

McIntosh, Harold

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Cemetery or memorial details: Egypt 2 Kantara War Memorial Cemetery

War Grave Register notes: McIntosh, Lt. Col. Harold. 12th Australian Light Horse. Died of wounds. 24th April, 1917. Age 48. Son of John N. and Mary McIntosh; husband of Florence M. McIntosh, of Karralee, Kelso, N.S.W. Native of Bathurst.

H. McIntosh, who has been re-elected president of the Abercrombie Shire Council, has been president of the shire since the inception of Local Government, and the fact that he has been re-elected each year unanimously is a testimony to the esteem in which he is held by his fellow councillors, and to the tact and good judgment which he displays over the deliberation of the Council.

12TH. L.H. Regt. 		C.M. Form A. 22 (Revised 1.7.14)
Australian		Military Forces.
Application for a Commission in the <u>12th Regt. L.H. A.I.F.</u>		
Particulars Religion:- Church of England.		
Surname ...	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> McINTOSH Harold </div>	
Other names (in full) ...		
Educational Qualifications <small>(Certificate to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.)</small>	B.A. (Sydney)	
Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) <small>(Attention is directed to third sub-para. of C.M. Regulation 56. Present rank and corps to be stated.)</small>	4 years + 5 months N.S.W. Inf. Regt. 2 years active service S.A.	
Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) ...		
Present Civil Employment ...	Grazier	
Date of Birth and Age ... <small>(Certificate of Birth or Statutory Declaration to be attached for notation at District Headquarters.)</small>	Date of Birth. 14.6.1868	Age 46 years. 11 Months.
If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <small>(In the case of the latter, date and place of Naturalization to be stated.)</small>	British Subject GAZETTED G.O.A. GAZETTE 138/9.15/57.15.	
Married or Single ...	Married	
Postal Address ...	Karralee Kelso NSW	Battalion Area
Next of Kin ...	Wife - Florence Mcintosh	
20 th April 1916		(Signature of Applicant) <i>H. McIntosh</i>



Date made c. January 1915

Egypt (?). 1916. Informal portrait of a group of 7th Light Horse Regiment officers. From left to right: Lieutenant (Lt) John William Hampton, Lt Haydon, Major Harold McIntosh, Captain Luke Bice and Lt Chapman (possibly Richard Rupert Chapman).



Third row (seated): Lt Rodney Keith Robey from Sydney, (later MC); Capt Hamilton Kerr McKell from Mosman,; Maj. Philip Arthur Chambers MID from Cremorne, Maj. John Ellesmere Westgarth from Elizabeth Bay, (died in October 1918 after termination of appointment in the AIF); Lieutenant Colonel Percy Phipps Abbott MP and solicitor from Glen Innes, , (later MID and Companion of the Order of St Michael & St George); Capt Arthur Ernest Errol D'Arcy from Grenfell, NSW; **Maj. Harold McIntosh from Kelso, (died of wounds in Egypt on 24 April 1917)**
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McINTOSH, HAROLD.

B.A. : Lieutenant-Colonel, 12th A.L.H. Regt., A.I.F., Gallipoli and Palestine.

Enlisting 4th May, 1915, and sailing as captain with 12th A.L.H. Regt., was transferred to 7th on 29th August and then served at Gallipoli until the Evacuation. Returning to 12th as second-in-command 22nd February, 1916, was appointed temporary C.O. 22nd June, attending Imperial School of Instruction, Zeitoun, in December. Fought in Sinai Desert, at Romani, Katia, Rafa and Gaza, where wounded in second battle while leading his double squadron 19th May, 1917. Promoted major, 1st June, 1915; lieutenant-colonel, 22nd July, 1916.

Died of Wounds, in ambulance train, El-Arish, 24th May, 1917.

South African War : Captain, Mounted Rifles.

Early education at All Saints' College, Bathurst. Later at St. Paul's.

5-9-15	7th.L.H.Reg't.	Absorbed into 7th.L.H.Reg't.	Gallipoli	28-8-15
2-9-15	Tenedos	Wounded	"	30-8-15
5-9-15	7th.L.H.Reg't.	"	"	"
	Hs "Gloucester Castle"	B.W. Thigh	"	
		Dis-embarked	Alexandria	5-9-15
7-9-15	21st Gen. Hosp.	GSW Thigh, admitted & transferred to England per "Glengorm Castle"	Alexandria	5-9-15 7-9-15
15-9-15	"Glengorm Castle"	Embarked for England	Alexandria	15-9-15
7-11-15	7th.L.H.Reg't.	Seconded	Gallipoli	30-10-15
8-12-15	AIF. Orders.	Placed on Supernumerary List	"	8-12-15
2-1-16	HT "Ionic"	Returning to join M.E.F. Dis-embarked at ..	ex England Alexandria	2-1-16
3-1-16	7th.L.H.Reg't.	Rejoined Unit at	Maadi	3-1-16

Melbourne, 4th October 1915.

