

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

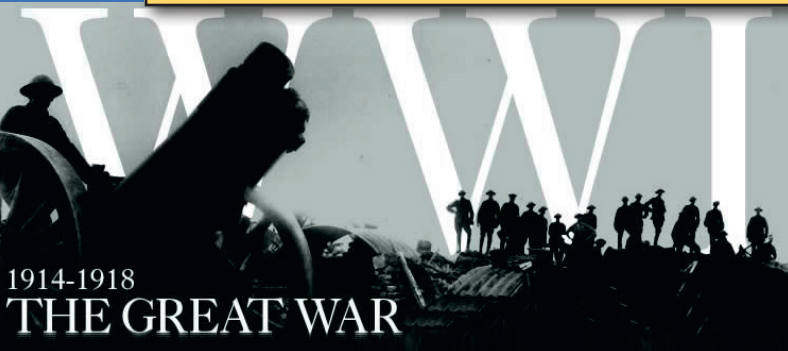
KELLY, Herbert Albert

Service Number: 2929B

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 **Herbert Albert Kelly**, 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.

Herbert Albert Kelly 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

HERBERT ALBERT KELLY

Service Number: 2929B

Rank: Private

Unit: 17th Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 05 May 1917

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Killed in action

Age at death: 22

Place of association: Mongarlowe, 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: Herbert Albert Kelly's name is located at **panel 83** in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial

17th Australian Infantry Battalion

The 17th Battalion was raised at Liverpool in New South Wales in March 1915 as part of the 5th Brigade. It left Australia in early May, trained in Egypt from mid-June until mid-August, and on 20 August landed at ANZAC Cove.

At Gallipoli the Battalion participated in the last action of the August Offensive ' the attack on Hill 60 ' before settling into defensive routine in the trenches. For a short period part of the 17th garrisoned Pope's Hill, but for most of its time on the peninsular the Battalion was responsible for the defence of Quinn's Post, one of the most contested positions along the entire ANZAC front. The Battalion was evacuated from Gallipoli in December 1915.

After further training in Egypt, the 17th Battalion proceeded to France. Landing there on 22 March 1916, it took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 25 July and 5 August. The Battalion returned to the Pozieres trenches for a second time, although in a reserve role, between 18 and 28 August. After a spell in a quieter sector of the front in Belgium, the 2nd Division, which included the 5th Brigade, came south again in October. The 17th Battalion was spared from having to mount an attack across the quagmire the Somme battlefield had become, but did have to continue manning the front through a very bleak winter.

In 1917 the 17th was involved in the follow-up of German forces after their retreat to the Hindenburg Line, and was one of four battalions to defeat a counter-stroke by a German force, almost four times as strong, at Lagincourt. The battalion took part in three major battles before the year was out, second Bullecourt (3-4 May) in France, and Menin Road (20-22 September) and Poelcappelle (9-10 October) in Belgium. Private H. A. Kelly was killed at the Battle of Bullecourt, 5th May 1917

After another winter of trench duty, 17th Battalion helped to thwart the German Spring Offensive of 1918. With this last desperate offensive defeated, the Allied armies turned to the offensive and the 17th participated in the battles that pushed the German Army ever closer to defeat: Amiens on 8 August, the legendary attack on Mont St Quentin on 31 August, and the forcing of the Beaufort Line around Montbrechain on 3 October. Montbrechain was the battalion's last battle. It was training out of the line when the armistice was declared in November 1918, and was disbanded in April 1919.

A Telegram: Private Herbert Kelly, son of Mr R. Kelly of Mongarlowe had been killed in action in France. The deceased who was a native of the place was one of the early enlistees. He was very popular in the neighbourhood; the deepest sympathy is felt for the family.

Braidwood Letters from the Front by Roslyn Maddrell



Bullecourt, France, c1917: View of trenches close to the village.



