

John DRANEY



Pre-enlistment:

- John was born in Drayton, Qld on 4 July 1890 to parents, John Davis and Charlotte DRANEY, Myall Street, Dalby, Qld
- His schooling was at Toowoomba Christian Brothers
- He lived at home with his parents in Dalby and was single
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a carpenter
- His next of kin was listed as his father, John Davis Draney, Myall Street, Dalby
- His brother, 438 Pte Richard James DRANEY, 5th Machine Gun Bn, returned to Australia, 12 December 1918.

Military Records

- Service number: 350
- John Draney enlisted on 29 October 1914 in Dalby as a Private with 5th Light Horse Regiment, C Squadron, aged 24 years 3 months
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A34 Persic on 21 December 1914, aged 24
- He proceeded to join the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli on 16 May 1915
- After 4 months he was admitted to hospital on Lemnos then transferred to Southern General Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham for Dysentery
- On 16 February 1916 he embarked Weymouth to re-join his Unit. He disembarked Alexandria on 28 February and taken on strength by 2nd Light Horse Regiment at Maadi (near Cairo) on 1 March 1916 and returned to active duty
- On 30 April 1916 he was transferred to 5th Light Horse Regiment at Tel-el-Kebir.
- On 11 July 1916 he was promoted to Lance Corporal while he was in Dueidar, Egypt.
- Lance Corporal John Draney was killed in action 9 August 1916 in the Suez Canal Zone, aged 26 years
- His was service was at Gallipoli and in the Middle East.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Jerusalem Memorial, Palestine, Israel
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 4
- Dalby 'The Fallen' Honour Board, Dalby St. Thomas Presbyterian Church, Dalby War Memorial, Jerusalem Memorial

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- John Draney was one of the original members of the Dalby Rifle Club. He was Club Captain and one of the first members to enlist. As a mark of respect when the club heard the news of his death, the club postponed the shoot the following Saturday

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3521448>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=83635>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/216605>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1725228>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/215122029?searchTerm=Killed%20in%20action%2C%20Nana%20rifle%20club>