

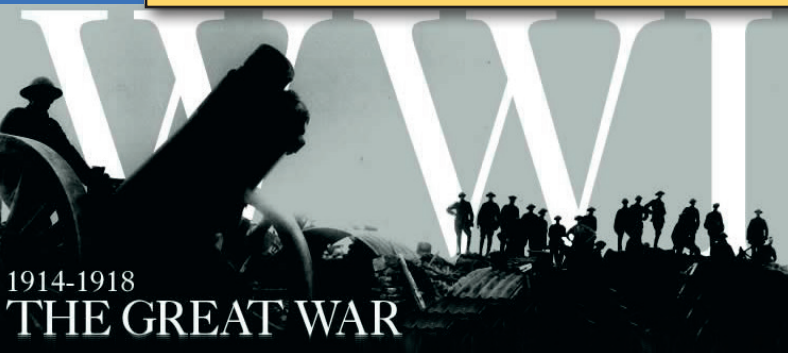
# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"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 **Christopher George Crandell**, 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.

**Christopher George Crandell** 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

## CHRISTOPHER GEORGE CRANDELL

**Service Number:** 3788A

**Rank:** Private

**Unit:** 49th Australian Infantry Battalion

**Service:** Australian Army

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

**Date of death:** 12 October 1917

**Place of death:** Belgium

**Cause of death:** Killed in action

**Place of association:** Toogoolawah, Australia

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Menin Gate Memorial,  
Ypres, Flanders, Belgium

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

**Location on the Roll of Honour:** Christopher George  
Crandell's name is located at **panel 148** in the  
Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

## 49th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 49th Battalion was raised in Egypt on 27 February 1916 as part of the "doubling" of the AIF. Approximately half of its recruits were Gallipoli veterans from the 9th Battalion, and the other half, fresh reinforcements from Australia. Reflecting the composition of the 9th, the 49th was predominantly composed of men from Queensland. The battalion became part of the 13th Brigade of the 4th Australian Division.

Arriving in France on 12 June 1916, the 49th moved into the trenches of the Western Front for the first time on 21 June. It fought in its first major battle at Mouquet Farm in August and suffered heavily, particularly in the assault launched on 3 September. The battalion saw out the rest of the year alternating between front-line duty, and training and labouring behind the line. This routine continued through the bleak winter of 1916-17.

Early in 1917, the battalion participated in the advance that followed the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, supporting the 13th Brigade's attack at Noreuil on 2 April. Later in the year, the focus of the AIF's operations moved to the Ypres sector in Belgium. There

the battalion fought in the battle of Messines on 9 June and the battle of Polygon Wood on 26 September. Another winter of trench routine followed.

With the collapse of Russia in October 1917, a major German offensive on the Western Front was expected in early 1918. This occurred in France in late March and the 4th Division moved to defend positions around the Dernancourt on the River Ancre. The 49th Battalion assisted in the repulse of a large German attack on 5 April, launching a critical counter-attack late in the afternoon. The German threat remained until late April, and in the early hours of ANZAC Day 1918 the 49th participated in the now legendary attack to dislodge the enemy from Villers-Bretonneux.

When the Allies launched their own offensive in early August, the 49th Battalion was among the units involved and played an active role until the middle of that month, before moving to duties in the rear area. The battalion was ordered forward for its last major operation of the war in September and provided part of the 4th Division's reserve for the attack on the Hindenburg "outpost line" on the 18th. The 49th Battalion was disbanded on 9 May 1919.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Brisbane, 1916, Christopher George Crandell embarked on 31 January, 1916 aboard Troop Transport, HMAT "Wandilla" (A62) for the Middle East. Relatives and friends farewell the troops from the dockside.*

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STRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

9th. Rein's  
25th. Battalion.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 3788 A. Name Crandell Christopher George  
Unit 9th Reinif 25th Battalion  
Joined on SEP 7 - 1915

### Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... Christopher George Crandell
2. In the Parish of ... in or near the Town of Majors Creek in the County of N.S. Wales
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.) ... Yes
4. What is your age? ... 18/9/12
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Horse driver
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married? ... No
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... Brother C.W. Crandell  
Father Mr C.H. Crandell  
Tegeelawah Esk Tegeelawah  
Queensland Esk  
Queensland
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power? ... No
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable 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? ... 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 ... T.A. Tegeelawah
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... 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? ...
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... Yes

I, Christopher George Crandell 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.

