle for Pozières
- Then on 14 November 1916 he was again wounded, this time with a gunshot wound to his left elbow, in Flers/Gueudecourt, France. He spent some time in England at Beaufort War Hospital various convalescent depots at Hurdcott and Perham Downs.
- It was eight months before Charlie re-joined his unit in July 1917
- He served in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front
- Private Charles Holding was killed in action on 4 October 1917, at Broodseinde Ridge, in the 3rd Battle of Ypres (sometimes referred to as Passchendaele) Belgium. He was aged 22 years

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Charlie was initially buried near Zillebeke but later reinterred at Bedford House Cemetery, Plot 3, Row C, 12.
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour
- Boonah War Memorial
- Kalbar War Memorial
- Murgon Memorial Wall
- Murgon RSL Honour Board
- Murgon War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- 1914-15 Star
- British Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Charles Holding was a member of the Cloyna Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5843960>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/168897>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=140695>