

**Tidworth Military Cemetery,  
Tidworth, Wiltshire  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**4836 PRIVATE**

**D. R. MACLEAN**

**9TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**15TH SEPTEMBER, 1916**

## Douglas Rendle MACLEAN

Douglas Rendle MacLean was born at Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on 9th October, 1895 to parents Donald Farquhar MacLean and Jessie Harriet MacLean (nee Tate).

Donald Farquhar MacLean, father of Douglas Rendle MacLean, died on 6th March, 1910 in Queensland.

Douglas Rendle MacLean was aged 19 years & 11 months, single & a Carpenter from Wynnum, Cleveland Line, Queensland when he enlisted in Brisbane, Queensland on 4th September, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4836 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs J. MacLean, Wynnum, Cleveland Line, Queensland. Douglas MacLean stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served with Senior Cadets for 3 years & with Militia for 18 months.

Douglas Rendle MacLean was posted to 15th Reinforcements of 9th Battalion as Acting Corporal (no date).

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Commonwealth (A73)* on 28th March, 1916 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 15th Reinforcements.

### 9th Battalion

The 9th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. It was the first battalion recruited in Queensland, and with the 10th, 11th and 12th Battalions it formed the 3rd Brigade.

*(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean embarked for overseas from Alexandria on *Arcadian* (no date recorded).

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean was taken on strength from Egypt to 3rd Training Battalion at Perham Downs, Wiltshire, England on 9th August, 1916.

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean was admitted to Brigade Camp Hospital, A.I.F., Perham Down, Wiltshire on 18th August, 1916 with Jaundice. He was transferred on 19th August, 1916 to Delhi Hospital (as per Hospital Admissions form).

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean was admitted to Lucknow Isolation Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire on 19th August, 1916 dangerously ill.

Mrs J. McLean, Wynnum, Cleveland Line, Queensland, was advised by Base Records on 29th August, 1916 that her son was dangerously ill.

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean died on 15th September, 1916 at Lucknow Isolation Hospital, Tidworth, Wiltshire, England from Cerebro Spinal Fever.

A death for Douglas R. McLean, aged 20, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Pewsey, Wiltshire, England.

Private Douglas Rendle MacLean was buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England – Plot number E. 185 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private Douglas Rendle MacLean contains a request from the Red Cross on behalf of the relatives to obtain any details into his last hours, if he suffered much pain or if he left any messages for relatives. A request for a photograph of his grave was also included.

- Lt. Col. Faiebine, R.A.M.C., Officer in charge, Military Hospital, Tidworth replied to the Red Cross stating "...I beg to enclose a stamen from the Sister who was present at his death. No will was given or found in his kit;

*he did not bring his pay-book with him, when he was admitted to hospital. Your letter, together with a request for a photograph of the grave to be taken, has been forwarded to his regiment. It may also be of interest to know that Private Maclean was buried at the Military Cemetery Tidworth on 18-9-16, grave no, 185, plot "C".*

- Sister G. Pullin, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., Lucknow Isolation Hospital wrote: *"For about a week before he died he had been rambling on and off- mostly about his duties and camp life. When he first came in he used to speak about his home and longed to be amongst them all. He was unconscious ¼ hr before he died, and I was with him when he passed away. His brother-in-law, Captain F. Butterworth, 14th Light Horse, Australian Imperial Force came to see him."*
- Three photographs of the grave were forwarded to The Secretary, Wounded & Missing Inquiry Bureau on 21st November, 1916.

A War Pension was granted to Jessie Harriet MacLean, widowed mother of the late Private Douglas Rendle MacLean, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 1st June, 1917.

The Loyal Lily of Wynnum Lodge, Wynnum, Queensland wrote to Base Records on 27th October, 1916 requesting a Certificate of Death of the late Private Douglas Rendle MacLean.

Charles Harries, Solicitor, Queen Street, Brisbane, Queensland, on behalf of Mrs E. A. Butterworth, one of the Executrices under the Will, wrote to Base Records on 6th November, 1916 requesting 2 copies of the Certificate of Death of the late Private Douglas Rendle MacLean.

