

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

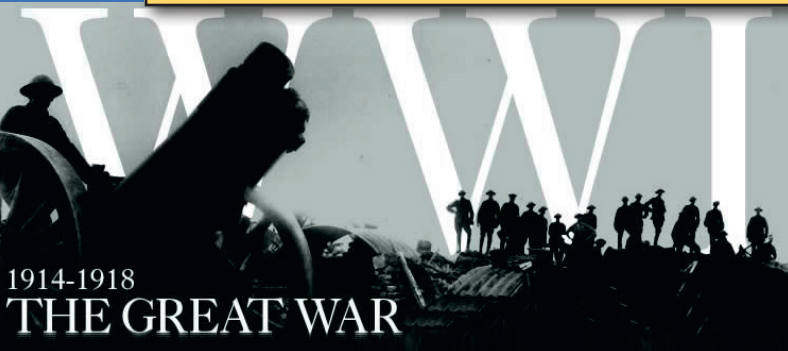
ARCHER, Fred

Service Number: 4017

Rank: Private

*"Coo-ee-
Wont YOU
come?"*

From 1914 - 1918, 465 volunteers from Braidwood and the District
joined the Australian Imperial Force in World War I.
88 lost their lives, never to return home. This is their story.



100
YEARS OF
ANZAC

THE SPIRIT
LIVES
2014 - 2018

Introduction

This year, 2015, marks the centenary of the start of the Gallipoli campaign and Australia's involvement as a nation in the greatest and most terrible conflict ever seen to that time. Australians joined their Armed Forces in large numbers. Their motives were as varied as their upbringings, from a need to save the Empire, of which Australia was an integral part, to the desire to have a great adventure.

Braidwood and district were no exception. Over the four years from 1914 to 1918, from a population of about 5000, 465 men and women from what is now the 2622 postcode area – including Braidwood, Majors Creek, Araluen, Mongarlowe, Nerriga, Ballalaba and Jembaicumbene joined the Navy or Army. Of these 377 returned to Australia. Sadly, 88 lost their lives.

A varying amount of their history is recorded in the Australian War Memorial. Some of their names, but not all, are recorded on local memorials. More is recorded in limited local histories and newspapers, not readily available to the general public; and the people who lived with and knew these distant relatives are also passing on.

The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch has collected all the information available from the Australian War Memorial and local sources, including the Braidwood Museum. Families, still resident in the district, have added their family knowledge and their precious memorabilia.

This booklet is the available story of **Fred Archer**, one of the 88 Braidwood volunteers who did not return from World War I. It contains his details as recorded in the World War I Roll of Honour, his Enlistment Papers, Field Service records, any Casualty notification, correspondence relating to his death, details of decorations won, any available photos, and, in some instances, family correspondence or recollections.

Fred Archer died for his country, for you and for me. Please pause a moment to remember him.

Lest We Forget.

WORLD WAR I

World War I lasted four years, from 4 August 1914 until 11 November 1918. It began after the assassination of the heir to the Austrian throne. The axis powers were Germany and Austria. Russia and France were the initial allies. When Germany invaded Belgium, Britain entered the war on the side of Russia and France.

The war was in Europe, the Western Front was in France and Belgium. The Eastern Front was Russia and Austria-Hungary. Africa was another front because of colonial possessions on that continent, and after Turkey entered the war on 1 November 1914, the Middle East became another theatre of war.

Australians generally thought of themselves as an integral part of the British Empire and the Australian Army and Navy were part of the Imperial Forces. In 1914, Australia's Prime Minister, Andrew Fisher, immediately promised Australian support for Britain 'to the last man and the last shilling.' The Australian population was less than five million. 324,000 Australians served overseas. 61,720 lost their lives. 155,000 were wounded. 4,044 became prisoners of war (397 died while captive).

The first Australian troops were sent to Egypt in 1915. The ANZACS – Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – were engaged in battle on the Gallipoli Peninsula against the Turks to control the Dardanelles' and open the way to Eastern Europe with their fateful landing on 25 April 1915.

The ANZACS were evacuated on 19-20 December 1915. The Gallipoli campaign resulted in the deaths of 7,600 Australians and the wounding of 19,000. Despite the defeat, the legend attached to the heroism, comradeship and valour of the soldiers remain a source of Australian pride and national identity.



