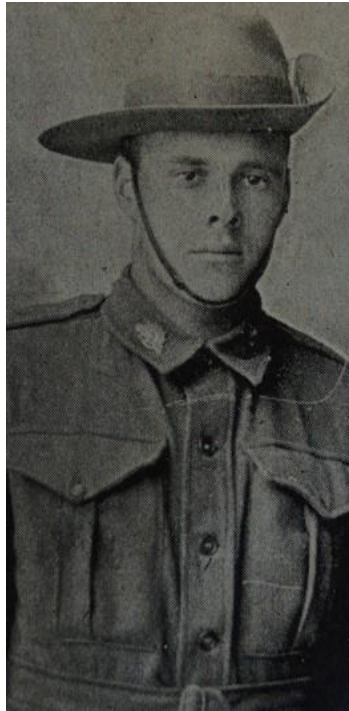


George Godfrey Garner



Lance Sergeant (L Sgt) 411 George Godfrey Garner enlisted in the 7th Infantry Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Brigade of the 1st Australian Division at Essendon on 17 August 1914. He embarked overseas on 19 October and disembarked in Egypt on 6 December.

On 5 April 1915, the 7th Battalion embarked for the island of Lemnos, where they practiced disembarking from the ship and climbing the local hills each day. On the night of 24 April, the troopships departed Mudros Harbour and sailed for Gallipoli.

At 5 am on 25 April 1915 the battalion disembarked from their transports into smaller boats and were towed toward the beaches. The 7th Battalion landed as part of the second wave and found the beach crowded with troops and wounded men.

Between 25 – 29 April, the 7th Battalion alone lost 541 men, including 297 killed or missing. One of those wounded during this period was L Sgt Garner, who sustained gunshot wounds to his chest and face on the first day. He was evacuated to Egypt, where he was admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Heliopolis on 29 April.

Discharged from hospital, he left Egypt on 3 July and rejoined the 7th Battalion at Gallipoli on 10 July, where he was also promoted to Sergeant (Sgt) the same day.

Just three days' later, while on duty at Steele's Post, Sgt Garner sustained multiple shrapnel wounds to his legs, face and body during a Turkish artillery bombardment on 13 July. He was evacuated to the beach and embarked on HMHS *Gascon*, where he died of his wounds enroute to Egypt the next day, and was buried at sea.

Sergeant 411 George Godfrey Garner is remembered on Panel 28 of the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli.

Name: Garner, George Godfrey	
Service Number	411
Date enlisted	17 August 1914
Place enlisted	Essendon, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Lance Sergeant
Initial Unit	7 th Infantry Battalion
Date and ship embarked for overseas	19 October 1914 HMAT A20 <i>Hororata</i>
Previous military service	3 years – 5 th Regiment (CMF)
Stated age/DOB (if known)	23 years 4 months (2/4/1891)
Place of birth	Terang, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Carpenter & joiner
Religion	Presbyterian
Next of kin and address	Garner, Mr William, father, 21 Normanby Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria
Permanent address in Australia	21 Normanby Street, Moonee Ponds, Victoria
Appearance	Fresh complexion, fair hair, brown eyes, height – 5 feet 10 inches, weight – 11 stone, 2 lbs, chest measurement – 35/37 inches
Final Rank	Sergeant
Final Unit	7 th Infantry Battalion
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, Gallipoli
Fate	Died of wounds
Date and place wounded	25 April 1915 Gallipoli
Nature of wounds	Gunshot wounds to chest and face
Date and place wounded (2)	13 July 1915 Steele's Post, Gallipoli
Nature of wounds (2)	Shrapnel wounds to legs, face and body
Date and place died	14 July 1915 At sea on board HMHS <i>Gascon</i>
Cemetery details	No known grave. Commemorated on Panel 28 of the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli
Honours/medals	1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
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