

FRANK TOWNSON



L.-CPL. F. TOWNSON.
Wounded on August 7, and
died of wounds received
in France.

Frank Townson was born at Southport, Lancashire, England in October 1887.

The year in which Frank arrived in Australia is unknown, however, he was married to Isabella at the time of his enlistment, and they were living at the time at Barrabup (near Nannup.)

Frank enlisted in the AIF on the 31st of January 1915 and was given the Regimental No. 2045. At the time of his enlistment, Frank's medical record shows that he was 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighed 10 stone, had a chest measurement of 36 inches, complexion described as "Hepatic" with Brown eyes and Dark hair. Frank gave his occupation as that of carpenter.

He was posted initially to the 5th Reinforcements, 16th Battalion AIF. It appears from his Military record that he was shortly made up to A/g Corporal. Later, Frank was to revert to the rank of Private and later still promoted to Lance Corporal. Then on the 3rd of April 1916, demoted to Private due to "Neglect of Duty."

Frank embarked on HMAT "HORORATO" on the 26th of April 1915 at Fremantle bound for Port Tewfik (Suez).

Taken on strength with the 16th Battalion at Gallipoli on the 28th of July 1915.

Received gunshot wound to the left leg (9th of August 1915,) treated initially on the Hospital Ship HMHS "Esmeraldas" then transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital at Cairo (14th of August 1915.)

Frank was to spend some time in hospital and on the 30th of October 1915 was discharged to Base Details at Cairo.

On the 6th of February 1916, Frank re-joined his unit (16th Battalion AIF) at Moascar (Ismailia Egypt.)

On the 14th of March 1916, Frank was transferred to the 12th Brigade Machine Gun Company. During April, Frank became ill with enteritis and was transferred to the 1st Australian Stationary Hospital at Ismailia.

On the 12th of April 1916, Frank embarked on HMT "Kingstonian" at Alexandria bound for Marseilles (France.)

On the 13th of November 1916, Frank sustained Gunshot wounds to the chest and after passing through the Dressing Station was transferred to the Casualty Clearing Station and subsequently

on to the No. 6 General Hospital Rouen, where he succumbed to his wounds on 15th of November 1916.

Buried at St. Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France. Plot 2, Row E, Grave 5.