

Thomas Edward McCAFFERTY



Pre-enlistment:

- Thomas McCafferty was born on 15 February 1888 in Toowoomba to parents James and Mary McCAFFERTY
- He was married to Margaret MCCAFFERTY, of McLennan Street, Albion, Qld and a Native of Toowoomba, Qld Queensland
- His occupation was that of a labourer

Military Records - Kennedy Regiment to Thursday Island

- Mobilised for War Service with 2nd A.N. & M.E.F.
- Embarked at Cairns on 8 August 1914 for Thursday Island (War Station) Garrison Duty
- Enlisted 14 August 1914 for service outside Australia
- Re-embarked at Thursday Island on 16 August 1914, on Troopship 'Kanowna' to take part in the capture of German New Guinea
- 'Taken on Strength' of the A.N. & M.E.F on 6 August 1914
- Returned to Townsville on 18 September 1914, on account of the trouble caused by the firemen on troopship.
- Discharged 18 September 1914.

Military Records

- Service Number: 933
- Thomas McCafferty enlistment on 28 December 1915 in Cairns, as a Private in the 41st Battalion, D Company
- He embarked with his Unit from Sydney, NSW, on board HMAT A64 Demosthenes on 18 May 1916, aged 27 years
- He disembarked at Plymouth on 20 July 1916
- On 26 Sep 1916 he was promoted to Corporal, with 41st Infantry Battalion
- On 24 November 1916 he proceeded overseas from Southampton to France
- On 25 Jan 1917 he was promoted Lance Sergeant, in the field with 41st Infantry Battalion
- On 11 Apr 1917 he was promoted Sergeant, with 41st Infantry Battalion
- His War service was on the Western Front
- Sergeant Thomas Edward McCafferty was killed in action at Mezzines, Belgium on 23 June 1917, aged 29

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Messines Ridge British Cemetery (Plot V, Row C, Grave No. 41), Flanders, Belgium
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 134
- 41st Battalion Roll of Honour
- Cairns Cenotaph
- Charlton Roll of Honour

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Thomas McCafferty was a member of the Cairns Rifle Club.

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Reference Links

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