

CLOSE, Herbert Ivo



H.J. (sic. Should be H.I.) Close 18-15, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1916. (2014). John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland.

Rank: Private

Service Number: 5668

Unit: 15th Battalion, 18th reinforcement; 41st Battalion

Place of Birth: Greatham, Durham, England

Date of Birth: 11 August 1888

Enlisted at Rockhampton 31 January 1916 age 27 years 5 months. Next-of-kin was his mother, Mrs Elizabeth Close, Stilworth, Helmsley, Yorkshire, England. On enlistment he was 5 feet 8 inches and weighed 11 stone 0 lbs. His chest measurement was 38 inches. His occupation was farmer and his address was Mount Larcom, Queensland.

He proceeded to France early in 1917. Wounded in action in France 23 June 1917 and rejoined his unit on 9 July 1917. Reported with shell shock on 31 July 1917. He returned overseas after some instances of AWL. Gassed 29 Sep 1918 and invalided to England 1 October 1918. Returned to Australia per Delta 24 January 1919. Discharged 8 May 1919.

Service Record: [View digital copy \(naa.gov.au\)](https://naa.gov.au)

Paulette Flint, 2023