

John Alexander MILNE DSO MID

Pre-enlistment:

- John Milne was born on 23 September 1872 in Aberdeen, Scotland to parents, Alexander and Jane MILNE
- He attended Torphins School
- He came to Australia aged 19 years and then lived in Bundaberg
- His occupation was that of an engineer
- He married Elise M. MILNE, of NSW and they later lived in Burnett St, Bundaberg, Qld
- His next of kin was listed as his wife, Mrs M E M Milne, Burnet Street, Bundaberg
- Previous military service: He served in the 4th Infantry, Citizen Military Forces.
- He was a member of Commonwealth Home Defence Forces



Military Records

- Service Number: Officer
- John Milne enlistment on 17 August 1914 as a Captain with the 9th Infantry Battalion, from Brisbane
- On 24 September 1914 he embarked with his Unit on HMAT Omrah, from Brisbane
- On 25 April 1915 he landed with the ANZAC's at Gallipoli with the 9th Infantry Battalion when he was severely wounded
- He returned to Australia then on 18 May 1916 he re-embarked as a Major, with the 41st Infantry Battalion, HMAT Demosthenes, from Sydney, aged 42 years
- On 24 February 1917 he was a Lieutenant Colonel, with the 34th Infantry Battalion in Villers-Bretonneux
- His war service was in Egypt, Gallipoli, and on the Western Front
- Lieutenant-Colonel was killed in action on 12 April 1918 at Villers-Bretonneux, France, aged 45 years

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- Cemetery: Heath Cemetery (Plot VIII Row J Grave 19), Picardie, France
- Inscription: OUT OF THE STRESS OF DOING INTO THE PEACE OF DONE
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour Panel number 127
- Bundaberg War Memorial

Honours & Awards

- DSO
- MID
- 1914-15 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- John Milne was a member of the Maryborough Rifle Club and a regular competitor at prize meets

ACWM Commemoration Service

Some Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=11545760>
- <https://vwma.org.au/explore/people/73758>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=209749>
- <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/R1647232>
- Southern Qld Rifle Association Jubilee 1877-1927 A Brief History of the Association During the Past Fifty Years, by AT Jackson