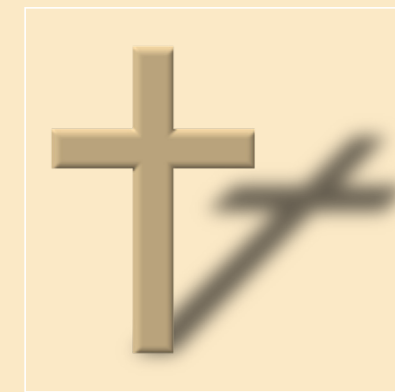


CAPTAIN STANLEY KEITH MUIR MC



Born Elsternwick 8 April 1892

Lived at 26 (now 60) Jolimont Street, Jolimont, 1896-c1908

Education at Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School cut short due to illness

Moved to the Riverina where he became well known as an amateur horse rider

Enlisted on 20 August 1914 and posted to 4th Light Horse ‘A’ Squadron

Embarked with his unit on 19 October 1914 aboard HMAT *Wiltshire*

Missed most of the action on the Gallipoli Peninsula due to illness while ‘A’ Squadron made itself useful digging holes ‘for Turks to fall into’

Fought in the Battle of Lone Pine and witnessed the extensive loss of life on both sides

Ill again; and convalesced in England

Joined the Royal Flying Corps in 1916

Posted to 67th (Australian) Squadron in July 1916; based at Kantara, Egypt on the eastern side of the Suez Canal

Awarded Military Cross. Citation read in part:

For conspicuous dash and skill on 22nd December, 1916. In the attack on TEL-EL-SHARIA BRIDGE (15 miles north of Beersheba), he dropped his bombs from a low height and very accurately. In addition he afforded great assistance to the machine photographing BIR SABA during the same flight, by skilful fighting. He was mainly instrumental in shooting down a Fokker, which he followed down from 10,000 feet to 2,000 feet.

Transferred to 68th (Australian) Squadron and trained in England

Appointed Flight Commander 1917

Flew sorties over France

Killed 22 September 1917 in an accident above his base when his de Havilland DH-5 lost a wing at low height and crashed

Buried with full military honours at Sts Mary and Peter, Harlaxton, Lincolnshire, England

Named on the Australian War Memorial’s Commemorative Roll but not recorded on the Roll of Honour as he was not serving with the Australian Armed Forces

Commemorative Dead Man’s Penny with a letter signed by the King sent to his grieving family.



60 Jolimont Street, Jolimont. EML



Stanley Keith Muir.



Dead Man’s Penny



Church of Sts Mary and Peter, Harlaxton, UK



C Flight, No 1 Squadron, at their base, Kantara, Suez Zone, in front of a Martinsyde plane. Muir is sitting behind, c.May 1917. AWM A05340



Members of A Company, 4LH, without their horses, supported the infantry by digging holes for the Turks to fall into, Gallipoli, c.May-June 1915. AWM P00169.001



Members of 4LH feed their horses aboard HMAT Wiltshire, October 1914. AWM PS0008



Bodies of Australian Soldiers at Lone Pine, 8 August 1915. AWM A04029