

## Thomas Alexander OGILVIE



Thomas Alexander Ogilvie was born in Williamstown in 1887. He was educated at Scotch College, and enrolled at the University of Melbourne in 1905, residing in Ormond College. He was conditionally admitted to practice in November 1911, this admission being subsequently confirmed in November 1912. Ogilvie practiced with Mr W. M. Strong in Rutherglen and Corowa. He enlisted on 4th September 1914 in the 12th Infantry Battalion in Morphettville, South Australia.

Ogilvie departed Melbourne on HMAT *Geelong* on 17 September 1914 with the rank of lance sergeant. After disembarking at Alexandria on 10 December 1914, the battalion commenced training at Mena camp in early 1915. Whilst in training, Ogilvie faced a court martial proceeding on 23 February 1915 for not returning to camp on time from granted leave. He noted in his defence that he overstayed his leave by reason of falling asleep whilst in town. Ogilvie was sentenced to reduction to ranks. The 12th battalion was mobilised and participated in the ANZAC landing. Ogilvie quickly regained rank, being promoted again to corporal, then 2nd lieutenant by 10th July 1915. In August the 12th Battalion contributed two companies to the attack on Lone Pine.

It was here that Ogilvie sustained a severe gunshot wound to the right eye on 7th August 1915. Ogilvie's condition was noted as dangerously ill and on 12th August 1915, he was shipped from Gallipoli to Dunluce Castle, then by 14th August 1915 to Auberge de Baviere hospital in Malta. Ogilvie died of his wounds on 18th August 1915.

He was buried at Pieta Military Cemetery in No 6 grave, row 7A.



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