

McCALLAM, John Joseph (John Henry on Honour Roll)

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2606

Unit: 3rd Pioneer Battalion, Reinforcement 4.

Place of Birth: Charters Towers, Queensland

Date of Birth: c. 1890

Enlisted at Brisbane, Qld, on 5 January 1916, aged 24 years 7 months.

Next-of-kin was uncle/friend, John Young, Littlemore Siding, Boyne Valley Line, via Gladstone, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 5 inches and weighed 9 stone 7 lbs. His chest measurement was 30-33.5 inches. His occupation was labourer. Embarked Melbourne, disembarked Devonport 28 Dec 1916. Sick to Fargo hospital 11 January 1917. Died of disease (duodenal ulcer) 9 March 1917, Military Hospital Fargo, England. Buried Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire, Grave 218, right hand side of path. 13 March 1917.

Pte John Joseph McCallam was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. John Young, next-of-kin listed for Pte J.J. McCallam, was a friend, not a blood relative & in response to a letter from Base Records sent on 29th April, 1921 – Mr Young replied that he was certain that the parents of the late Pte McCallam were dead & that he never heard of any brothers & sisters. The British War Medal, Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were sent to the “Untraceables Section”

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

Paulette Flint, 2024