

John Thomas SEWELL



Pre-enlistment:

- John Sewell was born in Boume, Lincolnshire England on December 1878
- In 1903 John was living in Mossman and by 1909 had moved to Hambledon (Cairns area), where he remained. His address was Bunda Street, Cairns.
- His occupation was that of a labourer
- His next of kin was his brother, Henry Sewell, Bunda Street, Cairns
- He married Mary Evans, formerly Gladstone, who already had 4 children, on the 26 November 1904. John and Mary had one child born 1907 who did not survive.

Military Records

- Served at the Australian Expeditionary Force to Rabaul (German New Guinea) reached Thursday Island
 - 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
 - Discharged 18 September 1914.

Military Records

- Service Number: 1359
- John Thomas Sewell enlisted on 6 November 1914 as a Private, with the 15th Infantry Battalion 1st Reinforcement, at Townsville, Queensland, aged 35 years 10 months
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Berrima, from Melbourne
- His war service was in Egypt, Gallipoli
- Private John Thomas Sewell was killed in action at Gallipoli on 27 April 1915

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave
- Memorial: The Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 49), Gallipoli, Turkey
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 77
- Cairns Cenotaph
- Gordonvale War Memorial

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- John Sewell was a member of the Mulgrave Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8078947>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=270780>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/77638>
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