

Arthur William SKEWES



Pre-enlistment:

- Arthur was born on 13 November 1891 in Charters Towers, the son of Margaret Skewes and the late John Skewes, of Merthyr Road, New Farm, Brisbane
- He attended Quenton and Charters Towers State Schools
- He spent 12 months in senior cadets.
- His occupation at the time of enlistment was that of a miner
- He spent 3 years as Sergeant in Kennedy, 4 months on active service on Thursday Island also as a sergeant.
- In 1915 he was a rifle instruction at Enoggera camp

Military Records

- Service Number: Lieutenant
- Arthur William SKEWES enllsited on 1 April 1916 not 16 October 1916 as indicated in some sources.
- He enlisted in Brisbane as Second Lieutenant, 41st Infantry Battalion, B Company, aged 24 years 5 months
- On 16 May 1916 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Demosthenes from Sydney to England then from Southampton to France on 24 November 1916 and went into the line
- In the meantime, he was promoted Lieutenant on 15 November 1916
- He was admitted to hospital during 1917 in January, April, May and June for various treatment including mumps and injury during drill
- On 31 March 1917 he attended the Lewis Gun School
- He was wounded in August 1917 and was on the eve of his commission as a Captain when he went into action for the final time.
- Lieutenant Arthur William SKEWES was killed in action on 5 October 1917 Passchendaele Ridge, 41st Infantry Battalion, B Company, Third Ypres, Belgium, aged 25 years
- His War Service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Menin Gate Memorial (Commonwealth Memorial to the Missing of the Ypres Salient), Panel 27, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium
- Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour, Panel Number 134
- 41st Battalion Roll of Honour,
- Queenton State School Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Arthur Skewes was a member of the Charters Towers Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8085745&S=1&R=0>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/267957>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1662232>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=276453>
- Southern Qld Rifle Association Jubilee 1877-1927 A Brief History of the Association During the Past Fifty Years, by AT Jackson