CORPORAL JOHN MCNEIL CAMPBELL

Born Melbourne in 1897, only son of the Victorian Manager of the London Bank located at 90 Bourke Street Melbourne

Educated Melbourne Grammar School

Employed as a bank clerk and living with his widowed mother Louise at 2 Bremen Square, (now 111) Simpson Street, East Melbourne in 1914. Bremen Square was renamed Nelson Square soon after the outbreak of war

Enlisted at 17 in the AIF on 30 September 1914 with his mother's consent but gave his age as 19

Trained at Broadmeadows camp then embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Chilka* on 2 February 1915

Joined his unit, 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance, at Lemnos on 11 August 1915

Seriously wounded in the right arm at Anzac Cove on 18 September 1915; treated at a military hospital in Malta

Rejoined his unit in the Suez zone in January 1916; involved in action at Romani, El Arish, Maghdaba and Rafa; promoted to Lance Corporal then Corporal



Bremen Square, now Nelson Square, Simpson Street. EML

Suffered a heart attack and hospitalised for several days in late October 1916

Badly wounded by a bomb at Deir el Belah during the battle of Gaza in May 1917; suffered a serious wound to left leg and thigh

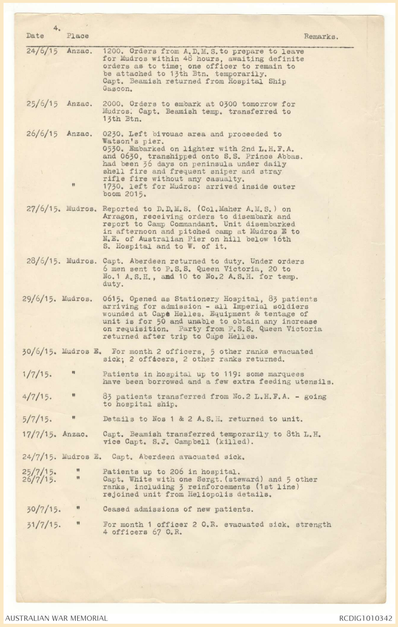
Returned to Australia for discharge as medically unfit in July 1917; discharged 18 January 1918, aged 20

Granted a war pension of 68/- a fortnight, and returned to live with his mother Louise and sister Jean at 111 Simpson Street, East Melbourne; Jean was a well-known author and playwright as well as the lover of John Gorton senior in the 1920s

Married and moved to Queensland; forged a very successful business career as a director of several major public companies

Died in 1964

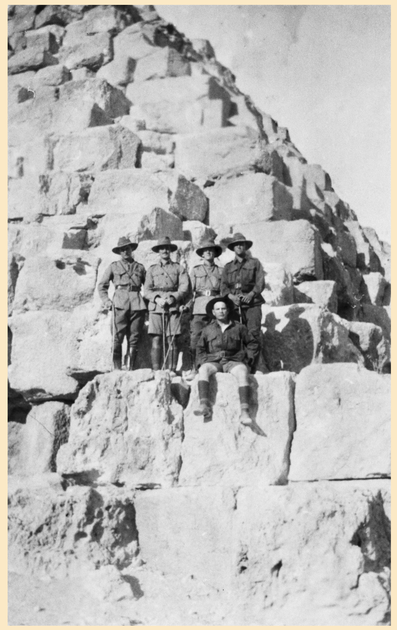
In a bizarre coincidence the hospital ship SS *Maheno* that took Campbell from Lemnos to Malta in 1915 beached off Fraser Island in 1935 where it remains a tourist attraction.



Date	Place	Remarks.
24/6/15	Anzac.	1200. Orders from A.D.M.S. to prepare to leave for Mudros within 40 hours, awaiting definite orders as to time; one officer to remain to be attached to 13th Btn. temporarily. Capt. Beamish returned from Hospital Ship Guascon.
25/6/15	Anzac.	2000. Orders to embark at 0900 tomorrow for Mudros. Capt. Beamish temp. transferred to 13th Btn.
26/6/15	Anzac.	0230. Left bivouac area and proceeded to Watson's pier. 0530. Embarked on lighter with 2nd L.H.F.A. and 0630. transhipped onto S.S. Prince Abbas. Had been 36 days on peninsula under daily shell fire and frequent sniper and stray rifle fire without any casualty. 1730. left for Mudros: arrived inside outer boom 2015.
27/6/15.	Mudros.	Reported to D.D.M.S. (Col.Maher A.M.S.) on Arragon, receiving orders to disembark and report to Camp Commandant. Unit disembarked in afternoon and pitched camp at Mudros E to N.E. of Australian Pier on hill below 16th S. Hospital and to W. of it.
28/6/15.	Mudros.	Capt. Aberdeen returned to duty. Under orders 6 men sent to H.S.S. Queen Victoria, 20 to No.1 A.S.H., and 10 to No.2 A.S.H. for temp. duty.
29/6/15.	Mudros.	0615. Opened as Stationery Hospital, 83 patients arriving for admission - all Imperial soldiers wounded at Cape Helles. Equipment & tentage of unit is for 50 and unable to obtain any increase on requisition. Party from H.S.S. Queen Victoria returned after trip to Cape Helles.
30/6/15.	Mudros E.	For month 2 officers, 5 other ranks evacuated sick; 2 officers, 2 other ranks returned.
1/7/15.	"	Patients in Hospital up to 119: some marquees have been borrowed and a few extra feeding utensils.
4/7/15.	"	83 patients transferred from No.2 L.H.F.A. - going to hospital ship.
5/7/15.	"	Details to Nos 1 & 2 A.S.H. returned to unit.
17/7/15.	Anzac.	Capt. Beamish transferred temporarily to 8th L.H. vice Capt. S.J. Campbell (killed).
24/7/15.	Mudros E.	Capt. Aberdeen evacuated sick.
25/7/15.	"	Patients up to 206 in hospital.
26/7/15.	"	Capt. White with one Sergt.(steward) and 5 other ranks, including 3 reinforcements (1st line) rejoined unit from Heliopolis details.
30/7/15.	"	Ceased admissions of new patients.
31/7/15.	"	For month 1 officer 2 O.R. evacuated sick, strength 4 officers 67 O.R.

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A group of soldiers posing on a pyramid. John McNeil Campbell on right. AWM P02114.006



Members of 3LHFA carrying wounded soldiers to ambulance, Mena 1915. AWM A02709



Moving the wounded from Rafa, via cacolet, camel transport. The wounded men had to travel 25 miles in this uncomfortable position. AWM J01090



Unloading medical supplies for 3LHFA on Suez Canal, 1916. AWM J02653



3LHFA ambulance at Suez Zone, 1916. AWM J02627



Turkish wounded being treated by 3LHFA during Battle of Romani, 1916. AWM J02655