John Cameron Mackenzie

John Cameron Mackenzie was born in Scotland in 1887 and enlisted in June 26th 1915.

He was a farmer and labourer from Apple Tree Creek near Childers in Queensland

Service number: 2374

Rank: Private

Roll title: 26 Infantry Battalion - 1 to 8 Reinforcements (June 1915 - January 1916)

Date of embarkation: 5 October 1915 Place of embarkation: Brisbane Ship embarked on: HMAT Warilda

Ship number: A69

Date of death: 1 May 1918 Place of death: France

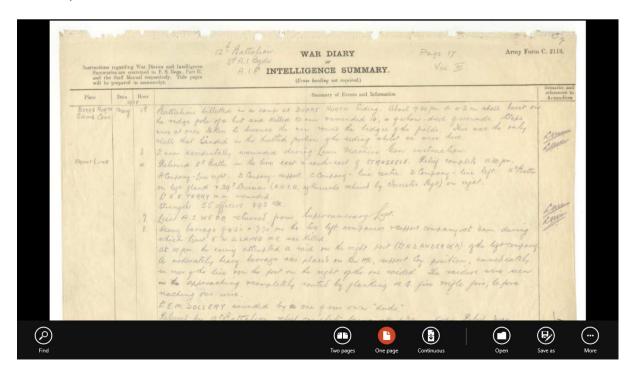
Cause of death: Killed in action

Cemetery or memorial details: Le Peuplier Military Cemetery, Caestre, France

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

John Mackenzie joined the main 26th Battalion training group and was consequently allocated to the 12th Battalion on the 1st March 1916 and proceeded oveseas on HMAT Warilda to Alexandrina in Egypt. He trained here and finally with the 12th Battalion returned to France at Marseille on April 1916. He was involved in bitter trench warfare during the next 2 years. He would have taken part in battles at Poziers, Ypres and the Somme.

On the 11th May 1917 he was wounded in action. After spending time at a hospital in Rouen and leave held in England he returned to Belgium and was promoted to Lance Corporal on the 6th October 1917. He suffered trench fever and again was repatriated to England for a time before returning once again to Belgium and returned to his unit on the 27th April 1918. Just 4 days later on the 1st May in operations around Caestra as part of the allied offensive he was killed while resting at Borre North siding when a shell landed on a hut and killed 14 men .He was buried at Le Peuplier Cemetery.



12th Battalion

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the 12th Battalion returned to Egypt and, in March 1916, sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in bitter trench warfare. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozières in the Somme valley in July 1916. After Pozières, the battalion fought at Ypres in Flanders and then returned to the Somme for winter. In 1917 the battalion took part in the brief advance that followed the German Army's retreat to the Hindenburg Line. The battalion subsequently returned to Belgium to participate in the offensive that became known as the Third Battle of Ypres.

In March and April 1918 the battalion helped to stop the German spring offensive, and later participated in the great allied offensive of 1918, fighting near Amiens on 8 August 1918. This advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "the black day of the German Army in this war".

The battalion continued operations until late September 1918. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. Soon after, the members of the AIF began to return to Australia for demobilisation and discharge.

26th Battalion

In early 1917, the 26th Battalion joined the follow-up of the German withdrawal to the Hindenburg Line and attacked at Warlencourt (1-2 March) and Lagincourt (26 March). For his valorous actions at Lagincourt, Captain Percy Cherry was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. On 3 May, the Battalion was also involved in the second attempt to breach the Hindenburg Line defences around Bullecourt. Later that year the focus of the AIF's operations switched to Belgium. There, the 26th battalion fought in the battle of Menin Road on 20 September, and participated in the capture of Broodseinde Ridge on 4 October.

Like most AIF battalions, the 26th fought to turn back the German spring offensive in April 1918, and in the lull that followed mounted "peaceful penetration" operations to snatch portions of the German front line. In one such operation in Monument Wood on 14 July the 26th Battalion captured the first German tank to fall into Allied hands - No. 506 "Mephisto". In another, on 17 July, Lieutenant Albert Borrella was awarded the Victoria Cross. Later in the year the 26th participated in the great offensive that began on 8 August, its most notable engagement being an attack east of Mont St Quentin on 2 September. The Battalion's last action of the war was the capture of Lormisset, part of the operation to breach the Beaurevoir Line, on 3 October 1918. The 26th Battalion was disbanded in May 1919.

Caestre is a village in the Department of the Nord, on the main road between Cassel and Bailleul, and the hamlet of Le Peuplier is nearly 2 kilometres from Caestre.

From the church in Caestre, take the D942 and turn first right onto the D161. Le Peuplier Military Cemetery can be clearly seen from the main road on the right hand side.

Historical Information

The cemetery was used by fighting units from the beginning of May to the end of August 1918 for the burial of casualties sustained during the German offensive.

There are now 106 First World War burials in the cemetery



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