

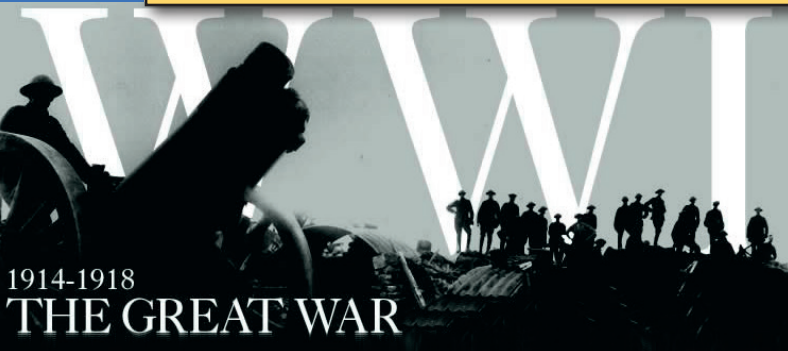
# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"We will remember them well"*

## A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



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.



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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 **Walter Cusack Beatty**, 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.

**Walter Cusack Beatty** 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

## WALTER CUSACK BEATTY

**Service Number:** 1604A

**Rank:** Private

**Unit:** 13th Australian Infantry Battalion

**Service:** Australian Army

**Conflict:** First World War, 1914-1918

**Date of death:** 08 August 1915

**Place of death:** Gallipoli, Ottoman Empire

**Cause of death:** Died of wounds

**Place of association:** West Maitland, Australia

**Cemetery or memorial details:** New Zealand No 2  
Outpost Cemetery, Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale Province,  
Turkey

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

**Location on the Roll of Honour:** Walter Cusack Beatty's  
name is located at **panel 68** in the Commemorative Area  
at the Australian War Memorial

## 13th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 13th Battalion AIF was raised from late September 1914, six weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. The battalion was recruited in New South Wales, and with the 14th, 15th and 16th Battalions formed the 4th Brigade, commanded by Colonel John Monash.

The Brigade embarked for overseas in late December. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, it proceeded to Egypt, arriving in early February 1915. Australia already had an AIF division there, the 1st. When the 4th Brigade arrived in Egypt it became part of the New Zealand and Australian Division.

*The 4th Brigade landed at ANZAC Cove late in the afternoon of 25 April 1915. From May to August, the battalion was heavily involved in establishing and defending the ANZAC front line. In August, the 4th Brigade attacked Hill 971. The hill was taken at great cost, although Turkish reinforcements forced the Australians to withdraw. The 13th also suffered casualties during the attack on Hill 60 on 27 August. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.*



*Members of 13th Battalion, AIF, occupying Quinn's Post on the heights above Anzac Cove.*

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. While in Egypt the AIF was expanded and was reorganised. The 13th Battalion was split and provided experienced soldiers for the 45th Battalion. The 4th Brigade was combined with the 12th and 13th Brigades to form the 4th Australian Division.

In June 1916, the 13th sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918, the battalion took part in bloody trench warfare. Its first major action in France was at Pozieres in August. In February 1917, Captain W. H. Murray, who had transferred to the 13th from the 16th Battalion, earned the Victoria Cross for his actions during an attack near Gueudecourt. He became one of the most highly decorated officers in the AIF. The 13th Battalion, along with most of the 4th Brigade, suffered heavy losses at Bullecourt in April when the brigade attacked strong German positions without the promised tank support. The battalion spent much of the remainder of 1917 in Belgium advancing to the Hindenburg Line.

In March and April 1918, the battalion helped to stop the German spring offensive. It subsequently played a role in the great allied offensive of 1918, fighting near Amiens on 8 August 1918. This advance by British and empire troops was the greatest success in a single day on the Western Front, one that German General Erich Ludendorff described as "...the black day of the German Army in this war...".

The 4th Brigade continued operations until late September 1918. On 18 September Maurice Buckley, serving as Sergeant Gerald Sexton, was awarded the Victoria Cross for valour near Le Verguier. At 11 am on 11 November 1918, the guns fell silent. In November 1918 members of the AIF began to return to Australia for demobilisation and discharge.



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MILITARY FORCES.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 1604.

Name Beatty Walter Cusack

Unit

Joined on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1915

13<sup>th</sup> Bn

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- 1. What is your Name? ..... 1. Walter Cusack Beatty
- 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? ..... 2. In the Parish of Braidwood in or near the Town of ..... in the County of New South Wales
- 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ..... 3. Natural Born British Subject
- 4. What is your age? ..... 4. 20
- 5. What is your trade or calling? ..... 5. miner
- 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 R. C. Beatty, Raymond St Telarah, 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. served 3 years in 14<sup>th</sup> Inf
- 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 and Widowers with children)—Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you either before or after embarkation during your term of service? ... 14.

I, Walter Cusack Beatty 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.

\*And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife and children three-fifths

Date 25.1.1915

Signature of person enlisted.

\* This clause to be amended where necessary and should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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No. ~~1604~~ 1604a

Rank Private ✓ Name

Beatty W. C.

Unit

13<sup>th</sup> Battalion ✓

Casualty 8/8/15 Died of Wounds, Cable No. 2146 M.F.C. 15263 dated 7/9/15 215

8/8/15 Died of wounds at Gallipoli Peninsula. Buried in cemetery near left bank of Chailatz Dere 200 yards from beach, 2 miles north of Anzac Cove Gallipoli Peninsula. A.F. B. 2080A Received.