ROLL OF HONOUR

FRED ARCHER

Service Number: 4017

Rank: Private

Unit: 47th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 10 August 1916

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 22

Place of association: Braidwood, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux, Picardie, France

Source: AWM145 Roll of Honour cards, 1914-1918 War, Army

Location on the Roll of Honour:

Fred Archer's name is located at **panel 143** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial.

47th Battalion

Private Fred Archer was a member of the 47th Battalion, which was raised in Egypt on 24 February 1916, as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its new recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 15th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 15th, the new battalion was composed mostly of men recruited in Queensland and Tasmania. Fred had enlisted in Tasmania. The new battalion was incorporated into the 12th Brigade of the Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 9 June 1916, the 47th entered the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 3 July. It participated in its first major battle at Pozières. Initially, the battalion provided working parties during the 2nd Division's attack on 4 August, and then, with its own division, defended the ground that had been captured. The 47th endured two stints in the heavily-contested trenches of Pozières, as well as a period in reserve.

Private ARCHER was killed on Thursday the 10th of August 1916 during the battle of Pozieres. He was just 22 years old.

Poizieres, a small village in the Somme valley in France, was the scene of bitter and costly fighting for the 1st, 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions in mid-1916. The village was captured initially by the 1st Division on 23 July 1916. The division clung to its gains despite almost continuous artillery fire and repeated German counter-attacks but suffered heavily. By the time it was relieved on 27 July it had suffered 5,285 casualties.

After Pozières, the battalion spent the period up until March 1917 alternating between duty in the trenches and training and rest behind the lines. On 11 April it took part in the attack mounted against the heavily defended village of Bullecourt - part of the formidable Hindenburg Line to which the Germans had retreated during February and March. Devoid of surprise, and dependent upon the support of unreliable tanks, the attack failed. Later in the year, the focus of the AIF's operations switched to the Ypres sector in Belgium where the 47th took part in the battles of Messines and Passchendaele.

The 47th rotated in and out of the front line throughout the winter of 1917-18. In the spring of 1918, it played a role in turning the great German Spring Offensive by defeating attacks around Dernancourt during the last days of March and the first days of April 1918. One of the battalion's actions at Dernancourt is depicted in a diorama at the Australian War Memorial. For his valorous actions at Dernancourt Sergeant Stanley MacDougall was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The defeat of the German offensive had come at a cost though. Due to heavy casualties and a lack of reinforcements from Australia, three brigades were directed to disband one of their battalions to reinforce the other three. The 12th Brigade was one of these, and on 31 May 1918 the 47th Battalion was disbanded.

Colour Patch





PRIVATE FRED ARCHER #4017

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16271
AUSTRALIAN



KILLED IN ACTION

MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 4017 Name ARCHER Fred
Unit 12/15 in Battalion
Joined on 31/8/15

12th, P-1st's
15th, Battalion.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? *67* 1. Fred Archer
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of *Major's Creek* in the County of *N.S.W.*
3. Are you a natural born British Subject ~~or a Naturalized British Subject~~ (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) 3. *Yes*
4. What is your age? 4. *22*
5. What is your trade or calling? 5. *Farmer*
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? 6. *No*
7. Are you married? 7. *No*
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) 8. *Father / John William Archer
Major's Creek
via Broadwood N.S.W.*
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? 9. *No*
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incorrigible and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with Disgrace from the Navy? 10. *No*
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge 11. *No*
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? 12. *Yes*
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? 13. *No*
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—
Do you understand that no separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? 14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? 15. *Yes*

I, *Fred W. Archer* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth. — *F. Archer*

And I further agree to allot not less than ^{two-fifths}/_{three-fifths} of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife.*† *F. Archer.*

Date *31 8 15* *F. Archer.* — *F. Archer.*
Signature of person enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 4017

WAR GRATUITY SCHEDULE

D 31a 18/15

Rank *Pte*

Name ARCHER, F.

