

John William Crawford HUNTER

Pre-enlistment:

- John was born on 20 April 1873 in Brisbane Qld to parents Robert and Henrietta Hunter nee Price, of Glenross-Road, Red Hill.
- He attended Brisbane Grammar School
- He lived at Red Hill in Brisbane and his occupation at time of enlistment was that of an accountant / F.F.I.A., office manager for Robert Jackson and Co, Eagle-Street, Brisbane City
- He was married to Marie Hunter, of 'Saythorpe', Victoria Street, Darlinghurst, NSW. She was also listed as his next of kin
- For some years he occupied a seat on the Balmoral Shire Council.



Previous Military Service:

- He qualified as a lieutenant in the Army Service Corps

Military Records

- Service number: 37331
- John Hunter enlisted on 17 January 1917 in Brisbane, Qld as a Gunner with Field Artillery Brigade, Reinforcement 30
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A15 Port Sydney on 5 November 1917, aged 43.
- He disembarked Suez on 12 December 1917, then on to Southampton disembarking there on 5 March 1918
- He proceeded overseas to France on 7 March 1918 and taken on strength by 11th Field Artillery Brigade in Rouelles, France on 20 April 1918.
- Gunner John William Crawford Hunter was killed in action on 19 August 1918 in France with 11th Field Artillery Brigade aged 45 years
- His war service was on the Western Front

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Heath Cemetery, (Plot IV, Row G, Grave No. 7), Harbonnieres, Picardie, France
- Memorials: Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 17
- Brisbane Grammar School Memorial Library WW1 Honour Board 1
- Prior to leaving Brisbane, he consoled his relatives with the words: "If I go down I am going down with the best of my race" - a noble sentiment expressed by a hero who gave all that he had in the cause of Christianity and of humanity.

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal,
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- John Hunter was a member of a rifle club, possibly Balmoral as he had close connections with that area of Brisbane

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

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