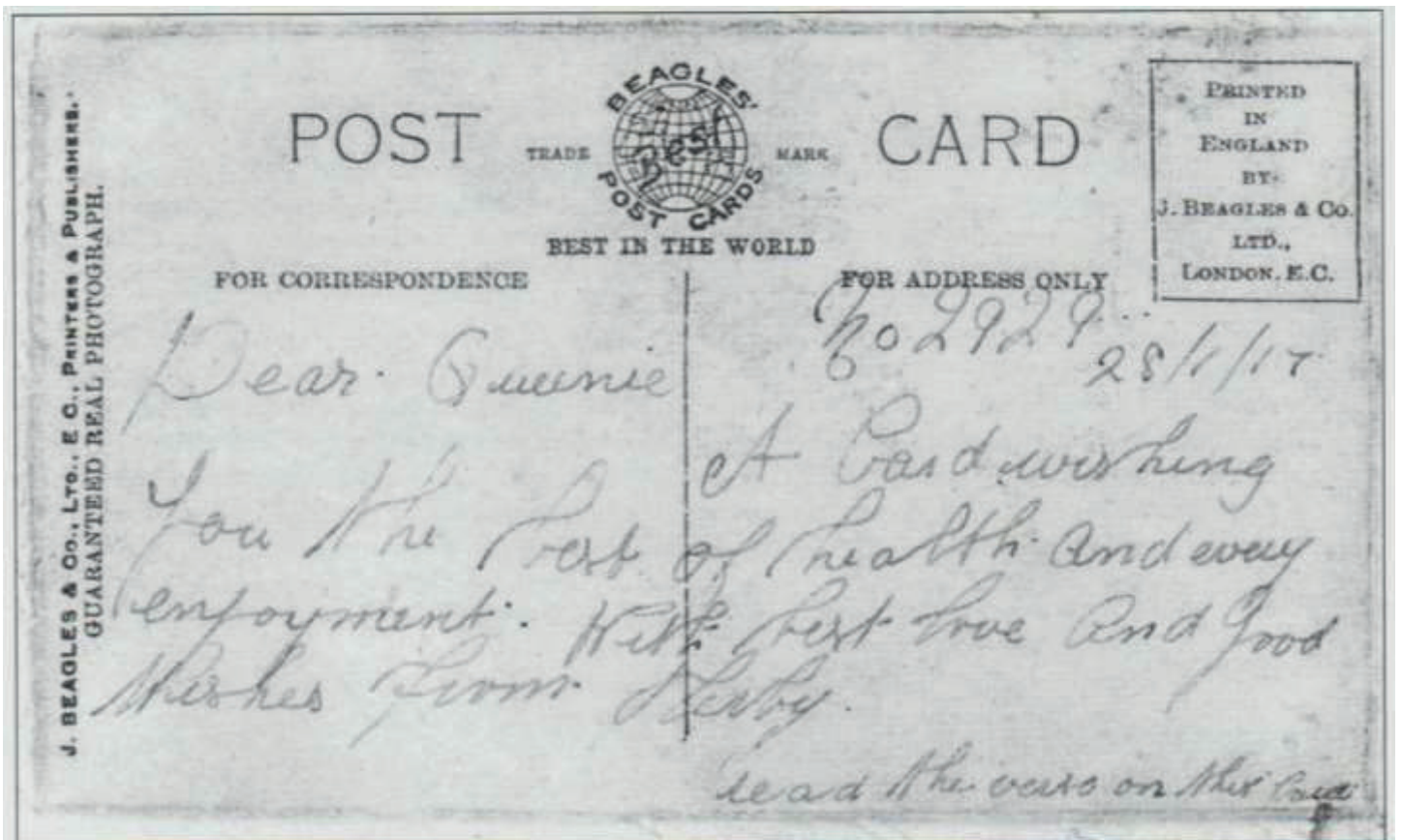
HERBERT ALBERT KELLY #2929b

Private Herbert A. Kelly of the 55th Battalion A.I.F., whose family live at Mongarlowe, sends these cards to his sister, Queenie (Mrs Bill Whitfield).

Dear Sister.

