

The AIF Project



Charles Thomas McIntosh HEATH

Place of birth	Narrandera, New South Wales
School	Camden Grammar School and Newcastle High School, New South Wales
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Law student
Address	Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	28
Next of kin	Father, W G Heath, Henry Street, Merewether, Newcastle, New South Wales
Enlistment date	1 August 1916
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	1 August 1916
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	Field Artillery Brigade 1, Reinforcement 21 (/showUnit?unitCode=ART.FAB1R21)
AWM Embarkation Roll number	13/29/4
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board HMAT A11 <i>Ascanius</i> on 25 October 1916
Rank from Nominal Roll	2nd Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	1st Field Artillery Brigade
Other details from Roll of Honour Circular	'He had completed his articles as a Law Clerk and would have qualified to practice as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court in New South Wales in 1916.' (Details from father)
Fate	Killed in Action 26 September 1917
Place of death or wounding	Ypres, Belgium
Age at death	28
Age at death from cemetery records	28
Place of burial	No known grave
Commemoration details	The Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial (Panel 7), Belgium The Menin Gate Memorial (so named because the road led to the town of Menin) was constructed on the site of a gateway in the eastern walls of the old Flemish town of Ypres, Belgium, where hundreds of thousands of

allied troops passed on their way to the front, the Ypres salient, the site from April 1915 to the end of the war of some of the fiercest fighting of the war.

The Memorial was conceived as a monument to the 350,000 men of the British Empire who fought in the campaign. Inside the arch, on tablets of Portland stone, are inscribed the names of 56,000 men, including 6,178 Australians, who served in the Ypres campaign and who have no known grave.

The opening of the Menin Gate Memorial on 24 July 1927 so moved the Australian artist Will Longstaff that he painted 'The Menin Gate at Midnight', which portrays a ghostly army of the dead marching past the Menin Gate. The painting now hangs in the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, at the entrance of which are two medieval stone lions presented to the Memorial by the City of Ypres in 1936.

Since the 1930s, with the brief interval of the German occupation in the Second World War, the City of Ypres has conducted a ceremony at the Memorial at dusk each evening to commemorate those who died in the Ypres campaign.

Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	14
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: William and Margaret HEATH (nee McIntosh), 'Denbigh', Chatswood Avenue, Chatswood, New South Wales. Native of Narrandera, New South Wales
Other details	War service: Western Front Medals: British War Medal, Victory Medal

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