Noel Lethbridge Tingcombe



Private Noel Tingcombe 18th Battalion, AIF Service Number: 3679

Born: 27 September 1897, Sydney NSW

Died: 4 August 1916, France

Noel Lethbridge Tingcombe was born in Sydney in 1897, the son of John and Ada Tingcombe. He was the grandson of the late Reverend Henry Tingcombe, first Church of England Minister of Armidale. He was educated at the Burwood Superior Public School. After leaving school, he joined the business belonging to Edwin Faris Ings a chemist in Burwood. Tingcombe later joined the Melbourne Steamship Company and worked on Midgee Station at Pilliga and later Coolabah station just prior to enlisting.

Tingcombe enlisted on 1 November 1915 for service just after his 18th birthday with his brother Henry. The brothers both joined the 18th Battalion. They left Australia on 20 December 1915 on board HMAT Aeneas and spent time in Egypt before being sent to the Western Front.

He was killed in action on 4 August 1916 during the Battle of Pozieres and has no known grave. A memorial service was held for him at St Mary Magdalene church, St Marys.

Memorial Details:

- Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Honour Roll, Victoria Park, St Marys

Sources:

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- Australian War Memorial First World War Nominal Roll
- Penrith City Library Biography files
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour

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