

## Frank Vendy



Trooper (Tpr) 502 Frank Vendy enlisted in the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse (LH) Regiment in the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Brigade at Broadmeadows on 26 August 1914. He embarked overseas on 19 October and disembarked at Alexandria on 11 December.

Owing to the high number of battle and medical casualties sustained by the Australians, the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Horse arrived on Gallipoli (as infantry reinforcements) on 21 May 1915 and moved into the trenches at Courtney's Post two days later.

By 5 June 1915, the 4<sup>th</sup> LH was in the centre of the line facing German Officer's Ridge when they came under a heavy Turkish artillery bombardment which caused numerous casualties.

On 8 July, the regiment moved to the southern end of the line and established defensive positions around Ryrie's Post, and it was here on 21 July that Tpr Vendy sustained a gunshot wound that fractured his skull.

Evacuated to the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Casualty Clearing Station later the same day, he was transferred to Malta and admitted to the Military Hospital at Valletta on 28 July but died of his wounds on 31 July 1915.

Trooper 502 Frank Vendy was subsequently buried at the Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta on 2 August 1915.

Name: Vendy, Frank	
Service Number	502
Date enlisted	26 August 1914
Place enlisted	Broadmeadows, Victoria
Rank on enlistment	Trooper
Initial Unit	4 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment
Date and ship embarked for overseas	19 October 1914 HMAT A18 <i>Wiltshire</i>
Stated age/DOB (if known)	24 years
Place of birth	Landsborough, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Occupation	Saddler
Religion	Church of England
Next of kin and address	Vendy, Mrs Louisa, mother, Landsborough, Victoria
Permanent address	Elmhurst, Victoria
Appearance	Fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, height – 5 feet 10 ½ inches, weight – 10 stone, 1 lb, chest measurement – 33/36 inches
Final Rank	Trooper
Final Unit	4 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment
Theatres of war served in	Egypt, Gallipoli
Fate	Died of wounds
Date and place wounded	21 July 1915 Ryrie's Post, Gallipoli
Nature of wounds	Gunshot wound to skull (fractured)
Date and place died	31 July 1915 Military Hospital, Valetta, Malta
Cemetery details	Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta Plot B, Row IV, Grave 3
Honours/medals	1914/15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal
Notes	Listed on the Landsborough War Memorial, Landsborough & District Honor Roll, Marnoo War Memorial and the Shire of Ararat Roll of Honor.