

# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"We will remember them well"*

## A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

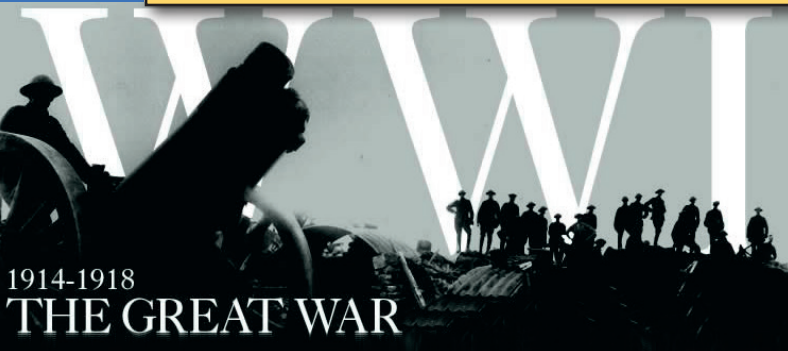
GREEN, Francis Henry

Service Number: 1130

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.



1914-1918  
THE GREAT WAR

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 **Francis Henry Green**, 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.

**Francis Henry Green** 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

## FRANCIS HENRY GREEN

**Service Number:** 1130

**Rank:** Private

**Unit:** 2nd Australian Infantry Battalion

**Service:** Australian Army

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

**Date of death:** 06 August 1915

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

**Cause of death:** Killed in action

**Place of association:** Braidwood, Australia

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Lone Pine Cemetery,  
Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale Province, Turkey

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

**Location on the Roll of Honour:** Francis Henry Green's  
name is located at **panel 32** in the Commemorative Area  
at the Australian War Memorial

## 2nd Australian Infantry Battalion

The 2nd Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 1st, 3rd and 4th Battalions it was recruited from New South Wales and, together with these battalions, formed the 1st Brigade.

The battalion was raised within a fortnight of the declaration of war in August 1914 and embarked just two months later. After a brief stop in Albany, Western Australia, the battalion proceeded to Egypt, arriving on 2 December. The battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915 as part of the second and third waves, and was led by Lieutenant Colonel G. F. Braund, who was killed in action nine days later. *On 6 August, the 1st Brigade led the charge at Lone Pine. Among the dead was the commander of the 2nd Battalion, Lieutenant Colonel R. Scobie, killed during a Turkish counter-attack. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December 1915.*

*The August Offensive was the last major attempt made by the Allied forces at Gallipoli to break the stalemate that had persisted since the landings on 25 April 1915. The plan involved a series of thrusts being made out of the ANZAC position to seize high points along the Sari Bair range, which dominated the Gallipoli peninsula. These operations would be supported by several diversionary attacks along the existing ANZAC frontline.*

*The offensive began with a diversionary attack at Lone Pine on the afternoon of 6 August 1915, which succeeded in taking a heavily defended complex of Turkish trenches but cost the lives of 2,000 men of the 1st Infantry Brigade. The main attacks - directed at Chunuk Bair, Hill Q and Hill 971 - followed that night, but although the first two features were held for short periods of time, the attacks had failed by 10 August.*

*Several smaller diversionary attacks were mounted on the morning of 7 August and all ended in heavy casualties. The most costly was the attack on the Nek, immortalized by the film Gallipoli, in which in 375 of the 600 attackers became casualties.*

On 7 August British forces were also landed at Suvla Bay to establish a base area to sustain

the ANZAC position throughout the coming winter. When they had secured Suvla Bay, the British had planned to assist the main attack, but after suffering heavy casualties they were unable to take the heights above Suvla. The need to link the positions at Suvla and ANZAC resulted in the last phase of the August Offensive - the attacks on the Hill 60 area that took place between 21 and 27 August.

After the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the battalion returned to Egypt. In March 1916, it sailed for France and the Western Front. From then until 1918 the battalion took part in operations against the German Army, principally in the Somme Valley in France and around Ypres in Belgium. The battalion's first major action in France was at Pozieres in the Somme valley in July 1916. Later the battalion fought at Ypres, in Flanders, before returning to the Somme for winter.

