

John (Jack) KELLEHER



Pre-enlistment:

- John was born in 1891 in Brisbane to parents James John and Elizabeth (Bessie) KELLEHER, of "Adare", Pomona, Queensland. Native of Gympie
- His schooling was at the Christian Brothers School
- His home town was Pomona, Sunshine Coast, Queensland where he was a single farmer
- He listed his next of kin as his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Kelleher, Pomona, North Coast Line, Queensland

Military Records

- Service Number: 1687
- John enlisted on 4 June 1915 as a Private with 5th Light Horse Regiment, 11th Reinforcement, in Brisbane
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT SS Hawkes Bay on 21 October 1915 aged 24 years
- He was promoted to Lance Corporal 21 January 1916 then he was promoted to Corporal 17 August 1916.
- He was admitted to the New Zealand Mounted Field Ambulance on 30 August 1916 (sick) then discharged to duty on 4 September
- He re-joined his Unit on 7 September 1916.
- He was wounded in action then transferred to Port Said Rest Camp on 12 October 1917.
- On 8th November, 1917 he was again wounded in action with 5th Light Horse Regiment in Battle of Beersheba
- Sergeant John Kelleher died of wounds in Palestine, on 9th November 1917 with 5th Light Horse Regiment aged 26 years.
- Inscription on his grae reads: 'God's will be done. Rest in peace.'
- His war service was in the Middle East

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Bersheeba War Cemetery (Row Q., Grave no. 60), Beersheba, Israel Palestine.
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 4

Honours & Awards

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

Rifle Shooting

- John (Jack) Kelleher was a member of the Pomona Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=7368829>
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