

HOWLETT, John (Jack)



J. Howlett 20-15, 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: 6270

Unit: 15th Battalion, 20th Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Sheffield, England.

Date of Birth: c. 1876.

Enlisted at, on 21 March 1916 aged 40 years 1 month.

Next-of-kin was wife Mrs E Howlett, Many Peaks, Queensland.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 4.75 inches and weighed 10 stone 0 lbs. His chest measurement was 35 inches. His occupation was labourer. Unit embarked from Brisbane, Queensland, on board HMAT A46 *Clan Macgillivray* on 7 September 1916. Served in France. Killed in action 11 April 1917, France in the first Battle of Bullecourt. Commemorated at Villers-Brettoneux Memorial, France.

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

Red Cross Missing and Wounded File: *On 11 April 1917 at Bullecourt during our attack was killed outright by Machine Gun bullet, hit in forehead. This was at the second line of enemy's wire. I saw his body lying there. He would be left in the field. Christian name Jack. I came over in same reinforcement 20th of 15th Battalion (Informant Pte WA Lonagan, 15th Battalion, C Coy)*

Paulette Flint, 2023