

**Lieutenant TALBOT TIM LOGAN. Aylburton War Memorial.**

QX1518. Australian Infantry Force. (A.I.F.) 2nd/12th Infantry Battalion (2/12 Bn.)

10 Feb 1913 Kiambu, Kenya – 1 Jan 1943 Killed in Action Buna, PNG

Buried or commemorated at PORT MORESBY (BOMANA) WAR CEMETERY C8. E. 22.  
Papua New Guinea.

He is also commemorated on the Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour and Townsville  
2/12th Battalion Roll of Honour. <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/636641>



Son of Edward Percival Logan and Muriel Marguerita Logan (née Talbot) of Aylburton Lodge. Both parents died in the mid 1950s in Aylburton. Muriel was a granddaughter of Crawshay the Ironmaster and her family was associated with Awre. Both parents had spent time in India and Africa. Tim Logan is on the 1936 and 1937 Electoral Register for Aylburton, but not the 1939 UK Register. He emigrated to Fremantle, Australia in June 1938 and was described as an Overseer or Stockman. Tim Logan married Lorne Daisy Mabel Deacon in Sydney, NSW, 6 Apr 1940.

2/12 Bn AIF saw service in the UK and Middle East/North Africa prior to returning to Australia and the Far East in 1942. I have yet to establish if this was Tim's case, but it may be likely given his promotion before deployment to PNG.

Service Record.

- 20 Oct 1939, Hughenden, Queensland.
- 18 Jan 1940 - promoted Corporal
- 6 Dec 1940 - promoted Lance Sergeant

- 19 Oct 1941 - promoted Lieutenant
- 1 Jan 1943 KIA Buna

A recent Australian TV documentary entitled “Kokoda” describes the brutal nature of this campaign, which foiled the Japanese plan to invade Australia, and also noted the excessive Australian/US casualties during their attacks on the heavily fortified Japanese beach heads at Buna-Gona in from Nov 1942, prior to armour and artillery being supplied.

General Eichelberger later compared the casualty ratio to the American Civil War. As a percentage of casualties, killed or wounded in action at Buna exceeded the better known Battle of Guadalcanal by a margin of three to one.

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