Dear Madam,

With reference to my wire of the 15th ultimo, I now have to advise you that information has been received to the effect that your husband Major H. McIntosh is now in the Hospital at London, England with Gunshot wound left thigh

His postal address will therefore be—

XX. Major H. McIntosh,

7th Australian Light Horse Regiment

c/o Australian High Commissioner,

LONDON, S.W.

Any further particulars coming to hand will be promptly transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. LEAN, Captain,

Officer in charge Base Records.

Mrs F. McIntosh,

C.12977. Karrallee

KELSO. N.S.W.

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MEDICAL CASE SHEET.*

No. in Admission and Discharge Book.	Regimental No.	Rank.	Surname.	Christian Name.
		Major	Macintosh	Harold
Year	Unit.		Age.	Service.
1915	7th L.H.		47	7 yrs
Station and Date.	Disease			
22nd Oct.	<p align="center">G.S.W. Left thigh, Wounded 31st August, Gallipoli. The next day went to Alexandria, 21st British General Hospital, there 3 or 4 days, and proceeded to England, and went to No. 5. L.G.H., there 11 days. No operations. Boarded Operated at No. 5. General Hospital 25th Sept. and given a month.</p>			
	Present condition. -			
	Improving all the time, wound healing, feeling			

ITALIAN MILITARY OFFICE.
 30, HOPSEFERRY ROAD,
 MINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

18-10-16	Anzac Mtd Div. R.O. List No. 6.	To be Lieut-Colonel Vice Col J.R. Royston, CMG., DSO., Commanding 3rd. L.H. Brigade.	HEP
9-12-16	12th. LH. Rgt.	Marched out to Imperial School of Instruction, Zeitoun.	ex Ferry Post
23-12-16	do.	Rejoined from School of Instruction, Zeitoun	Ferry Post
20-4-17	3rd. LH. B'DE	Wounded Dangerously	Aseiferiyeh
21-4-17	Imp Mtd Div 12th. LH. Rgt.	Wounded do. To Hospital	do. do.
	Mobile Section	admtd	do.
19-4-17	4th. LH. F.Amb.	GSW fem artery & trans	to C.C.S.
19-4-17	4th. LH. F.Amb.	GSW L fem Art. adm & Dangerous. trans. through 3rd LH B	

Date	From whom received	casualties, &c. during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 50, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date
21.4.17	595 C.C.S.	<i>admitted</i>	<i>Deir el Belah</i>	19.4.17
21-4-17	3rd. L.H.F. Amb.	BW Hip & Shoulder, admtd	Aseiferiyeh	19-4-
		& trans to Tel-el-jemmi	same day	
19/20-4-17,	1/2nd South Med. B'de F.A.	BW Fem Artery, admtd & & transferred to C.C. Stn.	Tel-el-jemmi	19/20-4-17
21-4-17	No. 2 Aus. Staty Hospital	GSW. L. Thigh admitted	El Arish	20-4-17
24-4-17	No. 2 Aust. Stationary Hospl.	DSEED 24/4/17 of ruptured Femoral Artery & Vein Result of G.S. Wound.	El Arish	24-4-17
24-4-17	Graves Regist- -ration Unit	BURIED 24-4-17 Grave No. 79 Military Cemetery El Arish, Chaplain:- Rev W.A. Moore, C.F. (CofE)	El Arish	24-4-17
10.5.17.	AIF in Egypt. R07 List 12.	<i>Struck of Strength (Shield of Wounds)</i>	<i>EEF</i>	<i>24.4.</i>

Full name, number, rank, and unit of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed ...	McIntosh, Harold, Lieut Col. 12th L.H.
Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ...	McIntosh, Florence May - Kelso.
Relationship of such person to Member ...	Widow
Result of Claim ...	25/0/9 p.f. granted fro. 26/6/17.