In early 1917 the German Army withdrew to the formidable defences of the Hindenburg Line. As the 2nd Battalion advanced towards these defences in April 1917, Private T. J. Kenny attacked several enemy machine gun positions with grenades, earning the 2nd Battalion's only Victoria Cross. The battalion spent much of the rest of 1917 fighting in increasingly horrendous conditions around Ypres.

In 1918 the battalion returned to the Somme valley and helped to stop the German spring offensive in March and April. The battalion subsequently participated in the Allies' own offensive, launched to the east of 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 battalion continued operations until late September. At 11 am on 11 November, 1918, the guns fell silent. The November armistice was followed by the peace treaty of Versailles signed on 28 June 1919.

Between November 1918 and May 1919 the men of the 2nd Battalion returned to Australia for demobilisation and discharge.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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16 October 1914: Group photograph of A Company, 2nd Battalion, AIF, at Kensington, Australia. Seated entre front is Sergeant M.J. Cotton. (Donor J. Cotton)

In Memory of Private F. Green of Braidwood, who was killed in action at Gallipoli on August 9<sup>th</sup> 1915.

Was it but yesterday we saw you here,  
One of us, strong in youth and manly power,  
Ready and true with open helpful hand  
At side of want to take a manly stand –  
When duty's voice its message gave to you  
It found you true and ready to obey,  
Responsive to its urgency and call,  
You bade goodbye to home, to all,  
Like a British soldier you stood before the foe,  
Ready and strong, your duty to perform;  
Ready in cause of justice, truth and right  
To sacrifice your life in strenuous fight.  
‘Twas there you fell assailing Hunnish aims  
To rob our homes and lives of freedom's boon;  
Right to the last through your actions ran  
Deeds that proclaimed a soldier and a man.

By Mary Ann

*Braidwood Letters from the Front, by Roslyn Maddrell*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*At Sea: January 915, Soldiers spread their bedding out to air on the deck of the transport HMAT Themistocles, which was part of the second Australian convoy carrying troops to Egypt. Frances Henry Green, and his Unit, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Infantry Battalion, embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board HMAT A32 Themistocles on 22 December 1914, bound for Egypt.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*6 - 9 August 1915: A trench at Lone Pine after the battle, showing Australian and Turkish dead on the parapet. In the foreground standing is Major Leslie Morshead (later Lieutenant General Sir Leslie Morshead) of the 2nd Battalion.*

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1st Reinforcement 2nd Battalion

Missing  
MILITARY FORCES.

*Ref Book*

AUSTRALIAN



**AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.**

**ENCLOSED**

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

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No. 1130 Name Francis Henry Green  
Unit 2nd Battalion  
2nd Battalion Joined on 8-9-14

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. What is your Name?   | 1. <u>Francis Henry Green</u>  |
| 2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?  | 2. In the Parish of <u>Farrindon</u> in or near the Town of <u>Braidwood</u> in the County of <u>N. S. Wales</u> |
| 3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)   | 3. <u>Natural born</u>   |
| 4. What is your age?  | 4. <u>26 yrs 12 days</u>   |
| 5. What is your trade or calling?   | 5. <u>Labourer</u>   |
| 6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?  | 6. <u>No</u>   |
| 7. Are you married?   | 7. <u>No</u>   |
| 8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)  | 8. <u>Mr E. Green</u><br><u>Braidwood</u><br><u>N. S. Wales</u>  |
| 9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?   | 9. <u>No</u>   |
| 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. <u>No</u>  |
| 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. <u>No</u>  |
| 12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?  | 12. <u>-</u>   |
| 13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?   | 13. <u>No</u>  |
| 14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)—<br>Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you after embarkation during your term of service?                                | 14. <u>-</u>   |

I, Francis Henry Green 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~~ three-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my ~~wife.\* †~~ wife and children.

Date

*Signature of person enlisted.*

*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. 1130

Rank

plc Name Green L.A.

Unit

2 Battalion

Casualty

14/5/15 Missing M.I.C. 12707/1548 12/25/15

Misc. No.

