

David Henry John McALLISTER



Pre-enlistment:

- David Henry John McAllister was born 4 July 1895 at Irvinebank, the eldest of seven children to John McAlister and Emily Blundell. David Henry John born 1895, Adeline Janet 1897, Bessie Adeline 1898, Janett Doreen 1901, Robert Gordon 1903, Donald Merton 1905 and William Bruce 1907.
- He attended Irvinebank Sate School
- His occupation was that of a miner
- His home town was Irvinebank, where he lived as a single man
- His next of kin was his father, John McAllister, Irvinebank, Qld

Previous Military Service

- David served in the Far North Queensland Kennedy Regiment, known as the Dirty 500. Members of the Dirty 500, including David, landed on Thursday Island on 16 August 1914 from the troopship "Kanowna", to take part in the capture of German New Guinea. An incident on board the "Kanowna" involving the firemen forced the immediate return of the troops to Townsville on 18 August 1914; he was discharged the same day

Military Records

- Service Number: 25476
- David McAllister enlisted at Cairns on 11 November 1915, aged 20 years and 4 months as a Gunner with Howitzer Brigade 21, Reinforcement 4
- He embarked on HMAT Orsova on 29 July 1916 from Sydney and arrived at Plymouth, England 14 September 1916 and landed at Etaples, France on 17 January 1917.
- On 1 Feb 1917 he was transferred as a Gunner to 1st Division Artillery where he continued to serve
- 20 Aug 1917 he was wounded and gassed in Belgium
- On 10 Nov 1917 he was wounded then gassed a second time in Belgium. He was then transferred to the Connaught Hospital in England for treatment on 19 December 1917
- He returned to duty in France on 13 February 1918
- On 22 Sep 1918 he was wounded in action a third time. He was admitted to a Casualty Clearing Station severely wounded in both legs.
- His War Service was on the Western Front
- Gunner David Henry John McAllister died of wounds at Jeancourt, France 8 October 1918 aged 23

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- St. Sever Cemetery Extension (Block S, Plot II, Row L, Grave No. 12), Rouen, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 12
- Cairns Cenotaph
- Herberton Methodist Circuit and Mission Area
- Herberton Uniting Church
- Irvinebank Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- David McAllister was a member of the Irvinebank Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=192653>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/51730>
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