

Maximillian Samuel HOWITZ



Pre-enlistment:

- Maximillian (or Maxwell) was born in Waterloo, Sydney
- His home town was Townsville
- He was educated at Public School and St Saviour's Church of England School
- His occupation on enlistment was that of a labourer

Previous Military Service

- Mobilised for War Service with 2nd A.N. & M.E.F. (Australian Expeditionary Force) to Rabaul (German New Guinea)
 - 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: 151 & 1651
- Maximillian HOWITZ enlisted as Maxwell HOWITZ, on 21 September 1914 at Enoggera, Brisbane with 15th Australian Infantry Battalion, aged 23 years 5 days
- On 22 December 1914 he embarked as a Private with 17th Infantry Battalion, HMAT Ceramic from Melbourne
- On 20 May 1915 he was promoted to Lance Corporal, with 15th Infantry Battalion
- He embarked Alexandria to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Gallipoli, on 12 April 1915.
- He was wounded in action (bullet wound to the shoulder), Gallipoli, on 4 May 1915; transferred to Hospital Ship 'Gloucester Castle', 5 May 1915; admitted to No. 1 Australian General Hospital, Heliopolis, 9 May 1915; Returned to duty in Gallipoli with 15th Infantry Battalion
- He was again wounded on 7 August 1915, reported missing.
- Lance Corporal Maxwell HOWITZ was killed in action at Gaba Tepe, Gallipoli on 7 August 1915
- His war service was in Egypt and Gallipoli.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No known grave
- Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale
- Australian War Memorial roll of Honour, Panel Number 76

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- Maximillian Howitz was a member of the Townsville Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interf ace/ViewImage.aspx?B=6994889>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1631941>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/200921>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=145069>