

## CROKER, John



J. Croker, one of the soldiers photographed in *The Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 1917

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2448/5558

Unit: 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion/20<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Place of Birth: Liverpool, England

Date of Birth: c.1881.

Enlisted first at Gladstone on 25 May 1915, age 32 years 11 months. He had no next-of-kin. On enlistment he was 5 feet 4 inches and weighed 143 lbs. His chest measurement was 34-36 inches. His occupation was labourer. Croker was in Cairo, Egypt and was run over by a motor car while off duty which resulted in a fractured skull, concussion for 22 days, bruised foot, and Bell's Palsy to one side of his face. He returned to Australia and was discharged on a pension on 8 March 1916.

Croker was re-engaged for active service on 12 May 1916 and was posted to France with 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion. He was admitted with an injury to his right ankle on 2 February 1917. He returned to Etaples in March 1917, and was killed in action in Passchendaele, Belgium on 9 October 1917. He is memorialized at Panel 23, Menin Gate, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium. His relatives in England were "untraceable".

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*Paulette Flint, 2023*