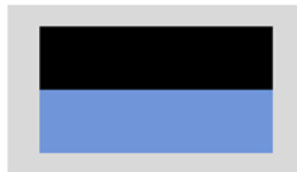




Major Frederick Ewen Cameron LOXTON

[1912 - 1944]



Name: Frederick Ewen Cameron **LOXTON**

Rank: Major

Honours, Awards & Decorations: Mentioned in Dispatches Posthumously, 15 March 1945

Service Number: QX 6030

Unit: 2/9 Battalion

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Service: Australian Army

Born: 28 April 1912; Cairns, Qld

Enlisted: 24 October 1939; Brisbane, Qld

Date of Death: 21 January 1944 (aged 31 years)

Place of Death: Finisterre Ranges, New Guinea

Cause of Death: Killed in Action

Buried / Commemorated: Lae War Cemetery [grave F.B.6]
 Australian War Memorial [panel 33]
 Roll of Honour – Brisbane, Qld

Next of Kin: Son of Frederick Ewen and Alice Marian Kate Loxton of Ascot, Qld

In Civilian Life:

At enlistment, lived at Ascot, Qld with his parents; and was a barrister-at-law. Educated at Melbourne Grammar School and Pembroke College, Cambridge University (B.A., LL.B.). He was called to the English Bar at Inner Temple in 1934.

Military Service:

1930	OTC Cambridge University & 61 Bn (Queensland Cameron Highlanders)
October 1939	Lieutenant; Intelligence Officer 2/9 Battalion
May 1940	embarked for UK; Liaison Officer 18 Infantry Brigade
December 1940	embarked for Middle East; 2/9 Battalion
August 1940	Captain; GSO 3, HQ 9 Division
September 1941	HQ 18 Infantry Brigade
February 1942	embarked for Australia
March 1943	25 Infantry Training Battalion; 18 Infantry Training Battalion
August 1943	Major; embarked for New Guinea 2/9 Infantry Battalion
22 January 1944	Killed in Action; Buried Kumbarum, on the Ramu River near Madang.
January 1944	Reburied Dumpu War Cemetery, Ramu Valley.
June 1944	Reburied Lae War Cemetery

Circumstances of Death:

In January 1944 2/9 Battalion was assaulting Shaggy Ridge in the Finisterre Ranges near Madang, Papua New Guinea. McCaughey's Knoll was a dominating feature that was nominated as the objective for A Company, commanded by Major Loxton. The company attack was successful, but Major Loxton was killed by a shell while directing his troops.

Sources included:

- Australian War Memorial
- National Archives of Australia
- Sundry 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