

Cornelius John Meagher

Cornelius John Meagher was born in Kilmore in 1893, the son of Cornelius and Maria Meagher (nee Purcell). Cornelius was the youngest of six children, all born in Kilmore. Cornelius moved to Cootamundra in early 1910 where he worked as a carpenter. He volunteered to serve in the AIF on 20 August 1914 in Sydney. Four days later Cornelius was found to be suffering from influenza and his enlistment did not proceed.

On Tuesday July 26, 1916, at Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral in Goulburn NSW, Cornelius, now a police constable, married Ethel Imelda Lannan. He had joined the NSW Police on November 27, 1914.

In 1917 at Richmond NSW, Cornelius and Ethel had a daughter Josephine. On July 26, 1918 he again enlisted for service in World War One in Sydney, having resigned from the police on July 24, 1918.

Having been assessed as fit for service, Cornelius was allocated to the Recruitment Depot in Sydney as a private 90269. He acted as a corporal from August 26, 1918 for 3 months when he was discharged due to the cessation of the War.

It would appear that Cornelius and Ethel separated as a report in the Age on March 17, 1924, stated that he, a carpenter, was living Rose Street, Essendon. His card had been stolen from Lygon Street Carlton. Ethel died in Goulburn, NSW in 1972. Details of Cornelius' death could not be found.

His brother William Daniel Meagher was killed in action in France in April 1917.