

Francis (Hack) STOREY



Pre-enlistment:

- Francis (Frank) Storey was born on 7 June 1883 in Tuakau, Auckland, New Zealand, to parents, William and Maria STOREY. Native of Tuakau, NZ
- He attended Tuakau Public School, Auckland
- He arrived in Australia at the age of 29 years and made his home in Malanda via Cairns
- His occupation was that of a farmer as a single man
- His next of kin was listed as his mother, Mrs Maria Storey, Wautmaru, Auckland, NZ

Previous Military Service

- On 14 August 1914, Private Francis Storey, Service Number 1958 was mobilised for War Service with the 2nd Infantry Regiment, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) to take part in the capture of German held New Guinea. He was one of forty-nine other members of the Yungaburra Rifle Club who volunteered for service with the AN&MEF
- Those on the 'Kanowna' leaving Thursday Island for New Guinea on 16 August returned to the Port of Townsville two days later due to the trouble caused by the crew on this troopship.
- He did not play a part in the capture of German held New Guinea and was discharged on the 18 September 1914 from the AN&MEF. His service lasted a little longer than four weeks.

Military Records

- Service Number: 2659
- Francis (Hack) Storey enlisted on 18 October 1916 as a Private with the 41st Battalion, 5th Reinforcement, in Cairns
- On 17 November 1916 he embarked with his Unit from Brisbane, Qld, on board HMAT A55 Kyarra, aged 35 years
- His last Unit was the 41st Infantry Battalion
- His war service was on the Western Front
- Private Francis (Hack) Storey was killed in action at Messines, Belgium on 5 August 1917, aged 34 years

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: No known grave - "Known Unto God"
- Memorials: Menin Gate Memorial, Commonwealth Memorial to the Missing of the Ypres Salient, Panel 27, Ypres, Flanders, Belgium
- 41st Battalion Roll of Honour
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 134
- Atherton War Memorial
- Cairns Boys' State School
- Cairns Cenotaph
- Malanda Eacham Memorial Gates

Honours & Awards

- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- Francis (Hack) Storey was a member of the Yungaburra Rifle Club

ACWM Commemoration Service

Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8094276>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=290120>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/186365>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1673011>
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/4289456>
3 Cairns Post, Thu 13 Aug 1914, Page 8, Northern Mobilisation. Roll of Riflemen