

# John Edward MURRANE



## Pre-enlistment:

- John Murrane was born in 14 January 1882 Charters Towers or Ravenswood, Queensland to parents, Patrick and Maria MURRANE. Native of Charters Towers,
- He attended Irvinebank State School, Queensland
- He lived in Irvinebank and was a single man who was a miner by occupation
- His next of kin was identified as his sister, Mrs Mary Sheehan, Irvine Bank

## Military Records

- Served at Australian Expeditionary Force to Rabaul (German New Guinea) reaching Thursday Island, enlisting on 14 August 1914 with Service Number 1836
  - Mobilised for War Service with 2nd A.N. & M.E.F.
  - Embarked at Cairns on 8 August 1914 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty
  - Enlisted 14 August 1914 for service outside Australia
  - Re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16 August 1914, on Troopship 'Kanowna' to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
  - 'Taken on Strength' of the A.N. & M.E.F on 6 August 1914
  - Returned to Townsville on 18 September 1914, on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship and discharged that same day.

## Military Records

- Service Number: 100, 942
- John Murrane enlisted on 21 Dec 1914 Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Forces (New Guinea 1914), Private, SN 100, 2nd Infantry Battalion, Naval and Military Forces - Special Tropical Corps in Cairns.
- He embarked Sydney on SS Eastern on 25 January 1915 but did not disembark with his Unit. He was discharged on his own request
- He again enlisted on 11 March 1915, Service Number 942, as a Private with 25th Battalion, D Company
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, on board HMAT A60 Aeneas on 29 June 1915 aged 32 years
- On 3 October 1915 he was admitted to ANZAC Field Hospital sick returning to his Company on 25 October 1915 on ANZAC
- 9 January 1916 he embarked from Mudros then proceeded to join the BEF and disembarked Marseilles, France on 19 March 1916 with the 25th Infantry Battalion
- His War Service was in Gallipoli and on the Western Front
- Private John Edward Murrane sustained a skull fracture and died as a result of a motor accident near Armentieres, France 13 May 1916, aged 34 years

## Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Erquinghem-Lys Churchyard Extension (Plot I, Row K, Grave No. I), Erquinghem-Lys, Lille, Nord Pas de Calais, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 105

## Honours & Awards

- 1914/15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

## Rifle Shooting

- John Murrane was a member of the Irvinebank Rifle Club.

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## Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7989562>
- <https://wwwma.org.au/explore/people/120552>
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