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LESLIE KEITH CHAMBERS

Leslie was born at St Kilda on 26th June 1894, the son of Horace and Alice (nee Wilson) Chambers.

Leslie enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914. He stated that he was single and gave his father at Ben Boyd road, Neutral Bay, as his next of kin. At the time of enlisting Leslie worked at Blexham and Chambers, Printers, with his father. On 18th August 1914 he was appointed second Lieutenant and promoted Lieutenant on 1st Jan 1915. In his letters he states that he spent time at Frederick Wilhelmshaven, Eitape and Angoram as well as Rabaul. He returned to Australia and had his appointment terminated on 6th Feb 1951.

On 7th May 1915 he was granted a Commission as a Lieutenant in D Coy, 17th Battalion, AIF. He departed Australia on 12th May 1915 aboard the THEMISTOCLES for the Middle East



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Leslie is last on right, back row with other officers of 17th battalion. This was taken on 15th August 1915, just before embarking for Gallipoli.

Leslie landed on Gallipoli on 16th August 1915 and was evacuated on 10th Dec with frostbite, not returning to his battalion until 3rd Feb 1916.



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Lt Chambers on right taken in France some time in the first half of 1916.

On 23rd July 1916 Leslie was promoted Captain and on 29th of the same month he was killed at Pozieres.

Leslie is buried at the Gordon Dump Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle, France and is remembered on panel 82 at the Australian war memorial, Canberra.