Jessie. H. Maclean, "Deloraine", Wynnum South, Queensland, wrote to Base Records in December, 1916 requesting the Certificate of Death of her son Douglas Rendle Maclean, No. 4562. Base Records sent a certificate of report of death of the late Private D. R. MacLean on 14th December, 1916.

Base Records wrote to Commanding Officer, 9th Infantry, South Brisbane, Queensland on 10th October, 1916 requesting that they forward as soon as possible the Record Book relating to No. 4562 Private Douglas Pendle MACLEAN, 9th Battalion as it was required to complete the entry of service.

A reply was sent on 25th November, 1916 stating *"An exhaustive search has failed to reveal the abovementioned book. The book no doubt was in the possession of the subject trainee and has been lost."*

Base Records wrote to Mrs J. Maclean, "Deloraine", Wynnum South, Cleveland Line, Queensland on 26th January, 1917 stating that her son *"...was prior to enlisting for Active Service, a member of the 9th Infantry (South Brisbane) under the Universal Training Regulations, and while so serving was issued with a Record of Service Book (Khaki cover). This book is now required to complete entry of service and I shall deem it a favour if you would forward same to this office at your earliest convenience. The Commanding Officer 9th Infantry has been communicated with and he informs me that the Record Book was in your son's possession at date of enlistment."*

Mrs MacLean replied to Base Records in February, 1917 stating that her late son *"...did not have in his possession the Record of Service Book (Khaki cover) for some considerable time before enlistment. I remember quite well he gave it in months before when he was going away up North for awhile to work. I know there was a bother & a good deal of correspondence about it. My son Douglas was very much worried when he was leaving Australia for the front knowing the Record Book had not been found. The same thing has occurred with my son Kenneth, he gave his book in before going to Langlo Downs Station, Charleville last March, he was communicated with about his Book this December."*

Commanding Officer, 9th Infantry, South Brisbane, Queensland wrote to Base Records on 12th February, 1917 stating that they were forwarding under separate cover the Record Book with Australian Imperial Force service entered, relating to No. 4562 Private Douglas Rendle MACLEAN.

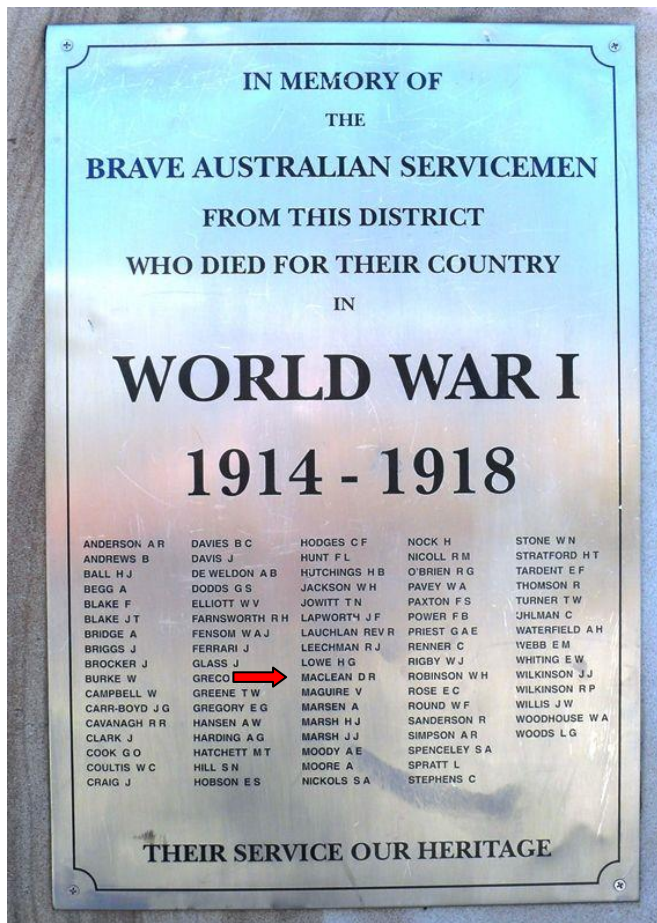
Private Douglas Rendle MacLean was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private MacLean's widowed mother –Mrs J. H. Maclean, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Douglas Rendle MacLean – service number 4836, of 9th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Donald Farquhar MacLean and Jessie Harriet MacLean, of "Deloraine", Wynburn South, Cleveland Line, Queensland.

