

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



2614 PRIVATE

M. McINTYRE

41ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

21ST JULY, 1917

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte M. McIntyre is located in Grave Plot # 250
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Martin McINTYRE

Martin McIntyre was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland around 1859/1860 to parents Lachlan & Jean (Jane) McIntyre (nee Andrew).

From the Roll of Honour information which was supplied by Lachlan McIntyre, son of Martin McIntyre, – Martin came to Australia at the age of 12 months. The passenger list for the *Fitz James* carried the following members of the McIntyre family – Lachlan (Shepherd, aged 35), Jane (aged 32) & Martin (aged 1yr 5 mths ? 1.5 mths ?). It arrived in Australia on 20th February, 1860

Martin McIntyre married Louisa Caroline Goodwin in 1884. Their marriage was registered in the district of Bundarra, NSW.

From the NSW Police Gazette dated 24th April, 1901:

“Hillgrove – A Warrant has been issued by the Hillgrove Bench for the arrest of Martin McIntyre, charged with unlawfully deserting his wife Louisa at Hillgrove during the past 3 years. Offender is 41 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches high, stout build, sandy complexion, brown sandy moustache only, brown sandy hair, minus three fingers left hand; a general labourer, addicted to drink. Last heard of at “Elliston”, Bellinger Heads, about six months ago, was then working at a saw-mill. This man’s wife and five children are destitute and have applied for State aid. Special inquires to be made as arrest very desirable.”

Martin McIntyre stated he was a 45* year old, widowed, Engineer from Perseverance, Murphy’s Creek, Queensland when he enlisted on 17th August, 1916 with the 41st Infantry Battalion 5th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2614 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his Son – Mr Lachlan C. McIntyre of Urbenville, via Killarney, Queensland. Martin McIntyre had served 10 years with Vol. Coy. NSW with time expired.

Pte Martin McIntyre embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Kyarra (A55)* on 17th November, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 30th 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.

Private Martin McIntyre was marched in to 11th Training Battalion, Camp 13 at Durrington, Wiltshire from Australia on 17th February, 1917 and was transferred from “A” Company to “E” Company on 24th March, 1917.

Pte Martin McIntyre was classed as C1 (Fit for Home Service only) on 9th May, 1917 by the Medical Board at Larkhill (Senility & Chr Bronchitis). On the Medical Report his age was listed as 58 years – “Patient too old for duties required of him. Has been Officers batman since enlistment. Rather feeble unable to perform any arduous duties. Looks his age”.

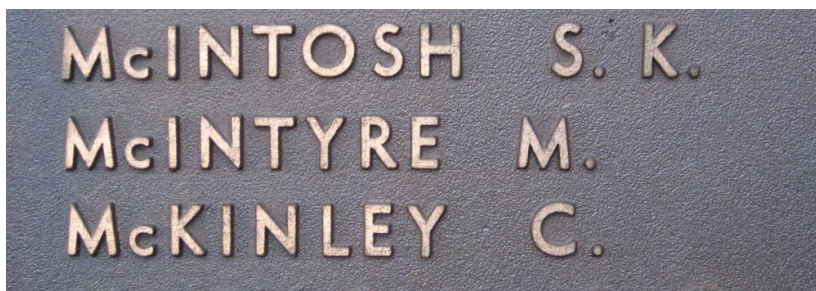
Private Martin McIntyre was sent sick to Fargo Military Hospital on 21st July, 1917.

Private Martin McIntyre died on 21st July, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from “Arterial Schlerosis” (Primary cause) & “Angina Pectoris” (Secondary cause). His aunt – Mrs James Pettigrew of 5 Broon Park Terrace, Dennistown, Glasgow was also informed of the death.

A death for Martin McIntyre, aged 58*, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire. (*Information provided by Lachlan Charles McIntyre, son of late Pte Martin McIntyre, for the Roll of Honour states the age at death of his father was 59 years & 9 months. Pte Martin McIntyre, according to information for Roll of Honour was the father of one son who was Killed in Action – no other details were mentioned)

Private Martin McIntyre was buried on 24th July, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 250 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Pte Martin McIntyre- *Coffin was 1st class Oak coffin.*

Private M. McIntyre is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 134.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Martin McIntyre – service number 2614 as having served with 41st Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Lachlan and Margaret McIntyre, of Urbenville, Tabulam, New South Wales.

M. McIntyre is also remembered on the Urbenville Memorial Gates located at front of Urbenville Showground, NSW.



Pte Martin McIntyre was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte McIntyre's widow – Mrs Louisa C. McIntyre of Boggabri, even though Lachlan Charles McIntyre was listed as next-of-kin. (Mr Lachlan Charles McIntyre, in a letter to Base Records dated 21st June, 1921, stated "I have no reasons why the War Medals etc ... should not go to the deceased's soldier's Widow". The Deceased Soldiers Estates Act 1918 made the following order of relationships in regards to the disposal of War Medals etc – Widow, eldest surviving son..... (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent August, 1922).

A War Pension was granted to Louisa Caroline McIntyre, widow of Boggabri, NSW, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 25th September, 1917.

(64 pages of Pte Martin McIntyre's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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

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Newspaper Reports

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES – LIST No. 330

DIED OF ILLNESS

QUEENSLAND – Pte Martin McIntyre, Urbinville, 21/7/17

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW – Tuesday 14 August, 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 Durrington War Graves Cemetery. 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)*

Pte M. McIntyre does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte M. McIntyre's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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