



PERSONAL HISTORY OF
WALTER LEONARD MEAKINS

- ◆ Born Walter Leonard Meakins second son of Walter Joseph & Mary Meakins of Angaston 21.1.1892

- ◆ Enlisted AIF 21.7.1915
- ◆ No. 138 32nd Battalion Private
- ◆ 22years of age Height: 5' 51/2" Weight: 142lb Complexion: Fresh
- ◆ Eyes: hazel Hair: Brown Religion: Church of England
- ◆ In Mitcham Camp Adelaide
- ◆ In hospital in Mitcham for 22 days with measles
- ◆ Embarked on Geelong to Egypt on 18.11.1915
- ◆ Arrived in Egypt 18.12.1915
- ◆ In Sandy Desert Camp Egypt
- ◆ April 1916 Admitted to hospital in Cairo with apendicitis abscess, operation.
- ◆ Rejoined Battalion ex. Transylvania to France 23.6.1916
- ◆ Wounded in action. Gun Shot wound to neck 28.7.1916

- ◆ Rejoined Battalion 16.9.1916
- ◆ Killed in Action France 6.11.1916 Aged 24 years
- ◆ Memorial Panel 120 26 Villers Bretonneuz France

Notes from Will:

- Bequeathed all estate to Mother, Mrs. Walter Meakins of Angaston

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Killed In Action

Pte. Walter Leonard Meakins of Angaston

On Wednesday morning the Rev. C.W. Smith of Angaston received information from the military authorities that Pte. Walter Leonard Meakins of Angaston had been killed in Action in France on November 6. The rev. gentleman was the bearer of the sad news to the parents, and he found the whole family at home as though with an intuition that something painful was to happen. The poor mother received the news bravely but afterwards suffered sadly in her grief. Pte. Meakins is the second son of Mr. Walter Joseph Meakins who resides near to Angaston. The lad offered over 12 months ago, and on the 18th November of last year sailed from Australia. His brother Ernest is also among the number of brave lads battling for home and country in far off France. Pte. Walter Meakins was in that famous battle of Pozieres, when Australians confirmed the bravery of Gallipoli, and he was wounded. He was removed to hospital and after several weeks was discharged to again take up duties in France. Both brothers were anxious to meet in France, but Walter was unfortunate to miss his brother by minutes behind the lines of action. He bravely entered his trench and was killed on the day stated. The greatest sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in the loss of their brave defender.