

# Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

*"We will remember them well"*

## A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

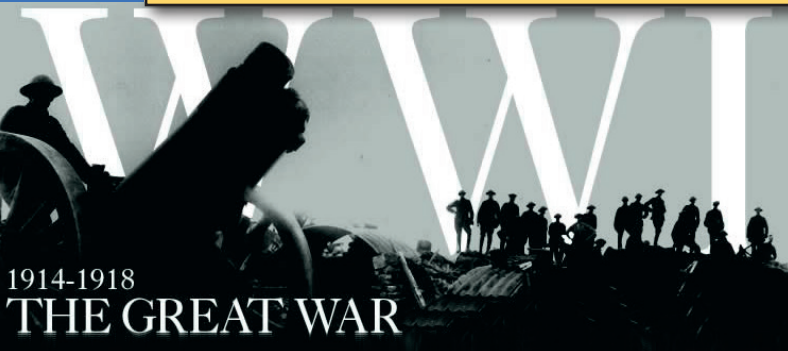
HUNT, Frederick William

Service Number: 492

Rank: Trooper

*"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 **Frederick William Hunt**, 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.

**Frederick William Hunt** 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

## FREDERICK WILLIAM HUNT

**Service Number:** 492

**Rank:** Trooper

**Unit:** 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment

**Service:** Australian Army

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

**Date of death:** 18 May 1915

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

**Cause of death:** Killed in action

**Place of association:** Braidwood, Australia

**Cemetery or memorial details:** Quinn's Post Cemetery,  
Gallipoli Peninsula, Canakkale Province, Turkey

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

**Location on the Roll of Honour:** Frederick William Hunt's  
name is located at **panel 2** in the Commemorative Area  
at the Australian War Memorial

## 1st Australian Light Horse Regiment

The 1st Light Horse Regiment was raised, from recruits from New South Wales, at Rosebury Park in Sydney in August 1914. It was one of three regiments of the 1st Light Horse Brigade - the first mounted formation committed by Australia to the First World War. The regiment sailed from Sydney on 19 October and disembarked in Egypt on 8 December.

The light horse were initially considered unsuitable for the Gallipoli operation, but were soon deployed without their horses to reinforce the infantry. *The 1st Light Horse Regiment landed on 12 May 1915 and was attached to the New Zealand and Australian Division. It played a defensive role for most of the campaign but mounted an attack on the Turkish position known as "the Chessboard" as part of the August Offensive on 7 August - 200 men were involved, 147 became casualties.* The regiment left Gallipoli on 21 December 1915.

Back in Egypt, the 1st Light Horse Regiment joined the ANZAC Mounted Division. Between January and May 1916, it was deployed to protect the Nile valley from bands of pro-Turkish Senussi Arabs. On 14 May, it redeployed with its parent brigade to join the forces defending the Suez Canal. The 1st Light Horse Brigade played a significant role in turning back the Turkish advance on the canal at the battle of Romani on 4 August. In ensuing days the regiments of the Brigade participated

in the immediate follow-up of the defeated Turks, but were soon withdrawn to rest.

The 1st Light Horse Regiment rejoined the Allied advance across the Sinai in November 1916 and was subsequently involved in the fighting to secure the Turkish outposts on the Palestine frontier - Maghdaba on 23 December 1916 and Rafa on 9 January 1917. A stint of protective duty along the line of communications through the Sinai followed. The 1st Light Horse Regiment's next major engagement was the abortive second battle of Gaza on 19 April. Gaza finally fell on 7 November, after a wide outflanking move via Beersheba, in which the regiments of the 1st Light Horse Brigade played a part.

With the capture of Gaza, the Turkish position in southern Palestine collapsed. The 1st Light Horse Regiment participated in the advance to Jaffa that followed, and was then committed to operations to clear and occupy the west bank of the Jordan River. It was involved in the Amman (24-27 February) and Es Salt (30 April-4 May) raids and the repulse of a major German and Turkish attack on 14 July 1918.

