

Thullier Lake CARDEW

Regimental number	2793
Place of birth	Woolahra, Sydney, New South Wales
Other Names	Thuillier Lake
School	King's School, Parramatta, New South Wales
Other training	Hawkesbury Agricultural College, New South Wales
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Farmer
Address	75 Pitt Street, Sydney, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	24
Height	5' 9"
Weight	154.5 lbs
Next of kin	Father, J.H. Cardew, 75 Pitt Street, Sydney, New South Wales
Previous military service	Nil
Enlistment date	23 June 1915
Place of enlistment	Liverpool, New South Wales
Rank on enlistment	Private
Unit name	2nd Battalion, 9th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/19/2
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A8 <i>Argyllshire</i> on 30 September 1915
Rank from Nominal Roll	Private
Unit from Nominal Roll	54th Battalion
Fate	Killed in Action 19-20 July 1916
Place of death or wounding	Fleurbaix, France
Age at death	25
Age at death from cemetery records	25
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	V.C. Corner (Panel No 10), Australian Cemetery Memorial, Fromelles, France
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	158
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: John and Clarissa CARDEW, 'St Ermie', Ingram Road, Wahroonga, New South Wales. Native of Sydney
Other details	War service: Egypt, Western Front Joined 2nd Bn, Tel el Kebir, 6 January 1916. Transferred to 54th Bn, 14 February 1916; joined 54th Bn, Tel el Kebir, 16 February 1916. Embarked Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force, 19 June 1916; disembarked Marseilles, France, 29 June 1916. Wounded in action, 19/20 July 1916. Now, 24 January 1917, reported 'Wounded and Missing, 19/20 July 1916'. Court of Enquiry, held in the field, 4 August 1917, pronounced fate as 'Killed in Action, 19/20 July 1916'. Statement, Red Cross File No 690203, 2890 Pte G.A. WEST, 54th Bn, 3 February 1919: 'At 7.30. a.m. on July 26th 1916 he was bombing about 10 yards from me in a German trench at Fleurbaix

which we had captured the previous day when he was sniped through the back of the head by the Germans who had got round behind us. I was captured myself about an hour later and saw his dead body when I was being taken away. He was left in the trench which remained in German hands.'

Second statement, 2783 Corporal R.H. BOYTON, D Company, 54th Bn (patient, No 9 General Hospital, Rouen), 8 December 1916: 'I knew Cardew ... I was told by Pte. Skilhorne of D Co. that he had seen Cardew, who had been wounded in the side, going down the trench to the dressing station at Fromelles on the 19th July. He did not say if Cardew was badly wounded. I never heard anything further about him.'

Third statement, 3576 Pte J.D. MILNE, A Company, 54th Bn, 31 December 1918: 'He was on same gun as myself. Early in morning of 20th July, at Fleurbaix, during enemy's counter attack was killed outright by bullet, shot through hand. We had to evacuate our position to go further down the line, his body was left where he fell. Pte. C. West of A. Coy., L/Gunners took his papers.'

Fourth statement, 3170 Lance Corporal J.H. WILSON, A Company, 54th Bn (ex-POW), 21 January 1919: 'At Fleurbaix on 19/20th July 1916, in enemy's first line trench. He was killed by bullet - hit in neck. I think he was shot by sniper. I saw his body lying in the trench. I was wounded and lying alongside him. Snipers got a good many of us in this trench.'

Note on file: 'No trace Germany[.] Cert. by Capt. Mills. 10.10.19.'

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

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Sources