1/7/15 Wounded but not taken service who embarked  
6/9/15 Killed in action. Gen. Rep. Missing M.I.C. No. 25077/3362 3/10/15

DATE

A.F. B. 103 Received

REF. No.

BR 13720

31/8/15  
6/11/15  
1/12

M.C. advd.  
in grade killed.  
15. Capt Savings Bank Sydney asking if compensation  
Re above death yet stated.

9.11.15  
6/12/15

Copy made for War Pension -  
reply sent to letter of 1/12/15  
29/8/15 killed in action Gallipoli  
Peninsula A.F. B. 2090A Received.  
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF  
Cable No. M. 7. 6. 12707 vide 106/118  
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF  
Cable No. M. 7. 6. 25077 vide 202/48

29 2  
3/3/16  
6.2.18

16. Capt Savings Bank Sydney asking for effect 3/3  
reply sent to letter of 29/3/16.  
PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. 1/1/18

Circular B.R.M. 45/1365 & Doc. 14 re Graves despatched 8/10/19 RTO 45/14520

30x  
7/20

1914/1918 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/2/23 at 8015  
To Comdt 2nd M.D. B.R.M. 51/454.

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."  
Pamphlet sent to Mr G. Green on 2/1/21 (1918)



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LIST 7 DEC 1922

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt M.D.B.R.M. 53/173  
VICTORY MEDAL to Father B.R.F.F. 42

Registered Post No. 3075 G.P.O. Melbourne.



**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 } 2nd BATTALION A.I.F. Squadron, }  
or } Troop, Battery }  
CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. 1130 Rank PRIVATE

Name GREEN F. H.

Died { Date 6th to 9th August 1915  
Place Gallipoli Peninsula.  
Cause of Death\* Killed in action.

Nature and Date of Report Board Proceedings 24th August 1915

By whom made C.O. 2nd Battalion.

\* 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 No report of burial yet to hand  
Date -  
By whom reported -

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) do  
(c) as a separate document do

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.

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 Col. J. Griffiths Major.

Station and Date Alexandria. 13. 12. 15

*Sup. 13/12/15*  
**Casualty Form Active Service.**

Regiment or Corps 2nd BATTALION A.I.F.

Regimental No. 1130 Rank Private Name GREEN F.H.

Enlisted (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Terms of Service (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Service reckons from (a) \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 35, 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				
1.4.15.	CO Hosp.	Adm. Intarfa Hosp. Ven. Dis.	Malta	1.4.15	<del>020/2168</del>
12.7.15	CO Hosp.	Disch. to Conv. Hosp.	"	12.7.15	AFB178 Med.His. 020/2168
12.7.15	CO Hosp.	Embarked on Ocean Bee	"	12.7.15	021/2297
18.7.15	CO B D	Adm. Base details.	Mustapha	18.7.15	B. 213 21/2318.
31.7.15	B.213	Rejoined Unit.	Gall.Pen.	28.7.15	028/3320
14.8.15	Page 203	Reported missing	" "	7/14.8.15	MFC12706/7 032/4188
24.8.15	Bd redge	Previously reported missing now Killed in action.	" "	6/9.8.15	MFC25076/7 3.11.15 Corr. 01810 064/7481
<p><i>17/7/83</i> <i>PLU No Trace Grave site</i></p>			" "	17.7.77	14/1/83.
					.....Major.

(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, Shoeing Smith, etc., etc., also special qualifications in technical Corps duties.

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No. 1130

**Private Francis Henry Green,  
2nd Battalion,  
1st Australian Division.**

~~XXXXX~~ was killed in action

Gallipoli Peninsula

6th/9th August

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Cable No. M.F.C.

25077, from the Officer Commanding Intermediate Base, dated Alexandria, 3rd November 1915, confirmed by Army Form B 104-52, and Army Form B 2090A.

3rd March

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Captain.

In Memory of  
Private

## Francis Henry Green

1130, 2nd Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 06 August 1915

Son of Hannah Ashfield Morgan Green, of Braidwood, New South Wales, and the late G. Green.

Remembered with Honour  
Lone Pine Cemetery, Anzac



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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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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