

# Frederick Cecil SWAIN



## Pre-enlistment:

- Frederick Swain was born in 1895 in Summerhill, Sydney, NSW. He had a mother, Eliza SWAIN, and foster brother, Augustus WHITBURN, of Wingham, NSW
- He attended Church of England School, NSW
- He gave his address as Strathcedar, Wingham, though his home town was Millaa Millaa on the Tablelands near Cairns
- His occupation was that of a farm labourer and he was single
- Next of kin Mother, Mrs Whitburn, Strathcedar, Wingham, NSW

## Previous Military Service:

- Mobilised for War Service with 2nd A.N. & M.E.F.
- Embarked at Cairns on 8 August 1914 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty
- Enlisted 14 August 1914 for service outside Australia
- Re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16 August 1914, on Troopship 'Kanowna' to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
- 'Taken on Strength' of the A.N. & M.E.F on 6 August 1914
- Returned to Townsville on 18 September 1914, on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship
- Discharged 18 September 1914.

## Military Records

Service Number: 201

- Frederick Swain enlisted on the 28 September 1914, as a Sergeant with the 15th Battalion, A Company, at Enoggera, Queensland.
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked, with his Unit on board HMAT Ceramic, from Melbourne, aged 19 years
- His last Unit was the 15th Infantry Battalion
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli
- Private Frederick Cecil SWAIN was killed in action at Quinn's Post Gallipoli on 19 May 1915, aged 20 years

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipol
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel Number 77
- Lone Pine Memorial to the Missing
- Malanda Eacham Memorial Gates
- Millaa Millaa WW1 Honour Board
- Mullumbimby Brunswick Circuit Methodist Church Honour Roll
- Parramatta Pitt Row Public School Roll of Honour

## Honours & Awards

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

## Rifle Shooting

- Frederick Swain was a member of the Yungaburra Rifle Club

## ACWM Commemoration Service

- ACWM Roll of Honour Tribute: ANZAC Day 2025 – Qld Riflemen of Quinn's Post

## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8070877>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=293071>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/178165>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1673272>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/42894563> Cairns Post, Thu 13 Aug 1914, Page 8, Northern Mobilisation. Roll of Riflemen