

1307 CAMERON Claude Ewen



Lieut. C. E. Cameron, M.C.

Son of Rev RJ Cameron All Saints' Rectory Nowra born September 13 1894
Entered 1908 Left 1912 Great War 1914-18 (Lieut MC with bar) Commercial
Sydney Ferries Co

Nom Roll 818 Lt MC & Bar 20 Bn Left 18/3/15 RTA 19/2/19

Service Record 828 Clerk Snr Cadets Militia Joined Pte C Coy 20 Bn Embarked
26/6/15 Sgt 21/4/15 MEF Gallipoli 16/8/15 CSM 14/2/16 Egypt 9/1 - 18/3/16 2Lt
France [Pozières] 16/8/16 Lt 16/11/16 WIA [Flers] 19/11/16 WIA [Passchendaele]
22/9/17 MC 8 - 11/8/18 (Villers Bretonneux) Bar to MC 1/2/19 (Mont St Quentin)
Returned 3/4/19 Terminated 2/6/19

Brigadier 1941

[See BEAN VI pp 341, 679-680, 1021ff, 1029 BRIEF NOTE OF WHAT EACH DISCUSSES]

BEAN includes details of Lt Cameron's actions [VI pp 341, 679-680, 1021ff, 1029]

MC "In the morning of the 8th August 1918, in the attack east of VILLERS
BRETONNEUX, near AMIENS, this officer with an MGC attacked a post held by twelve
enemy and 2 MGs which was holding up the advance and causing casualties. [sic]
Accounted for the garrison and captured the guns.

Again on 11 Aug 1918 when the Company advanced at RAINECOURT [CHECK] he
being on his objective with only 12 men consolidating under the point blank fire of a
77mm gun, and that of machine guns and snipers, this officer did great work in
supervising his company and organizing his position.

Throughout the whole operation he showed great coolness and initiative. He also by
his cheerfulness inspired his men to further their efforts in maintaining their difficult
position."

Bar to MC "During the attack on 3 October 1918 between the BEAUREVOIR LINE and
the BEAUREVOIR VILLAGE North of ST QUENTIN our troops were fired on from the
front, right and right-rear, due to other troops not getting on to their objective. Lieut
CAMERON displaying great courage and determination this difficult situation, took
charge of the Battalion and led them to a position in the TORRENS CANAL, where he
formed a defensive flank. His quick action and calm confidence enabled the battalion
to hold the position gained until other troops passed through in a later attack"

TB September, 1933, p. 167 : "Lieut-Colonel CE Cameron, MC, has been appointed
Commander of the 18th Battalion, in which he has occupied practically every position
and rank at various times."

WW II HQ 8 Bde 1941 New Guinea HQ 2 Bde 1944 mid 19/7/45

1936 - 1940 Commanding Officer 18th Infantry Battalion 1940 - 1944

Commanding Officer 8th Australian Infantry Brigade [New Guinea]

1944 Commanding Officer 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade 1945 Retired