

Cecil William Robert Howlett



Sapper Cecil Howlett
1st Field Company, Australian Engineers
Service number: 60

Born: 1893, Luddenham, NSW

Died: 2 May 1915, Gallipoli, Turkey

Cecil Howlett was born at Luddenham in 1893 to Robert and Mary Howlett of Luddenham. After he left school, he worked as a surveyor's assistant. He was a member of the Luddenham Squadron of Light Horse at the time of his enlistment. Howlett was also a member of the Luddenham Agricultural Show Society.

Howlett enlisted at Epping on 19 August 1914 with his brother Stanley when he was just 20 years old. Before their departure volunteers of the area were presented with a gold ring each as a token of respect and esteem from the residents of Luddenham. Howlett embarked from Sydney on the HMAT A19 Africa on 18 October 1914. Howlett had joined the 1st Field Company Engineers, which was raised in August 1914 in New South Wales and Queensland. After training in Egypt, his unit was among the first to land at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. The company worked on trench consolidation during the first few days' fighting. Howlett was killed in action on 2 May 1915. By 1918 his parents had moved to Epping, and they remembered their son on the Epping War Memorial.

Memorial Details:

- Shrapnel Valley Cemetery, Gallipoli, Turkey
- Roll of Honour, Penrith Presbyterian Church
- Epping War Memorial

Sources:

- [National Archives Australia](#): B2455, HOWLETT C W R
- [Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour](#)
- Penrith City Library Biography files