McIntosh, Harold (1868 - 1917)

McIntosh, Harold (1868-1917), grazier and soldier, was born on 14 June 1868 at Bathurst, eighth child of John Nepean McIntosh, solicitor, and his wife Mary Ann, née Black, both Australian born. He was educated at All Saints' College, Bathurst, where he was a good student and a gifted sportsman; in his final year, 1885, he was school captain. After graduating from the University of Sydney (B.A. 1889) he served his articles with his father's firm, McIntosh & Co., before going on the land at Rockley, near Bathurst.

When a half-company of the New South Wales Mounted Rifles was raised at Bathurst in 1895 McIntosh was one of the local horsemen to join. In 1897 he accompanied a privately funded detachment from the regiment to England to compete in military tournaments and to train with British Army regiments. The tour culminated in the military celebrations for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. He was a sergeant two years later when he joined the regiment's special service squadron raised for active service in South Africa.

'A' Squadron, New South Wales Mounted Rifles, embarked from Sydney in November 1899 and was one of the first Australian units to arrive at the front. Sergeant McIntosh took part in all its major operations including the relief of Kimberley, the action around Paardeberg, the entry into Bloemfontein and the

capture of Pretoria. He was commissioned lieutenant while on service and returned to Sydney in January 1901. He went back to South Africa as a lieutenant in the 2nd New South Wales Mounted Rifles in April. This regiment served for one year, mostly in the Transvaal, during which time McIntosh was promoted captain.

On 5 October 1904 he married Florence May Lee at All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst. Returning to his family's property, Bunnamagoo, which he managed, in 1907 he was elected a local shire-councilor and was three times president. He was also active in his school's old boys' activities.

McIntosh enlisted as a captain in the Australian Imperial Force on 4 May 1915 and on 1 June was appointed to command 'B' Squadron of the 12th Light Horse Regiment with the rank of major; he embarked for Egypt that month. On 29 August the regiment landed at Gallipoli where it was broken up to serve as reinforcements for other light horse units. Next day he was wounded in the thigh and evacuated and eventually sent to England to recuperate. The 12th L.H.R. was being re-formed in Egypt when McIntosh rejoined it. He was appointed second-in-command in February 1916 and commander in June; his promotion to lieutenant-colonel was confirmed on 11 August. The regiment operated in Egypt and Sinai and in October took an active part in the sharp action against the Turks at Maghara.

Early in 1917 the 12th L.H.R. became part of the reorganized 4th Light Horse Brigade and prepared for action on the Gaza-Beersheba front. McIntosh led his regiment in the 2nd battle of Gaza where on 19 April it was heavily committed at Atawineh Redoubt. During the battle the diminished 4th Brigade captured an enemy position at Two Tree Farm and soon afterwards came under heavy fire while advancing dismounted. In the face of increasing shell and machine-gun fire the 11th and 12th Regiments were forced to halt and flatten themselves in barley crops gay with red poppies. McIntosh was hit by shrapnel, a pellet severing an artery in his groin. He was evacuated for treatment but on 24 April his wound reopened as he lay in a hospital train at El Arish and he was found dead in the morning.

A leader in civic affairs, Harold McIntosh was also an outstanding soldier who had risen through the ranks to command a regiment on active service. He 'was a daring leader, much loved by his men and his death cast a gloom over the whole of Bathurst district'. He was buried in Kantara war cemetery and was survived by his wife.

(From, Australian Dictionary of Biography. Online Version.)

LATE LIEUT-COLONEL MCINTOSH. Lt.Col. Harold McIntosh, of the Light Horse and formerly of Bunnamoogoo, Rockley, grazier, died of wounds received in action in Palestine on April 24 last. Probate has been granted of his will). The net value of his estate is £18,022, of which £13,330 is an interest in a deceased estate. The bequests were £1000 to Miss Frances L. McIntosh (a sister). Mrs. McIntosh (wife of testator) was left a half share in an Eastern Australian property and certain life policy moneys, and the rest of the property during her life, with remainder to testator's sister, Florence.

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El Arish, Palestine. c. 1918. Grave of Lieutenant Colonel Harold McIntosh, 2ALH, in the military cemetery. He died of wounds received at Gaza on 1917-04-19. Many officers of the Regiment were killed or wounded on the same day. (Donor M. Moody)

Rockley War Memorial Gates



"The Clock on these Chambers was Erected In Memory of the Late Lieut-Colonel Harold McIntosh A well beloved citizen of the Rockley District, and President of the Abercrombie Shire Council from 1906 to 1915"