

Michael James CUMMINGS



Pre-enlistment:

- Michael was born in Irvinebank, Qld to parents Patrick & Mary Cummings of Irvinebank, Qld
- He lived in Irvinebank, attended school there & worked as a miner

Previous Military Service

- 2nd AN&MEG
 - Mobilised for War Service in August 1914
 - He embarked at Cairns on 8/8/14 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty
 - He enlisted on 14/8/14 for service outside Australia
 - He re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16/8/14 on Troopship Kanowna to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
 - He was Taken on Strength of the NA&MEF on 6/9/14
 - Then returned to Townsville on 18/9/14 on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship
 - He did not participate in capture of German New Guinea
 - Then discharged on 18/9/14

Military Record

- Service Number: 4033
- Michael CUMMINGS enlisted in Cairns, on 1 July 1916 as a Private with 31st Battalion, 10th Reinforcement
- He embarked from Brisbane on Boonah on 21 October 1916, going to Plymouth
- He was with the 8th Training Battalion at Hurdcott when admitted to Parkhouse Hospital on 6 March 1917 where he remained until 27 March.
- He was again sick and admitted to Fovant Hospital on the Salisbury Plains in Wiltshire, England on 4 April
- Private Michael CUMMINGS Died of Disease (Broncho-pneumonia) in England on 13 April 1917 at the Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, England aged 24 years

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- St Edith's Churchyard, Haverstock, Wiltshire.
- His inscription reads: Thy Will Be Done.
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 118
- Irvinebank Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Michael Cummings was a member of Irvinebank Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=3475754&S=35&R=0>
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