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KAYSER, Julius August William

Born 4 October 1877 at Lyndoch, South Australia. (born *August Julius Wilhelm Kayser*).

Son of Johann August Ludwig KAYSER and Mother Cacilie Catharine Amalie (nee BEECKEN), living at Lyndoch, South Australia.

He was educated at Prince Alfred College.

A Schoolmaster by Profession.

On 24 December 1904, at Maitland, he married Helen Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Prosser Henry Hopewell.

On the outbreak of the Great War they were residing at James Street, Franklin, Alberton, and Julius was teaching at the Alberton Public School.

He was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in the 76th (Hindmarsh) Infantry on 16 March 1913 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the same regiment on 1 March 1914 and held this commission at the time of joining the AIF.

He was one of the first South Australian Officers desirous of proceeding overseas, and on 27 August 1914 was appointed a Lieutenant in the 10th Battalion at Morphettville, where he was posted to original D Company, but when it was decided to raise two companies of the 12th Battalion in south Australia he was immediately transferred to original F Company of that unit. He was actually with the 10th for such a short period that many of the original men did not know he had served amongst them for a few weeks.

On 21 September 1914 after the first AIF march through the city of Adelaide, he entrained for Melbourne with E and F Companies of the 12th Battalion, and proceeded to Tasmania, where he subsequently joined the main body of the 12th Battalion.

He embarked with his battalion on 20 September 1914 and accompanied the 1st Australian Contingent to Egypt.

On 18 October 1914 he was promoted to the rank of Captain, and during the company reorganization at Mena, Egypt, in January 1915 was transferred to C Company of the 12th Battalion and appointed 2nd in Command of that company. He accompanied the 12th Battalion to the Dardanelles, and landed with half of his company from one of the destroyers at the historic landing on 25 April 1915.

He remained on the Peninsula until 20 October 1915, when he was wounded and subsequently returned to Australia.

On 3 March 1916 he re-embarked for overseas and proceeded to France, where he was wounded at Pozieres in August 1916. He proceeded to England and was admitted to the Palace Green Hospital at Kensington West, London, and later was transferred to Moray Lodge, Camden Hill.

He subsequently to France, where he was promoted to the rank of temporary Major, and *killed in action at Le Barque on 16 February 1917.*