D. R. MacLean is remembered on the Wynnum High School War Memorial, located in Wynnum State High School, Peel Street, Wynnum, Queensland.



Wynnum High School War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Bill Bale)





The Wynnum Memorial Avenue was planted in 1920 to form an avenue of honour dedicated to the memory of the men from the Wynnum district who died in service or were killed in action in World War One.



**Wynnum Memorial Avenue** (Photos from Monument Australia – Bill Bale)



D. R. MacLean is remembered on the Wynnum & Manly Sailing Club Roll of Honour, located in Manly – Lota RSL Memorial Hall, 184 Melville Terrace, Manly, Brisbane, Queensland.



Wynnum & Manly Sailing Club Roll of Honour (Photo from VWMA – Evan Evans)

Private D. R. MacLean is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 56.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(54 pages of Private Douglas Rendle MacLean's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **CASUALTIES**

#### **THE 209th AND 210th LIST**

ILL

Pte D. R. Maclean, Wynnum

*(Daily Standard, Brisbane, Queensland – 12 September, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

MACLEAN – On the 15th instant, in Hospital, England, from illness, Private Douglas Rendle, aged 20 years, second son of Mrs J. H. Maclean, of Deloraine, Wynnum, and brother of Mrs E. A. Butterworth, of Bonnie Doon, Wynnum.

*(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 20 September, 1916) & (Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 20 September, 1916) & (The Week, Brisbane, Queensland – 22 September, 1916) & (The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 30 Sept, 1916)*

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### **AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES**

#### **LISTS NOS. 231 AND 232**

Died of other Causes

Privates R. Maclean (Wynnum)

*(Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton, Queensland – 11 October, 1916)*

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### **ROLL OF HONOUR**

MACLEAN – To the memory of dear Doug. (Corporal) Douglas R. Maclean, 15th of the 9th, A.I.F.), who died in England, while on active service, September 15th, 1916.

MACLEAN – To the memory of Corporal Douglas Rendle Maclean, A.I.F., died at Tidworth, England, September 15th, 1916.

“E.”

*(Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 15 September, 1917) & (The Queenslander, Brisbane, Queensland – 22 September, 1917)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

MACLEAN – To the memory of Douglas R. Maclean (Cpl. 15th of the 9th Batt., Australian Imperial Forces), died on active service, England, September 15, 1916.

*(Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 14 September, 1918)*

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## **ROLL OF HONOUR**

MACLEAN – Douglas R. Maclean (9th Batt., A.I.F.), September 15, 1916.

*(Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 15 September, 1919)*

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Private D. R. MacLean does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*The AIF Tidworth cemetery under snow. – March 1919.*

*Identified graves marked by a cross and headstone in the foreground*

*Front row: 50727 Private Rowland James Dickson, Australian Machine Gun Corps, died 14 October 1918.*

*Second row, left to right: 18282 Driver John Thalma Jackson, Details Australian Engineers, died 30 October 1917; 17445 Pte Roland Travers Woodville, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 13 September 1917; 31712 Gunner John Alexander McDonald, 15th Field Artillery Brigade, Australian Field Artillery, died 30 July 1917, aged 37, at Tidworth Military Hospital; 3062 Pte Even Thomas Kennedy, 3rd Australian Pioneers, died 7 August 1917.*

*Note Gunner McDonald has a large headstone which reads in part 'erected by his sorrowing comrades of the Australian Field Artillery. His duty done.'*

### **Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England**

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain.

During the First World War, the cemetery was used for burials from Tidworth and Fargo Military Hospitals and the 417 graves, many of them of Australian or New Zealand servicemen, are scattered throughout the cemetery.

There are 106 Second World War graves in the cemetery, two substantial groups of which can be found in sections F and D. The rest are scattered.

The cemetery also contains 40 war graves of other nationalities, many of them Polish.

*(Information from CWGC)*





**Tidworth Military Cemetery** (Photo by *julia&keld* – Find a Grave)



**Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire** (Photo courtesy of *John Prestidge*)





**Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire** *(Photo by Chris Talbot 2009)*



*(Photo courtesy of Portsmouth Remembers – Kevin)*



Photo of Private D. R. Maclean's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire, England.



*(Photo courtesy of Selena Hardie)*



