

Private William McIntyre[©]
Regimental number: 18289
10th Battalion, Highland Light Infantry

born: about 1893—died: 11 May 1916

Private William McIntyre was a native of Glasgow, Scotland.¹ He was born there in about 1893 and it was there that he enlisted in the 10th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry² in about February 1915.³ He joined the Front just three months later—arriving in France on 12 May 1915.⁴

The 10th Battalion was formed in Hamilton, just outside Glasgow, in August 1914. From there it moved to Bordon—probably to the Bordon and Longmoor Military Camps, British Army training camps in Hampshire, England⁵—to join the 28th Brigade of the 9th Division. In March 1915, the battalion moved to Bramshott, Hampshire—site of another army camp, but this one established by the Canadian army⁶—in preparation for mobilization overseas. On 12 May 1915, the battalion landed at Boulogne in France.⁷ William was with them.

One year after arriving in France, William died of wounds to his back and abdomen at No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station⁸ and was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord (Plot II, Row D, Grave 44).⁹ It is not known when or how William was wounded.

Bailleul is in France, but near the Belgian border, about 15 kilometres southwest of Ypres.¹⁰ It was occupied in October 1914 and became an important hospital centre not just for No. 1 CCCS but also for No. 1 Australian and five British Army casualty clearing stations.

Just after his death, the 10th Battalion merged with the 11th Battalion of the Highland Light Infantry and they served together until the end of the war.¹¹

Not much is known about William's birth family. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre¹² and, after his death, a letter was sent to his mother at 101 Peel Street in Bridgton, Glasgow.¹³ Later his parents were living at Sunnyslaw Cottage, Glen Road, Bridge of Allan in Stirlingshire.¹⁴

William was awarded posthumously the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918), the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre) and the 1914–15 Star (for service in the war against Germany between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915).¹⁵

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