Date SEP 7 - 1915

C. G. Crandell  
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 these-fifths must be allotted.

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# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 3788<sup>A</sup>  
 Rank Plt. Name CRANDELL, C. G.  
 Unit 49<sup>th</sup> Batt  
 Casualty Killed in action 15/11/17 ESB 1915/17 deduct London 24/10/17 Strom

LIST 303

**"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST"**  
 Pamphlet sent to W. H. Crandell on 15/11/21 277

DATE	A. F. B. 103 Received	PURPORT.	B. F. B. 3000A Received.	REF. NO.
NOV 14 1917	M.O. 1	ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 12.10.17.		
NOV 14 1917	M.O. 2	ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION. 12.10.17.		
3. 12. 17	COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS			
6. 5. 18	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX <u>Bornak</u>			
WAR HISTORY INDEX	C. M. Form 7 Returned to Unit Officer authorised A.M.R. 787B. 7/1/22 <u>re</u>			
	<u>Order B.R.M. 48/1968 &amp; Booklet re Graves despatched 1/11/19</u>			
				FINAL NOTICE <u>and</u> 27/1/1922
	  			
H. 11. 21	BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt. <u>2nd</u> M.D.B.R.M. 54/5			
23/10/22	VICTORY MEDAL to <u>Kather</u> B.R.P.F. 42			
	Registered Post No. <u>5609</u> G. P. O. Melbourne.			

**Casualty Form - Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps **49th Battalion AIF**

Rank **Pte** Surname **CRANDELL** Christian Name **Christopher George**

Religion ..... Age on Enlistment ..... years ..... months

Enlisted (a) **13.9.15.** Terms of Service (a) ..... Service reckons from (a) .....

Date of promotion to present rank ..... Date of appointment to lance rank .....

Extended { ..... } Re-engaged { ..... } Qualification (b) .....  
or Corps Trade and rate .....

Occupation ..... Signature of Officer .....

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		Embarked ...			
		Disembarked ..			
2.4.16	CO Eng. Bn	Allotted & Proc. to join Unit	Heliopolis	2.4.16.	AP6856
8.4.16	CO 49th Bn B213	Taken on Strength	Berapeum	2.4.16.	AL 438 D02/138
6.5.16	do	To Hospital Sick.	do	4.5.16	AL1673 D02/1726
6.5.16	13th F.A.	Fluerisy Admitted & T/Fd to 4th F.A.	do	4.5.16.	C6332 D03/2044
13.5.16.	4th E.Amb.	Pleurisy Admitted.	do	13.5.16.	C6384. C6471
21.5.16	do	& Discharged to duty	do	15.5.16	AL2359
20.5.16.	CO 49th Bn B213	Rejoined Unit.	do	15.5.16.	D02/2326.
5.6.16	CO Troops Areadian	Embarked for BIEF	Alexandria	5.6.16	LR 5799
		Disembarked	Marseilles	12.6.16.	
17.2.17.	CO 49th Bn B213	To Hospital Sick.	Field	16.2.17	D20/11 D042/5671
7.2.17	45th C.C.S.	Influenza Admitted	do	16.2.17	AK873/85.

(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) Signaller, Shoeing-Smith, &c.  
W. 8527-M2095 1000m 7/17 (25648) C. P. & S. Ltd. Forms B.103 E/1548. (P.T.O.)

