

PAYNE, John

Rank: Private

Service Number: 2860

Unit: 42nd Battalion, 6th Reinforcement

Place of Birth: Gladstone, Queensland

Date of Birth: 2 March, 1871 (Parents Robert Payne and Elizabeth Cooling)

Enlisted at Rockhampton, Queensland, on 27 October 1916 aged 44 years 8 months.

Next-of-kin was brother, Mr Tom Payne, Boyne Valley, Calliope, Qld.

On enlistment he was 5 feet 10 inches and weighed 11 stone 9 lbs. His chest measurement was 39 inches. His occupation was farmer, Boyne Valley, Calliope, Qld. Twelve months Hatton Rifle Club. Unit embarked from Sydney, NSW on board HMAT A64 *Demosthenes* on 23 December 1916. Disembarked Plymouth 5 March 1917. Sick to hospital 14 March 1917. Proceeded France 2 April 1917. Killed in action Belgium 4 October 1917. No known grave. Commemoration: Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Panel 27, Belgium.

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

Paulette Flint, 2024