

# Private John Francis Huon TOVELL

No 142, Private John Francis Huon Tovell, was born 1888 at Brighton, Victoria, the second son and third of four children of Charles Edward Tovell and Mary Anne (nee Mitchel) Tovell.

He was educated at Brighton Grammar School, Brighton, Victoria and had about three years service with the Melbourne University Rifles.

He was aged 26 years, single, 5'5 tall, weighed 11 stone 6 lbs, with dark complexion, brown eyes and dark hair, and a law student when he enlisted on 17 Aug 1914, giving his mother Mrs M A Brown, of 'Indi' 252 New Street Brighton, Victoria as next of kin.

He embarked with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 'A' Coy from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A20 *Hororata* on 19 Oct 1914.

Private Tovell was killed in action 25 April 1915, aged 26 years. He has no known grave but is commemorated on the Lone Pine Memorial (Panel 27), Gallipoli, Turkey; on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial (Panel 48); on the Memorial Plaque to Bayside's Fallen, Green Point, Brighton Beach, Victoria and on the Brighton Municipal Roll of Honour, Brighton, Victoria.

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