**3788a Pte Crandell C.G.**

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B 213, Army Form A. 26, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 26, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
24.2.17.	45th C.C.S.	Transferred to AT 25	Field	16.2.17.	AK998/16.
19.2.17.	6th Gen. Hos.	Influenza Admitted	Rouen	18.2.17.	AK873/66.
7.3.17	do	do T/fd to England	do	6.3.17.	AK998/33.
8.3.17.	HS Warilda	Embarked for England.	Havre	7.3.17	AK998/34 D010/1215.193.17
		ALLOTTED THE LETTER "A" TO REGIMENTAL NUMBER		13.3.17	D09/1194 13.3.17.
8.3.17.	1st London Gen	Influenza Admitted	Camberwell	8.3.17.	D019/1942 29.3.17.
7.5.17	do	Discharged from Hos. for furlough and to report to Eng. Bn		7.5.17 22.5.17	12.5.17.
28.5.17.	No.1 Con. Depot	Marched in from furlough and classified Pla.	F.Downs	24.5.17.	LR 3399.
12.8.17	do	Reclassified A3	do	8.8.17	LR6871
10.9.17.	do	Marched out to C/Seas Eng. Bde	do	5.9.17	LR6115.
9.9.17.	O/Seas Eng. Bde	Marched in from NO.1 C.D.	F.Downs	5.9.17	LR8081
24.9.17	do	Proc: c/Seas France.	Southampton	25.9.17	LR8530 D068E 29.9.17.
26.9.18	CO 4th ABDD	Marched in ex England.	Havre	26.9.17.	D78/37.
6.10.17.	do	Marched out to 49th Bn	do	5.10.17.	D75/47.
13.10.17.	CO 49th Bn B213	Rejoined Unit.	Field	6.10.17.	D20/41 D045/6040.
20.10.17.	do	KILLED IN ACTION	BELGIUM	12.10.17.	D20/42 D045/5926. VL 504 19.10.17.
					(SGD.) S.H. CRAWFORD
		Anzac Section, 3rd Rehehon G.H.Q., B.E.F.			Lieut Officer i/c Records.

Surname.	Other Names.	Regimental No.	Unit.
CRANDELL	Chris George	3788	9/25 Batt.
PURPORT.			AUTHORITY.
Embarked at Brisbane on H.M.A.T. "Wandilla" 31/1/16. Pte.			
2-4-16. Trans. from 25th Bn Reinf to 49th Bn.			MEFO 1/3-16.
4-5-16. To Hpl. Sick.			MEFO 2/22-16.
4-5-16. Adm to 4th Fld. Amb. Pleurisy.			MEFO 3/2-16.
15-5-16. Rejd. Anzac Police Corps.			MEFO 3/8-16.
8-3-17. Adm to 1st Lond Gen Hl Influen.			M.K. IE 184/47-17.
7-22-5-17. Dis. from 1st Lond Gen H. on Fur & rep P.Dns Infl.			M.K. IE 224/31-17.
Reallotted Regimental No. 3788A			BEFO 9/3-17
7/3/17 Emb. on H.S. Warilda at Havre for England Influenza			BEFO 10/1-17
16.2.17 to Hospl Sick.			BEFO 43/7-17
8/3/17 Adm. 1st Lon. Gen. Hos Camberwell INFLUENZA			LON 19/5-17

D 825/216.-C.9024.

PURPORT.	AUTHORITY.
25.9.17 proc O/seas to France via Southampton ex O/seas Tng Bn	LON 68/2-17
6.10.17 Rejd. unti from Hospl.	BEFO 45/5-17
12.10.17 KILLED IN ACTION.	BEFO 45/2-17
2/4/16 Tfd. to 49th batn.	MEFO 5/3-16
2/4/16 Transferred to 49th Btn	MEFO 5/3-16

6<sup>th</sup> Sept 1915  
 I hereby consent if it may concerne J. C. W. Brandell  
 Elderst Brother of Christopher George Brandell  
 age 18 years last January. do give my consent  
 for him to volunteer for the War.

signed C. W. Brandell  
 signed L. G. Brandell



To the Officer in Charge. 170 Alfred St  
Valley

Dear Sir Brisbane

Q Land

8 MAY 17  
I am particularly  
anxious regarding the state of  
my brother. Christopher George  
Brandell. No 3788. At present  
located in France my not hearing  
from him for some considerable time  
inducing me to ask your assistance  
a line to the above address would  
greatly oblige yours faithfully

M<sup>rs</sup> J. Perry

CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
NOTED FOR CAIRO & D. P. No.

1205/4/18

25/5/17  
M<sup>rs</sup> Perry  
8/17

405/16/17 - 46 F. Amb  
Perry

Latest report - 1/10/17

Revised report - 10/1/16



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MAY 8 1917

RECEIVED

MAY 10 1917

Wilton  
16/10/22

To Officer in Charge Base Records

Sir

In connection  
with the medals of my late son  
I sincerely thank you for same  
I lost the Receipt of the last  
Medal, and in connections with  
the Graves of the fallen I will  
have nothing to do with that  
business as I would rather  
you not send me any more  
medals of my late son or  
any thing in connection with Ibia  
as it keeps on bringing back  
thoughts of my son  
I am

Yours Faithfully  
C. Jb. Brandell



In Memory of  
Private

## Christopher George Crandell

3788A, 49th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 12 October 1917

Remembered with Honour  
Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

### 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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