Unit

47th late 15th Bn

Casualty

18/8/16 killed in action to D.R. 345/6a + 9B 40th London 30. P. 1/16

DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO.
9.9.16	M.C. 6 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. <i>10/8/16</i>	
9.9.16	M.C. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. <i>10/8/16</i>	
20.9.16	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF Cable No. <i>4017/16 345/16 2/16 3/16 4/16 5/16</i>	
15 8 17	Mother asking information re Will	248
21 8 17	Reply sent	
29 9 17	Mother asking for Effects + Effort	210
9 10 17	Reply sent to 29.9.17	
21 10 17	Mother asking for War Medal	
	NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. <i>16/1141</i>	

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
Pamphlet sent to *M. J. H. Archer* on *13.10.21*



Circular B.R.M. 48/1308 & Booklet re Graves despatched

To Comdt. *2nd* M.D. B.R.M. 51/1050

1914/1915 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229

15/59 & *15300*

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. *2nd* M.D. B.R.M. 58/1339



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3/9/20

30.9.21

LIST.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

4017

47th Battalion, A.I.F.

Regiment or Corps ~~12/15th Battalion~~

Regimental No. 4017 Rank Pte Name ARCHER Fred

Enlisted (a) 31/8/15 Terms of Service (a) & 4 months Duration of War Service reckons from (a) 31/8/15

Date of promotion to present rank Date of appointment to lance rank Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended Re-engaged Qualification (b)

Date	Report From whom received	Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.	
	C.O. 15th Bn	Trans: to 47th Batta	Tel el Kebir	9/3/15	B.213	A.P.5296
11-3-16	C.O. 47th Bn	Taken on Strength	do	do	B.213	A.P.6603 D.O.2/327
2/6/16	C.O. H.T. Caledonia	Proceeded to join B.E.F. Disembarked at	Alexandria Marseilles	2/6/16 9/6/16	A.P.8616 L.R.5762	
12/8/16	C.O. 47th Bn	Killed in Action	France	10/8/16	B.213 A.Q.2702	V.L.53 19/8/16 D.O.28/2349

J. J. Morgan
Lieut. Officer i/c Records
Anzac Section 3rd Echelon G.H.Q.
British Expeditionary Force

*Based 500 yds. N.E. of P. Point
M. 57 D. SE. XSA R35C*

V.R.1 (61)

(a) In the case of a man who has re-engaged for, or enlisted into, Section D, Army Reserve, particulars of such re-engagement or enlistment will be entered.
(b) e.g. Signaller, Shooting Instructor, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

(P.T.O.)

*Major's book
31-10-17*

*Officer in charge,
Base Records
Victoria Barracks,
Melbourne.*

*Sir,
My son No 4017 Private Fred Archer
47th Battalion (late 15th) was killed in action
10th August 1916. I am his mother and do you
think I am entitled to a war-medal? If so
will you please send me an application form
Kindly oblige*

*(M^{rs}) J. Archer
Major's book
Vic Braidedwood
c/o S. Males*



*Quil Morgan
214*

Dear A.

N/E

JUL 1967

1st April 1967.

Laughtondale.

Via Wiseman's Ferry
C.P. & W.D.

Sirs,

I am writing to ask if I am entitled to receive one of these medals, or any other such medal. I am the only sister living - there are two brothers, older.

My brother who was killed was -

Private Fred Archer, P.O. 4617.

D. Company, 4th Battalion (late 15th) A.I.F.

He was born at Major's Creek (near Braidwood) Existed in Tasmania August, 1915.

Sailed from Melbourne 2nd November, on the "Orontes". Killed at Pozieres France, 10th August 1916.

He was in supports, in trench, and on 10th August, about 2 o'clock in afternoon, he was sent on fatigue duty to Battalion Headquarters, with four or five others, while they were working, a shell burst among them. Fred was very badly wounded and died on the way to the dressing-station. He lived, but a hour, after he was wounded, and buried that evening at Lumber Road, at Pozieres, France, on the 10th August, 1916. Aged 23 years. (over)

I remain,

Yours Truly,

(Mrs) Rose Lloyd.

Laughtondale.

Via Wiseman's Ferry
C.P. & W.D.

(Mr Gordonson, 13 years, is interested.)

