



**Lieutenant Colonel S.L. McINTYRE MC, MM**

[1887 – 1951]



**Colonel McIntyre was President of the Club in 1949**

Sidney Lewis McIntyre was born in Broughton Vale, near Berry, NSW on 17 October 1888.

His father was Lewis Alexander McIntyre [1857-1926], a dairy farmer later of Peachester, Qld and his mother Grace Eliza (née Baker) [1865– 1926].

He was the second of seven children. His youngest brother, Lance Corporal Cecil Gladstone McIntyre was killed in action with 42<sup>nd</sup> Battalion at Armentieres, France in January 1917.

The family had moved to Queensland by 1908 – having lived in dairy areas of the NSW South Coast and in the Hunter Valley.

He attended Canterbury School to Intermediate level and Maitland High School to Leaving Certificate. He followed his father into the dairy industry.

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He lived at Tumblegum, Tweed Valley, NSW and Peachester before taking up dairy farming at Gympie after the First World War. During the Second World War he was living at Brentwood Street, Clayfield - and described as a dairy produce merchant.

He married Evelyn Mabel "Daisy" (née Goring) [1886-1955] at Murwillumbah in 1919.

They had three children:

- Stanley Cecil Lewis "Peter" [1919-1984] born in Gympie, a company manager, died in Queensland. Served in World War Two<sup>1</sup>
- Ian Alexander [1922-1966] born in Gympie, died in Brisbane. Served in World War Two<sup>2</sup>
- A daughter born in Brisbane in 1924, only recorded as "Bubbles" – and no further information uncovered.

It is possible that McIntyre had some short pre World War 1 service with the Berry Squadron of the NSW Lancers. His recorded military service follows:

4 October 1914	Enlisted to Australian Army Service Corps. (#1786) AASC Lance Corporal
14 May 1915	Promoted Sergeant
8 July 1915	Promoted to Acting Warrant Officer and RQMS at 1 <sup>st</sup> Divisional Ammunition Park, ANZAC Cove
4 March 1916	Transferred to 9 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion
24 March 1916	Appointed as Lieutenant and Quartermaster
24 March 1917	Promoted to Honorary Captain and Quartermaster
7 November 1917	Mentioned in Dispatches for "... distinguished and gallant service in the field February to September 1917..."
4 June 1918	Awarded the Military Cross
3 February 1919	Appointment terminated
1 July 1920	to Reserve of Officers
1 September 1926	to Retired List
26 March 1942	Mobilised (as Q201206) (aged 53) for part-time duty with No.2 Battalion, Volunteer Defence Corps (Qld)
28 July 1942	Promoted Major
4 October 1942	Promoted Lieutenant Colonel to be Commanding Officer
October 1942	Attended Senior Officers Camouflage and Deception School, Georges Heights, Sydney
30 June 1946	Relinquished Command 2 Bn VDC To Retired List (VDC) 1 MD

Details of the actions for which his Military Cross was awarded have not been located. However, it is notable that this award was made to a battalion quartermaster. In some publications and records, Colonel McIntyre is recognised as having a Military Medal (MM). However, the award does not appear in any official documents uncovered in this research. As an award to other ranks, this could only have been awarded for gallantry by him before March 1916 – most likely in the Gallipoli campaign. He was commended for gallantry by the ANZAC Corps commander for his actions in suppressing an artillery ammunition stockpile fire on 14 July 1915. This may have been the source of the award.

Between the wars, he was a past president of the Toombul sub-branch of the RSSAILA ("RSL").

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<sup>1</sup> QX31976 Sergeant S.C.L. McIntyre, 57 Australian Anti-Aircraft Regiment [1942-46]

<sup>2</sup> I.A. McIntyre, as Q16766 Private in 9 Battalion [1941-42], as QX33329 Private in 2/25<sup>th</sup> Australian Infantry Training Battalion [1942-43], and as 435196 Flying Officer in 2 GSU, RAAF [1943-46]

Colonel McIntyre joined the Club in 1944. He was first elected to the Committee in 1945. He was President 1949-50 and died in office as Immediate Past President.

In 1946 he chaired a sub-committee to arrange debenture raising to finance the Montpelier building purchase.



Cartoon of the Club Committee at the time of the move from George Street to Wickham Terrace in 1947. A smiling Colonel McIntyre is depicted at the right rear in the chef's *toque*

Colonel McIntyre died in Brisbane on 16 July 1951 and is buried at Peachester.

Sources included:

- Various web pages
- *United Service Club, Queensland: The First Century, 1892-1992* by Flight Lieutenant Murray Adams and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Charlton
- Club Meeting Minutes, Annual Reports, and sundry documents
- NAA Service Records
- *Campaigning with the Fighting Ninth* C.M. Wrench Boolarong Publications 1985