

Leo James Corrigan enlisted in the AN&MEF on 11th August 1914 and was assigned to C Company. On his attestation form he stated he was 19 years old, born in Surry Hills, NSW and that he was a clerk (insurance) by profession. He listed his mother, Sarah Jane Corrigan of 96 Bondi Road, Waverley, as his next of kin.

He served out his term with the AN&MEF, being discharged on 4th March 1915 after 206 days service.

On return from Rabaul he enlisted in the AIF on 23rd March 1915 and was posted to B Company of the 18th Battalion. He departed Sydney on 24th June aboard the CERAMIC. Before departing Sydney he was promoted to Corporal and shortly after arriving on Gallipoli he was promoted Sergeant. On 18th March 1916 he left the Middle East arriving in Marseilles on 25th March 1916.

In May he had a serious bout of pneumonia which had him hospitalised in a Military Hospital in Shorncliffe, UK until his release on 26th January 1917. On 5th May 1917 he was posted to the No2 Officer Cadet Battalion, Cambridge and was subsequently appointed 2/Lt on 30th June 1917.



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He rejoined his Battalion and was subsequently killed in action on 20th September 1917 on Anzac Ridge, in the Bellewaerde/Zonnebeke region, Belgium. In a report, the CO, 18th Battalion stated that 2/Lt Corrigan "...had successfully led his platoon through the attack and consolidated his objective

when the shell burst near him. Death was immediate. He was buried about 300x from Anzac House and a cross was erected about a fortnight later”.

Whilst his resting place was known at the time, it was never located after the war and, as such his name is inscribed on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Belgium and on Panel 85 at the Australian War Memorial.