

Leslie was born in Waverley in 1892, the son of John Falle and his wife Mary Jane, nee Brown. On 11th August 1914 he joined E Company, AN&MEF stating that he was a Tram Conductor and single, giving his mother at 16 Denison St, Waverley as his next of kin.

He returned from Rabaul and was discharged, term expired, on 18th Jan 1915 having completed 161 days service.

On 12th Feb 1915 he joined the 19th Battalion, regimental number 850, and left Sydney on the CERAMIC on 25th June, arriving in Alexandria on the 23rd July 1915. With his battalion he landed on ANZAC Cove on 19th August 1915 and remained until the battalion was withdrawn on 19th December 1915.

He went from Alexandria to the UK where he spent time in hospital with various ailments including tonsillitis, finally joining his battalion in Belgium on 24th August 1916. He was killed in action at Ypres, Belgium on 30th September 1916. In an interview in 1917, Corporal Nichols, 2186, and Private George Dixon, 4102 reported; -

“Was in C Company. We called him “Fes”. He was killed at Ypres. I saw him hit and badly and had to dig him out and I put him up against the trench with his mate Leo Wright while I went for Stretcher bearers. On my return found them both dead and the pioneers buried them in Moat Gate Cemetery. He was killed by a Minenwerfer or “Beer Jar”. Probably has a cross on his grave.”

Leslie is buried at the Railway Dugouts Burial Grounds, Ypres and is remembered on Panel 83 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.