

Robert HOWARD



Pre-enlistment:

- Robert was born in Dundrum, Co. Tipperary, Ireland to parents, John and Eliza Howard
- He attended school at the Dundrum National School, Ireland
- He arrived in Australia when he was 33 years old
- His occupation at time of enlistment was that of a storekeeper and lived in Blackbutt, Qld
- He was married to Barbara Howard and they had two children, Ivan Philip and Marion Louise.
- His next of kin was listed as his wife, Mrs Barbara S Howard, Blackbutt, Qld
- Previous military service: he was a member of the Colonial Forces for 6 years and was Sergeant of Raffrorian Rifles, East London, Cape Colony

Military Records

- Service Number: 3541
- John Howard enlisted on 7 September 1915 as a Private with the 25th Battalion, 8th Reinforcement at Enoggera
- He embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, Qld, on board HMAT A55 Kyarra on 3 January 1916 aged 39 years
- He proceeded to join the British Expeditionary Force from Alexandria on 19 March 1916 and disembarked at Marseilles, France on 26 March 1916
- He was wounded in action on 6 June 1916 and on 11 August 1916 he was transferred to England for treatment and furlough
- He marched into the Depot at Fovant, England on 24 April 1917 until he proceeded overseas again and marched in at Havre, France on 15 June 1917
- He returned to the front and was wounded on 7 September and again on 14 October 1917 in Belgium
- Private John Howard died of wounds on 15 October 1917 at Ypres, Belgium with the 2nd Pioneer Battalion aged 40 years 9 months
- His war service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Hooge Crater Cemetery (Plot XIV, Row F, Grave No. 3), Zillebeke, Passchendaele, Flanders Belgium
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 172
- Blackbutt War Memorial,
- Nanango War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Robert Howard was the president of the Blackbutt Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=6994062
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