The final British offensive of the campaign was launched along the Mediterranean coast on 19 September 1918, with the ANZAC Mounted Division taking part in a subsidiary effort east of the Jordan aimed at Amman. Turkey surrendered on 30 October 1918. The 1st Light Horse Regiment sailed for Australia on 12 March 1919 without their horses, which were either shot or transferred to Indian cavalry units.



*At Sea, November 1914: HMAT Star of Victoria (Hull number A16) in the First WWI Troopship convoy to leave Australia bound for the Middle East. Frederick William Hunt left Sydney on 20 October 1914, from Sydney, aboard the HMAT Star of Victoria A16 (Photo: Australian War Memorial)*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Helouan, Egypt, 1914-1915: Taking horses across the Nile at Helouan. Photo from 244 Quarter Master Sergeant RM Carr of the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Horse Regiment. He died of wounds from Gallipoli Campaign on 21 November, 1915 and was buried at sea.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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*Ottoman Empire: Turkey, Dardanelles, Gallipoli: 1915. AIF troops moving in the area known as Monash Valley. Frederick William Hunt was killed in action on 18th May, 1915 in Monash Valley.*

Certified true copy of original

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R. K. Holman  
AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



# AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

## Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

✓  
In view of

No. 492 Name Hunt Frederick William  
Unit 1 Light Horse Regt  
Joined on August 28 1914

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

1. What is your Name? ... Frederick William Hunt
2. In the Parish of Braidwood in or near the Town of Braidwood in the County of Wessex
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? ... 31 2/12
5. What is your trade or calling? ... Lab
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) ... Mother Mrs W Jonas  
Mongarlowe  
via Braidwood
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 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? ... 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 ... No
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 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? ... Single etc.

Frederick William Hunt

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 Aug 28 1914

(Sgd) F. Hunt

Signature of person enlisted.

D. 27/3.14 - C. 10220. \* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.

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Transferred to

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

DEFENSE D B.R. 968

No. 492

Rank

Pte.

Name

Hunt J. G.

Unit

1st Light Horse.

Casualty

Killed in Action at The Dardanelles. M.C. 3495/241. Dated 30/5/15.

18.5.15 Killed in action at Monash Valley Gallipoli

A.F. B. 2090A Received.

BURIAL REPORT RECEIVED

Date	Description	PURPORT.	REF. NO.
15. 6. 15	Copy made for Trae Commission.		A.F. B. 103 Received
21. 6. 15	E. Townsend asking for Certificate		A.F. B. 2090A Received.
29. 10. 15	Reply sent.		
31. 6. 15	B.R. 1379 No. 2. Adv. Trae No 923.		
CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF			
Cable No. M.C. 3495/241			
24. 10. 15	Letter from E. Townsend		
24. 3. 16	Advice of despatch of Personal effects received - B.R.M. 6/158		
22. 3. 16	Letter 2006 asking for Report.		
27. 3. 16	NOTE adv. re B.R. 2090A		
27. 3. 16	Report from E. Townsend		
4. 4. 16	Sig. S.O.S. adv. re 27.3.16		
20. 5. 16	B. Office 93 R. holding for adv. 4. 11. 16		
30. 5. 16	Reply sent to 20. 5. 16		

MEMORIAL SCROLL

Mother

Mr W Jones

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Circle: B.R.M. 46/1868 & Booklet re Graves despatched 12/12/19. 4. 2. 1930

1014/16 Star issued B.R.M. 43/1229/2508

to Comdt 2nd M.D. B.R.M. No. 235647

WAR HISTORY INDEX



"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Despatch sent to Mrs W. Jones on 11-1-21. B.M.S.

LIST

**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 } **1st. Light Horse Regt.** Squadron, } **"C"**  
 or } Troop, Battery }  
 CORPS } or Company }

Regtl. No. **492** Rank **Private**

Name **Hunt. F W**

Died { Date **18th. May, 1915.**  
 Place **"Menash Valley" Gallipoli Peninsular**  
 Cause of Death\* **Killed in action**

\* 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.

State whether he leaves a will or not { (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 64) No  
 (b) in Small Book (if at Base) No  
 (c) as a separate document No

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 Paymaster at the Base (see Field Service Regulations, Part II.), 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 } H. S. G. Hall  
 of Section Adjutant-General's }  
 Office at the Base

Station and Date Alexandria **AUG 9 1915**



No. 492.

