

Reuben Woodward PERSHOUSE

Pre-enlistment:

- Reuben was born in Gladstone Qld to parents, Alfred and Sarah Pershouse of Murray's Creek, Qld
- He attended Baffle Creek School via Murray's Creek
- His address was Murray's Creek via Bundaberg, Qld where he lived as a single man
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a labourer
- He listed his next of kin as his father, A H Pershouse, Murray's Creek, Bundaberg



Military Records

- Service Number: 1914
- Reuben Pershouse enlisted on 16 June 1915 in Brisbane as a Private with 26th Battalion, 3rd Reinforcement
- Coincidentally, Thomas Heinrichs, his club mate, and Pershouse enlisted together.
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A55 Kyarra on 16 August 1915, aged 28 years and disembarked in Alexandria
- He embarked from Alexandria per Alnwick Castle for overseas on 8 November (possibly to Gallipoli as he did serve some time on the Peninsula)
- On 2 December he was admitted to Cairo Hospital
- He was transferred to Tel-el-Kabir on 28 December 1915
- On 15 March 1916 he proceeded overseas from Alexandria on 16 March 1916 to join the British Expeditionary Force and disembarked at Marseilles, France on 21 March 1916
- Private Reuben Woodward Pershouse was killed in action on 29 July 1916 Pozieres, France aged 29.
- He was killed the same day as his club mate, Hinricks, in the same Battle after belonging to the same rifle club, enlisting on the same day, in the same Unit and going through the war together.
- His war service was in Egypt, Gallipoli and on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave
- Memorials: Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 108
- Bundaberg War Memorial

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Reuben Pershouse was a member of the Murrays Creek Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

- ACWM Roll of Honour Tribute: Remembrance Day 2023

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8015389
- aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=239192
- vwma.org.au/explore/people/221914
- awm.gov.au/collection/R1654460
- trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/216914577?searchTerm=Rifle%20Club%20annual%20meeting