

Reginald Thomas Cockshott



Reginald Thomas Cockshott Enlistment No 1203 in 8th reinforcement of the 10th Light horse Regiment, transferred to Gunner with the 12th Field Artillery Brigade which included the 112th Howitzer Battery.

Enlisted 16th June 1915 in Perth. He was born in late 1894 in Claremont, WA, to parents Thomas Dobson Cockshott and Ada Preston Wells. His occupation was an Orchardist in Darlington.

He was the younger son of Thomas Cockshott's two sons to enlist. Francis, the eldest son joined the 44th Battalion in 1916. Prior to his departure the Darlington Progress Association farewelled him with a concert and presentation of a signet ring which is still in the family.

Reg embarked on the HMAT A68 "Anchises" on the 2nd September 1915. Reg went to Egypt where he contracted mumps on 26th January 1916 and was hospitalised in Cairo. While in the Middle East Reg transferred to the Artillery Brigade then was appointed as a temporary Driver in May 1916 in the Middle East and also when he was sent to France in July 1916 until late January 1917.

In February 1917 he was transferred back to the 12th Field Artillery Brigade and would have served wherever guns were needed by the Australians. By June 1917 Reg was in Belgium which involved Australians in action at Messines, Mennin Rd, Polygon Wood, Broodeseinde and Passchendaele. In 1918 Reg is recorded as being with his unit until he takes two weeks leave to the U.K in September.

On his return from leave he would have been in the battle at St Quentin Canal where he was wounded in action on the 17th October. He was sent to Cheltenham, England with gunshot wounds to his left shoulder and hip. Reg was returned to Australia on the 21st December 1918 on the H.T "Manari".

He was discharged on the 11th April 1919. Reg returned to Darlington and farming until 1925 then took up land at Moodiarrup near Darkin where he spent the next few

years clearing the land and growing some crops. He married a Darlington girl: Hilda Sarah Langley, in 1933 and they had one daughter.

The family moved to Armadale where Reg did farming and was involved with the local Road Board. From here the family moved to Pinjarra where Reg was an Agent then he returned to farming at Kelmscott before retiring late 1950's to City Beach. Reg died in 1967 and his wife in 1995. Both were cremated and interred in the Cockshott family plot at Karrakatta Cemetery.

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