

Edward Kennedy Lance



Private Edward Lance
2nd Battalion, AIF
Service Number: 3848

Born: 24 April 1894, Bourke, NSW

Died: 29 December 1916, France

Edward Kennedy Lance was born in 1894 at Bourke NSW, the son of Lancelot and Lillian (nee Kennedy) Lance. In 1902 Lance's parents moved to Castlereagh. He attended the Castlereagh Public School and then attended the Sydney Technical College where he completed courses in typewriting, book-keeping and office skills. At the time of enlistment, Lance resided in North Sydney and was employed by the Assurance and Thrift Association, Sydney, as an insurance clerk. He was a member of the Sydney Militia and, prior to enlistment, had been gazetted as a sergeant.

Lance enlisted on the 10 August 1915 and was allocated to the 12th Reinforcements, 2nd Battalion. He sailed for Egypt along with John Gardiner on 30 December 1915 aboard HMAS Medic and completed his training there. On 29 March 1916, Lance and Gardiner embarked aboard the Transylvania arriving at Marseilles on 4 April 1916.

On 2 October 1916, Lance was sent to the Pigeon School of Instruction somewhere 'in the field Belgium' and subsequently was used as a battalion runner. On 28 December 1916, Lance was wounded by a pineapple bomb near Guedecourt, suffering wounds to the skull. He was taken to the 3rd Australian Field Ambulance, located in the vicinity of Berafay Wood and died from his wounds the following day.

Memorial Details:

- Bernafay Wood British Cemetery, Montauban, France
- Honour Roll, Smith Park, Castlereagh
- Honour Roll, Memory Park, Penrith

Sources:

- [National Archives Australia](#): B2455, LANCE E K

- [Australian Red Cross Wounded and Missing](#)
- [Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour](#)
- Penrith City Library Biography files

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- [Nepean Times](#): 27 January 1917, p.2, col. 4