Private Frederick William Hunt,  
1st Light Horse Regiment,  
Australian Imperial Force.

xxxxxx was killed in action.

Monash Valley, Gallipoli                      18th May                      15.

Cable No. M.F.C.

3495, from the Officer Commanding Intermediate Base, dated  
Alexandria 30th May 1915, confirmed by Army Form B 104-52,  
and Army Form B 2090A.

27th March                      16.                      Captain.

### *The Horses Stay Behind*

*In days to come we'll wander west and cross the range again;  
We'll hear the bush birds singing in the green trees after rain;  
We'll canter through the Mitchell grass and breast the bracing wind;  
But we'll have other horses. Our charges stay behind.*

*Around the fire at night we'll yarn about old Sinai;  
We'll fight out battles o'er again; and as the days go by  
There'll be old mates to greet us. The bush girls will be kind  
Still our thoughts will often wander to the horses left behind*

*I don't think I could stand the thought of my old fancy hack  
Just crawling round old Cairo with a Gyppo on his back.  
Perhaps some English tourist out in Palestine may find  
My broken-hearted waler with a wooden plough behind.*

*No I think I'd better shoot him and tell a little lie:  
He floundered in a wombat hole and then lay down to die.  
Maybe I'll get court-martialled; but I'm damned if I'm inclined  
To go back to Australia and leave my horse behind.*

*By Trooper Bluegum*

*Braidwood, Letters from the Front, by Roslyn Maddrell*

DEFENCE  
D 968  
BASE RECORDS



Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows

FRIENDLY SOCIETY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

From the FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Loyal Federal

Lodge No. 211

Western District.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1915

Dear Sir

Private F W Hunt (who enlisted from Culgandra) was recently reported killed at the Banderelles. He was a member of this lodge and his relatives are entitled to certain monies on receipt, by me, of some proof of death. Does your department issue certificates? If so kindly forward one to me.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Edwin Rowland

Sec Federal Lodge

Culgandra

The Minister for Defence  
Melbourne

M. Horton  
B. P. Hill

DEPARTMENT  
RECEIVED  
25 JUN 1915  
OF DEFENCE

DEFENCE  
B.R.

D 968.

492 ✓ Private. Hunt. F.W.  
1st Light. Ance.

1928

Killed in action at the Dardanelles.

M.F.C. 3495/241.

deatht. 30.5.15.

15.6.15 Copy made for war pension. P.P.

21/6/15. E. Townsends asking for certificate of death

29/6/15 reply sent.

3/6/15. YBR 1379. M.C. (2) advised, bids A 933.

CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF

Cable No. MFC 3495/241

New cover made  
rec. 11/1/15

In all communications regimental number, rank, full name, and unit of soldier referred to are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE,  
BASE RECORDS OFFICE.

VICTORIA BARRACKS,  
MELBOURNE. 30th June, 1920.

MH

*Christie  
12/7*

Dear Madam,

It is noted that you are registered on the records of the late No.492 Private F.W. Hunt,  
1st Light Horse, Regiment,

as next of kin, but, in order that our file may be brought up to date, it is desired to learn whether the above-named soldier had any nearer blood relations than yourself, for instance, is his

father ----- *No. Deceased* -----

----- still alive, if so I shall be much obliged for his name and address at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation of the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. W. Jonas,  
Mongarlowe,  
Via Braidwood,  
NEW SOUTH WALES.

Don't forget to advise any change of address to—  
BASE RECORDS,  
MELBOURNE.

DECEASE  
SECTION  
JUL 12 1920  
RECEIVED

*M. Egan* Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

THERE IS STILL  
A PLACE IN THE LINE

FOR

**YOU**



*Will you  
fill it?*

In Memory of

Trooper

# Frederick William Hunt

492, 1st, Australian Light Horse who died on 18 May 1915

Remembered with Honour  
Quinn's Post Cemetery, Anzac



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



*Wallace Street, Braidwood 1903. From Braidwood Dear Braidwood by Netta Ellis*

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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