

Baverstock War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2951 PRIVATE

D. McINTOSH

53RD BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

10th FEBRUARY, 1917 Age 24

Donald McINTOSH

Donald McIntosh was born at Ascot Vale, Victoria in 1892 to parents George & Eva McIntosh (nee Jennings). He was a 24 year old, single, Groom from Sydney, NSW when he enlisted on 29th May, 1916 with the 53rd Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2951 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his father – George McIntosh, of 64 Wilson Street, South Yarra, Victoria. Donald had previously been rejected as unfit for serving due to his chest measurement.

Pte Donald McIntosh embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Ascanius* (A11) on 26th October, 1916 & disembarked at Devonport, England on 28th December, 1916.

Pte McIntosh disembarked & was transferred to Devonport Military Hospital on 28th December, 1916. Pte McIntosh was discharged from Hospital on 1st January, 1917. He was marched in and classified at No. 1 Command Depot, Perham Downs on 2nd January, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte McIntosh was marched in to 14th Training Battalion, Camp 11 & 12 at Hurdcott, Wiltshire from Perham Downs on 10th January, 1917.

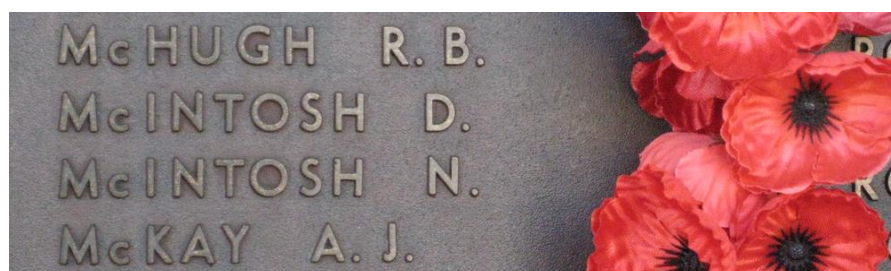
Pte McIntosh was admitted sick to Hospital with influenza from "A" Company, 14th Training Battalion at Hurdcott on 17th January, 1917.

Private Donald McIntosh died at 8 a.m. on 10th February, 1917 from Pneumonia at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire.

A death for Donald McIntosh, aged 24, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Donald McIntosh was buried on 15th February, 1917 in the churchyard of St. Edith's at Baverstock, Wiltshire and has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

Private D. McIntosh is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 157.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



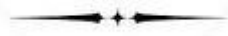
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte D. McIntosh was entitled to British War Medal only. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte McIntosh's father – Mr George McIntosh (December, 1921 & June, 1923)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Donald McIntosh – service number 2951, as being 24 years old & served with 53rd Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of George & Eva Jennings McIntosh, of 9 Medley St, South Yarra, Victoria. Born at Ascot Vale, Victoria.

(39 pages of Pte Donald McIntosh's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



Newspaper Reports

THE 275TH CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF OTHER CAUSES

Private D. McIntosh, Melbourne

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – Wednesday 28 February, 1917)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at St. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

A letter from Base Records, dated 28th June, 1921, to Mr G. McIntosh advises that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription for the headstone of the late Pte D. McIntosh had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Pte D. McIntosh does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte D. McIntosh's CWGC Headstone at St. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock, Wiltshire.



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St. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock, Wiltshire.

(Photo from CWGC)