In Memory of
Private
Fred Archer

4017, 47th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 10 August 1916 Age 22

Son of John William and Emma Ann Archer, of Major's Creek, New South Wales.

Remembered with Honour
Villers-Bretonneux Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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Group portrait of 73 men of the 47th Battalion at Hastiere. Handwritten on the photograph are the words "Remnants 47th Battalion (1914-1918) Hastiere, Belgique. AIF". On the back of the photograph is a message "From Bert with best wishes to all". Also written on the back probably at a later date is "10.4.18 - 1100 soldiers in 47th Battalion. Approx 73 left". Identified are 3162 Private Herbert James Kingston (second from right, front row seated) and probably 4409 Charles Gibert Smith (centre of group with large moustache).

Acknowledgements

Everybody responded enthusiastically to the idea of capturing the information about Braidwood's 88 World War I veterans who lost their lives. The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch is most grateful for the support they received in carrying out this task and would like to acknowledge those of whom we are aware: Karen, Chris and Renee Nelson, Roslyn Maddrell, Karen Shea, Jill Clarke, Rod McClure, Meaghan & Ben Frohling, Diane McGrath, Us On Mondays Quilting Group, Len Mutton & Co and local shopkeepers for their World War I window displays.

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To all those who helped in any way, many thanks. Your efforts have ensured we remember these Braidwood and District Veterans well.

Back Cover: Peace Day, 11th November 1918, Wallace Street, Braidwood.

"Wild day in Braidwood: When Braidwood woke up on Tuesday morning to find the 'glad tidings of great joy' awaiting it that Germany had signed the armistice and the frightful carnage of the past four years or so had come to an end it simply went mad with delight. No other words could adequately describe the excitement that followed." "Braidwood Letters from the Front" by Roslyn Maddrell.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Alley, Clair Underwood
Archer, Fred
Backhouse, Victor John
Barnett, Frederick George
Barry, Charles Louis
Beatty, Walter Cusack
Bell, John Henry Edward
Black, George Scott
Bruce, Thomas Fraser
Byrne, Cecil John
Callan, William Henry
Catlin, Robert Henry
Clarke, Lester Thomas
Cook, Thomas John
Crandell, Christopher George
Cregan, Clarence Theodore Augustus
Cullen, Henry Thomas
Davis, John Henry
Davis, Oscar Raymond Stanley
Dawson, Edric Athol
Dayball, Arthur Joseph
Dempsey, Charles Frederick
Dempsey, Charles
Dowell, Frederick Robert
Feeney, William
Fisher, Osborne
Flack, John Foster
Garnett, Henry James
Geelan, Robert Michael
Gosling, Fred
Gough, James
Green, Francis Henry
Healy, Myrtle James
Howard, John Alexander
Huggett, William
Hunt, Frederick William
Hunt, John
Hush, Percy Alfred
Hush, Thomas
Hush, Austin Septimus
Innes, Henry George
Kelly, Herbert Albert
Kemp, Leslie Smith
Keyte, Robert
Knight, Charles Oliver
Lee, Thomas James
Lennon, James
Lupton, Spencer
Lynch, James Joseph
Matthews, Francis
McCool, Francis Leslie Neil
McDonald, Alexander Joseph
McLean, Donald
McRae, Finley Arnold
Meade, Arthur Stuart
Merton, Thomas David
Montgomery, Stanley
Moore, William
Newberry, Alwyn (Alwin) Horace James
O'Brien, Thomas Daniel
O'Reilly, John
Pooley, Edward
Rex, Horace Joseph
Riley, Frank
Roberts, Frederick Bede
Robinson, William James
Rodgers, Albert
Seidel, Alfred George
Seidel, Henry Edward
Sharpe, George Lyle
Sharpe, Reginald
Sherman, Edgar Robert
Sherman, Percy Frederick
Simmons, George
Smith (Greenwood), George
Spicer, William Henry
Steele, Alexander Norman
Stein, Daniel Godfrey
Stewart, David Walter
Styles, Reginald Lucian
Torpy, Patrick Edward
Torpy, Thomas Patrick
Walker, William Albert
Watt, James
Watt, Oscar Harold McClure
White, Alister
Whitelaw, Thomas Philip
Wilson, Samuel Charles

Lest We Forget