

John Patrick HOOLAHAN



Pre-enlistment:

- John was born in Brisbane Qld
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a Lithographer with the large printing firm Watson Ferguson.
- He lived in Shakespeare Street, Coorparoo, Brisbane, Queensland
- His married sister, Mrs Hannah Halligan was listed as his next of kin.

Military Records

- Service Number: 2343
- John Hoolahan enlisted on 13 July 1915 in Brisbane as a Private with 15th Battalion, 7th Reinforcement aged 30 years and 2 months
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A9 Shropshire on 20 August 1915. By 23rd October had arrived on the island of Lemnos prior to going to Gallipoli.
- Instead of reinforcing the Battalion on the peninsula, John was admitted to hospital on Lemnos with what at first was diagnosed as tonsillitis but was later found to be diphtheria.
- By 25th November, John was transported by hospital ship to England where he remained until April 1916 when he was transported back to Egypt
- John Hoolahan, on returning from hospital, was drafted into the new 47th and remained in the Suez Canal region for more training and garrison duty.
- The 47th finally departed for Marseilles, and was only in France a short while before being sent to the Somme for the attack on Pozieres to hold German trenches
- Private John Hoolahan was killed in action 8 August 1916, 47th Infantry Battalion, Battle for Pozières, France
- His war service was in Egypt and on the Western Front.

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel 143
- Coorparoo Roll of Honour,
- Langlands Park Memorial Gates,
- Queensland Government Printing Office

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- John Hoolahan was a member of the Coorparoo Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5833679>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1630955>
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