

Henry John PENNY MID



Pre-enlistment:

- Henry Penny was born in 1887 in Hughenden, Qld
- His home town was Hughenden, Flinders, Qld
- His occupation was that of a selector as a single man
- His next of kin was listed as his brother, N G Penny, Hughenden

Military Records

- Service Number: 4882
- Henry John Penny enlisted on 23 September 1915 as a Private, with 15th Infantry Battalion 15th Reinforcement, in Townsville, aged 28 years 8 months
- On 28 March 1916 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Commonwealth, from Brisbane
- He disembarked Egypt on 5 May 1916
- He embarked Alexandria for England on 6 August 1916.
- He proceeded overseas to France on 30 September 1916.
- He reverted to Private on marching into Base Depot, Etaples, 1 October 1916.
- He was taken on strength by 15th Battalion in the field on 16 October 1916.
- He was appointed Lance Corporal, 14 January 1917.
- Reported missing in action, 1 February 1917
- His war service was in Egypt and the Western Front
- Lance Corporal Henry John O'Sullivan was declared 'Killed in Action, on 1 February 1917' near Guedecourt, France
- **Mention in Despatches**
 - Recommendation date: 4 February 1917. Extract from Routine Orders, by GOC, 1st ANZAC: **'Name brought to notice for gallant conduct during operations in an attack on enemy position NE of Guedecourt during night of 1/2nd February 1917.'**

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 77
- Hughenden R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Roll of Honour
- Hughenden War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- MID
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Henry Penny was a member of the Hughenden Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8016116>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=238269>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/52753>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1653686>
- Information for Roll of Honour, Bruce Scott