

Bertie Reginald ANDREWS



Pre-enlistment:

- Bertie was born at Ma Ma Creek, Queensland, on the 11 August 1897 to parents David and Fleurine Elise Andrews of Laicourt, Ma Ma Creek
- His schooling was at Ma Ma Creek State School, Qld
- At the time of his enlistment his home address was in Grantham, Lockyer Valley, Qld, where he lived as a single man.
- His occupation on enlistment was that of a farmer

Military Records

- Service Number 4358
- Bertie Andrews enlisted on 30 November 1915 in Brisbane as a Private with the 25th Infantry Battalion, aged 18 years 4 months
- On 31 March 1916 he embarked on the HMAT Star of Victoria, from Sydney for Egypt for further training
- He left Egypt and disembarked in Marseilles, France where he was taken on strength by the 26th Battalion on 2 August 1916
- He was severely wounded on 5 August 1916 with a gun shot wound to the right foot, then transferred to Bristol, England on 9 August 1916 for treatment and then a period of furlough
- He returned to France 2 February 1918 as a Private and Taken on Strength by the 25th Infantry Battalion on 7 February 1918
- His War Service was in Egypt and on the Western Front.
- Private Bertie Reginald Andrews was killed in action at Villers-Bretonneux, the Somme, France, on 10 June 1918, aged 20 years
- He had two brothers: 2127 Private George Henry Andrews, killed in action on 9 June 1917; and Private James Martin Andrews, killed in action 5 August 1916

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Beacon Cemetery (Plot II, Row I, Grave No. 4), Sailly-Laurette, France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour,
- Gatton Weeping Mother Memorial,
- Ma Ma Creek Memorial
- Ma Ma Creek Anglican Cemetery

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Bertie Andrews was a member of the Ma Ma Creek Rifle Club.

ACWM Commemoration Service

- ACWM Roll of Honour Tribute: Remembrance Day 2025

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3033142>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=5734>
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- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/254739>
- Queenslanders who Fought in the Great War 1914–1918
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/122007523?searchTerm=Ma%20Ma%20Creek%20Rifle%20Club%20%20B.%20ANDREWS#> - Queensland Times (Ipswich, Qld. : 1909 - 1954), Thu 25 Jul 1918, Page 6, Ma Ma Creek Letter.

