

## **EDWIN THOMAS MOYLE**

### **Service No. 348**

Edwin Thomas Moyle was born in Queensland at Roma in April of 1888. Son of William Moyle and Frances Warner.

Edwin enlisted in the AIF on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February 1915.

At the time of his enlistment, Edwin gave his occupation as that of Mill Hand. He was 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 11 stone 4 pounds, had a chest measurement of 34 inches, dark hair and complexion with brown eyes. He was 26 years and 6 months old.

Edwin provided Mrs. Francis Warner (mother) of Minerva Hills, Minerva siding, Queensland as Next of Kin.

After signing the attestation form and undergoing a medical examination, Edwin was assigned to the 10<sup>th</sup> Depot company and later, he was earmarked to join the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF, which was being raised in Victoria. However, this was to change, and he was assigned to B Company, the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion, then being formed at Blackboy Hill (16<sup>th</sup> of April 1915).

Embarked with the 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion at Fremantle 29/6/1915 HMAT "ASCANIUS" for Port Suez. After two months spent training in Egypt, the battalion arrived at Gallipoli. The 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion was to reinforce the weary Australian and New Zealand Division. The 28<sup>th</sup> Battalion had a relatively quiet time at Gallipoli and departed the peninsula in December 1915 having suffered only light casualties.

After another stint in Egypt, the 28<sup>th</sup> proceeded to France as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Division, disembarking at Marseilles in March 1916.

Edwin sustained wounds to his face and hands during June 1916 and was admitted to the 8<sup>th</sup> Casualty Clearing Station, from there he was transferred to the 13<sup>th</sup> General Hospital at Boulogne and later travelled on the Hospital Ship Cambria to England and admitted to Chatham Hospital and on to the No.1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital at Harefield

Park, Middlesex England and finally spending time at the Woodcote Park convalescent hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

After completing his convalescence, Edwin marched out to join the 7<sup>th</sup> Training Battalion (England) and after 44 days, proceeded overseas to France, landing at Etaples, the staging camp for British and allied troops. After spending two weeks at the No.2 Base camp, Edwin re-joined the 28<sup>th</sup> battalion on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1916.

From October onwards, the battalion was involved in confused and costly fighting to the east of Flers, in the Somme Valley.

On the 10th of November, Edwin was reported as Wounded in Action. Then on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December his record shows, “No trace, now reported wounded & missing.

It was not until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 1917 that an entry in his record states “Killed in Action France 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1916.”

“ *Buried in scattered graves in No Mans Land about 1 mile E of Le Sars 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles NW of Combles*”.

Killed in Action 3-6 /12 /1916.

Commemorated at Villiers Bretonneux.