

John Edward NIX MID



Pre-enlistment:

- John was born 23 July 1891 at Hillgrove, NSW, to parents George and Elizabeth (nee Jarrett) Nix. They were married in 1884 in Bundaberg
- His siblings were Henry (b 1886), George (b 1888), Francis (b 1889)
- He attended Richmond Hill State School & Technical College, Charters Towers from 1906-1908
- He had been a Lieutenant in the Senior Cadets
- He lived at Electra St, Bundaberg at the time of his enlistment while he was a reporter with the Townsville Star
- His brothers, Lt Henry Jarrett NIX, 31st Bn, returned to Australia, 3 July 1919; 5629 Pte Francis William NIX, 26th Bn, returned to Australia, 5 September 1919; 405 Sergeant George Thomas NIX, 5th Light Horse Regiment, returned to Australia, 15 January 1918.

Previous Military Service

- He was part of the Kennedy Infantry Regiment as a Bugler
- He served with the Australian Expeditionary Force to Rabaul (German New Guinea) reaching Thursday Island

Military Records

- Service Number: Lieutenant
- John NIX enlisted on 15 February 1915 in Charters Towers aged 25 years 3 months with 25th Battalion, C Company
- He embarked on 29 June 1915 from Brisbane on HMAT Aeneas aged 24 years
- On 5 September 1915 he proceeded to join the M.E.F Alexandria Gallipoli Peninsula
- He was mentioned in dispatches (MID) for valuable reconnoitring efforts in front orders of Apex trenches on 2,3 & 4 October 1915
- 22 October he was Mentioned in Dispatches, Gallipoli
- He was granted temporary rank of Captain to complete establishment on the Gallipoli Peninsula
- He disembarked ex Mudros Alexandria on 28 December 1915
- On 24 February 1916 he was to be Captain to complete establishment at Ismailia
- On 14 March 1916 he proceeded to join B.E.F. and embarked Alexandria and on 19 March 1916 disembarked Marseilles France
- On 29 July 1916 he was wounded at Pozieres
- 25 September 1916 he re-joined his Unit in France and resumed duty 3 days later
- He served and fought at Gallipoli and on the Western Front
- Captain John Edward NIX died at Maize near Eaucourt-l' Abbaye (known as Flers Stunt), Flers, France on 5 November 1916

Cemetery &/or Memorial

- No Known Grave – Known unto God
- Australian National Memorial, Villers Bretonneux, France
- Australian War Memorial Roll of Honour, Panel Number 105

Honours & Awards

- 1914-1915 Star
- British War Medal
- Victory Medal

Rifle Shooting

- John NIX was a member of the Millchester Rifle Club

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Reference Links

- <https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=8002186>
- <https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=224236>
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- 'The Townsville Cenotaph World War I Soldiers' by Carolyn Lee Larard and Maureen Valda Newnham