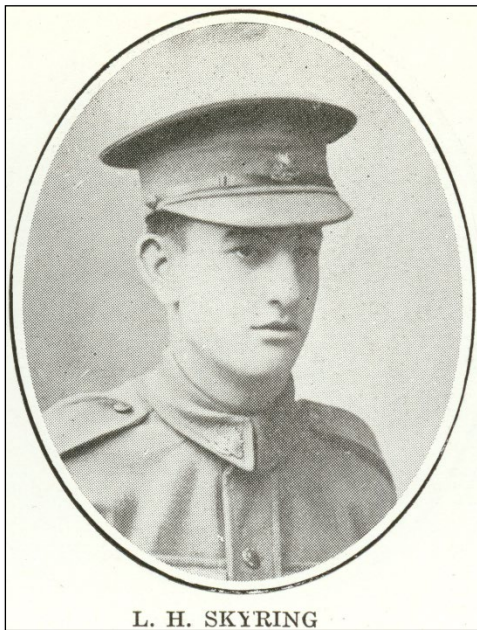


SKYRING, Lowes Henry



Portrait of L.H. Skyring. (2016). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Private

Service Number: 6456

Unit: 2nd Light Horse Brigade Field Ambulance

Place of Birth: Bundaberg, Queensland.

Date of Birth: 30 October 1896

Enlisted at Rockhampton 29 July 1915, aged 18 years 9 months.

Next-of-kin was mother, Mrs EM (Emma Mary) Skyring, Goondoon Street, Gladstone, Queensland. Father, Thomas Daniel Skyring. They later lived in Agnes Street, The Range, Rockhampton, near Botanical Gardens, Qld. On enlistment he was 5 ft 10 inches and weighed 9 stone. His chest measurement was 32-34 inches. His occupation was clerk in Gladstone, Qld. He attended school at Rockhampton Boys Grammar School. Served one year in Port Curtis Infantry, Qld. Embarked AIF HMAT *Suevic*, Sydney. He served in Egypt and contracted mumps on 6 March 1916. He was imprisoned on 1 April 1918 in the First Amman Raid.

Died of disease whilst a Prisoner of War in Turkey, of pneumonia on 9 August 1918. Witness statements in Red Cross Missing and Wounded file say that Skyring was sick with dysentery before he was captured on 1st April 1918. He contracted pneumonia and he died. While he was in the Prisoner of War Camp,

others sent cables and letters to his parents to keep them informed. He was an only son.

Place of burial: Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Row D, Grave No. 6), Iraq.

Service record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Red Cross Missing and Wounded File: [5647028.PDF](#)

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Death of Private L. H. Skyring.

BURIED IN ARMENIAN CEMETERY

The Mayor of Rockhampton, Alderman C. O. Gough, has received official notification of the death of Private Lowes Henry Skyring, M.M., of the Second Light Horse Field Ambulance, at Afium Kara-Hissar, Turkey, in Asia, of broncho-pneumonia. The deceased was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Skyring, of Rockhampton, and a grandson of the late Mr. B. L. Dibdin. Private Skyring enlisted in July, 1915, and served in the Egyptian and Palestine campaigns. He was captured on the 1st April, 1918, near Es-sault, whilst attending wounded. He and two other Ambulance men, with their wounded, were made prisoners and taken to Aleppo and thence to Kelebek, in the Taurus Mountains. There Private Skyring was put on to railway construction work under a German company. There one of the men who was captured with him was killed through a fall of earth. The camp was infested with malaria and vermin. The food supply was very poor. The Turks allowed the prisoners only £7 a month, and charged them at the rate of £1 per lb. for dripping butter and on a similar scale for other eatables. In fact, only for the Red Cross parcels the prisoners would have starved. Private Skyring contracted malaria and dysentery, and was sent to hospital for a week. A month afterwards he was taken to a rest camp at Afium Kara-Hissar in a weak condition. On the 1st of August he went to hospital suffering from enteric fever, and there developed broncho-pneumonia, dying on the 9th August. The hospital was entirely run by English under Major S. Horton, of the Indian Imperial Army, and he received every attention in it. He was the first British prisoner that the Turks allowed to have the burial service read over him. Private Skyring was buried by a Methodist minister in an Armenian cemetery.

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Report of death of Lowes Henry Skyring
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