DATE

A.F. B. 103 Received

PURPORT.

OBITUARY REPORT RECEIVED

REF. No.

10-9-15.

M. C. 7 advised (died wounds)

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. M.F.C. 15263 vide 190/126

26 11 15 10% adv. re: M.F.C. 15263

7 6 16 not working for effects

7 6 16 reply sent to 7.6.16

NO PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No. 16/1447

WAR HISTORY INDEX



C.M. Form 7 Returned to H.Q. A.O.V. P. 2 of W. 2/1/686 20.

Circular B.R.M. 46/1368 & Booklet re Graves despatched 1/12/1915 304-20



1.10.15 Copy made for War Division -

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST." Pamphlet sent to M.R.C. Beatty 2/2/21 10910

To Comd. 3rd M.O. B.R.M. 51772

Do/Steo LIST

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**FIELD SERVICE.**

REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of notification of death on Army Form B. 213 or Army Form A. 36 or from other official documentary sources.

REGIMENT } **13th Battalion A/I F** Squadron, Troop, Battery }  
or } }  
CORPS } } or Company }

Regtl. No. **1604A** Rank **Private**

Name **BEATTY W C**

Died { Date **8/8/15**  
Place **Gallipoli Peninsula**  
Cause of Death \* **Died from Wounds received in action**

Nature and Date of Report **Burial Report dated 8/8/15**

By whom made **D.A.A.G. N.Z. & A. Division**

\* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

Burial { Place **Buried in Cemetery near left bank of Chailak Dere 200 yards from beach, 2 miles north of Anzac Cove, Gallipoli Peninsula**  
Date **8/8/15**  
By whom reported **D.A.A.G. N.Z. & A. Division**

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) **Not yet to hand**  
(b) in Small Book (if at Base) **-**  
(c) as a separate document **-**

All private documents and effects received from the front or hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible. *gal*

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this Report.

Signature of Officer in charge of Section Adjutant-General's Office at the Base

*Cyril J. Griffiths Major*

D. C. Australian Records Section,  
for A. A. G.  
G. H. Q. 3rd. Echelon, M. E. F.

Station and Date **Alexandria, 3/10/15**



Casualty Form — Active Service **REINFORCEMENTS**

Regiment or Corps **13<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION.**  
 Regimental No. **1604A** Rank **Pvt** Name **Beatty W.C.**  
 Enlisted (a) **22-1-15** Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of promotion to } \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment } \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on }  
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		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.
Date	From whom received				
8/8/15	Burial Report (D.A.G. N.Z. & A. Division George Cove)	Buried in Cemetery near left bank of Chalak Dere 200 yds from Beach, 2 miles north of Anzac Cove	Gallipoli	8-8-15	A3393
7/8/15	Bde Major	Wounded	Gallipoli	7-8-15	A4559 MFC 15262/3 28/8/15

(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, Shoering Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties. P.T.O.

Casualty Form — Active Service.

Regiment or Corps **13th Battalion A I F**  
 Regimental No. **1604A** Rank **Private** Name **BEATTY W G**  
 Enlisted (a) **22/1/15** Terms of Service (a) **War & 4 months** Service reckons from (a) **22/1/15**  
 Date of promotion to } \_\_\_\_\_ Date of appointment } \_\_\_\_\_ Numerical position on }  
 present rank } to lance rank } roll of N.C.Os. }  
 Extended \_\_\_\_\_ Re-engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification (b) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		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.
Date	From whom received				
7/8/15	Brigade Major	Wounded	Gallipoli Peninsula	7/8/15	<del>A/4559</del> A/4559
8/8/15	D A A G N Z & A Division Anzac Cove	(Burial Report) Buried in Cemetery near left bank of Chalak Dere 200 yards from beach, 2 miles north of Anzac Cove	"	8/8/15	A/3393 (Cabled died of wounds) MFC 15262/3, 28/8/15 Part II 16/1/32

*Cyril J. Griffiths Major*  
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Homeville West Maitland  
N.S.W.

The Officer in charge.

Base Records

Melbourne.

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WMP

Dear Sir:

I am writing for any information you may be able to give, about any effects taken from the body of my late son

Private W. C. Beatty No 1604, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rein, 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, who died of wounds on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1915 at Gallipoli.

His mother & I would be pleased to receive anything left by him or taken from him when he died.

Trusting to hear from you and thanking you in anticipation I remain yours Faithfully

R. C. Beatty  
Homeville

West Maitland  
N.S.W.



1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed	Beatty, Walter Gusack:
2. Member's number, rank, and unit	1604, Pte., 13th Batt
3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed	Beatty, Emily: Raymond Street, Homeville, W Maitland.
4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces	Mother.
5. Result of Claim	£2 p.f granted from 23:9:16
6. Name and address of Trustee (if any)	

D.M.P. 12-1-1916

*C. H. Harrison*  
Deputy Commissioner of Pensions  
at Sydney



In Memory of

Private

# Walter Cusack Beatty

1604A, 13th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 08 August 1915

Son of Robert Cusack Beatty and Emily Beatty. Of Braidwood, New South Wales.

Remembered with Honour

New Zealand No.2 Outpost Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission





*Ataturk quote at Anzac Cove.*

## **Acknowledgements**

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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

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