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On behalf of the Canberra National Memorials Committee the Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Regional Development, Regional Australia and Local Government, has approved the Boer War

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## Private John McCance

## Ancestor Details



Private Jack McCance C1902

Name of Ancestor: John (Jack) Elmer McCance

Ancestor's date of birth: 28/11/1878

Ancestor's date of death: 09/08/1915

Cause of Death: Received shrapnel wound to back (Paraplegia), at Gallipoli.

Service Number: 78

Colony or State of enlistment: VIC Place of Enlistment: Castlemaine, Vic.

Unit: 1st Victorian Mounted Rifles

ank attained in Boer War: PTE, Date Effective: 28/10/1899

Highest Rank attained (if served after war): CPL, Date Effective: 16/09/1914

Murray Page: 227

Contingent: 1st Victorian

Ship: Medic. Date of Sailing: 28/10/1899

Ship: H.M.T. St. Andrew, Date of Sailing: 12/02/1902

Other Boer War Service: Served in South Africa with the 2nd Battalion, Aust. C'V Horse (Murray P.312) Regt. No. 534. Enlisted Langwarrin 23.1.1902, discharged

2.8.1902.

Memorial details: Buried plot J, Grave 131, Chatby War Mem. Cemetery, Alexandria

Decorations: S.A. Medal 1899-1902

Personal Characteristics: Mount Alexander Mail (Castlemaine) Newspaper 19.8.1915 reports his death and describes him as '...a nat Chewton, and was respected and admired by all, being of a bright disposition and gentlemanly demeanor ...'

Reasons to go and fight: To serve Queen and country.

Details of service in war: Seriously wounded in an engagement with the Boers at Hobkirk's Farm near Rensburg on 12.2.1900. Bullet p through lung and remained in his body. Taken prisoner by the Boers and later released when Lord Robert's column arrived in Pri Invalided to Aust. 6.9.1900. Enlisted with 2nd Aust.C'Wealth Horse and returned to Sth. Africa.

Service and life after the Boer War: Enlisted 4th Aust.L.H. Regt. on 19.8.1914(still with the Boer bullet in his body), proi  $Cpl.16.9.1914. Regt. \ No. \ 458. \ Embarked \ "Wiltshire" \ 19.10.1914 \ for \ Egypt. \ Embarked \ Alexandria \ 20.5.1915 \ for \ Gallipoli. \ Wounded \ Gallipoli \ Gallip$ 30.7.1915, transported by Hosp. Ship "Rewa" to Alexandria where he died at 19th Gen. Hosp. on 9.8.1915.



Corporal Jack McCance 1914



Aircraftsman Peter McCance 1953

## **Descendant Details**

Name of Descendant: Peter McCance, Rosebud West VIC

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Relationship to Ancestor: Nephew

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