London
10/1/14

Just a card to let you know I am at present enjoying the delights of London which is far superior to any thing we have in Australia. We have four days leave. I met Tom Saagot so maybe just came across from France after being relieved for ten days. Well Queenie must say to the time love from Herb.



COMMONWEALTH  OF AUSTRALIA.
EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

RECRUITS WANTED

CONDITIONS OF ENLISTMENT.

AGE - - - - - 18 to 45 Years
MINIMUM HEIGHT - - - - - 5 Feet 2 Inches
CHEST MEASUREMENT - - - - - 33 Inches

Persons desiring to enlist should, if in the Metropolitan Area, apply at the Recruiting Depot at Military Head-quarters and if in other localities at the nearest Town Hall, Shire Hall, Drill Hall, or Recruiting Depot, where arrangements will be made for medical examination.

Free Railway Tickets to the Metropolis will be granted, after medical examination.

Rates of Pay per Day.

	With Allowance	With Gratification
LIEUTENANT - - - - -	18s. 6d.	21s. 0d.
SERGEANT - - - - -	10s. 0d.	10s. 6d.
CORPORAL - - - - -	9s. 0d.	10s. 0d.
PRIVATE - - - - -	5s. 0d.	6s. 0d.

Separation Allowance.

Separation allowance will be paid to married men who are receiving less than 8s. per day, but such allowance will not exceed the amount necessary to make up

the difference between their daily rate of pay and 8s. per day.

Subject to this limitation, the amounts payable are as follow: (a) For wife living at home, 1s. 5d. per day; (b) For each child under 16 years of age, 4d. per day. A similar allowance as in (a) is payable under the same conditions to the mother of a member, if she is solely dependent on him for support.

Pensions.

Pensions payable to a widow on death of member of the Forces, or to a member on total incapacity:

LIEUTENANT - - - - -	£91 Per Annum
SERGEANT - - - - -	£70 " "
CORPORAL - - - - -	£68 " "
PRIVATE - - - - -	£52 " "

In addition, on the death or total incapacity of a member, for each child under 16 years of age, £13 per annum.

In cases of total incapacity the wife, in addition, receives half the rate specified above for the respective rank.

Pensions are payable also to other dependants.

G. F. PEARCE, Minister of State for Defence.

EVERY MAN PHYSICALLY FIT IS WANTED

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AUSTRALIAN



MILITARY FORCES.

558

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. ~~132954~~

Name KELLY HERBERT ALBERT

Unit GOULDS BATTAL 4 Rps 55 Batta

Joined on 5/4/16 13-5-16

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)
4. What is your age?
5. What is your trade or calling?
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?
7. Are you married?
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?
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?
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
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?
14. 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?

1. Kelly Herbert Albert
2. In the Parish of in or near the Town of MONGARLOWE in the County of N.S. WALES
3. Natural Born
4. 21 years months
5. Repekanish
6. No
7. No
8. Richard KELLY MONGARLOWE
9. No BRAIDWOOD N.S. WALES
10. No
11. No
12. No
13. No
14. No
15. No

Albert Herbert Kelly 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 three-fifths wife and children

Date 5/4/16

H. A. Kelly
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.

Transferred to

D 28248

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 2929

Rank Plt.

Name KELLY H.A.

Unit 17th Bn. Coy. 55th Battalion

Casualty Killed in Action 5.5.17

5500/1409/5981

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dated London 21.5.17

LIST. 501

DATE

A.F. B. 103 Received PURPORT. A.F. B. 2090A Received.

REF. NO.

24 MAY 1917

M.O. 2 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION.

57577

30.5.17

COPY MADE FOR WAR PENSIONS

6.2.18

PERSONAL EFFECTS EX-hibition

PERSONAL EFFECTS IN KIT - B.R.M. No.

387/163

Circular B.R.M. 46 1968 & Booklet re Graves despatched



WAR HISTORY INDEX

22/1/21

BRITISH WAR MEDAL to Comdt 2nd M.D.B.R.M. 53/308

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."

Pauphot sent to Mt. Kelly on 7.5.21

Co Officer in Charge
Base Records

Dear Sir

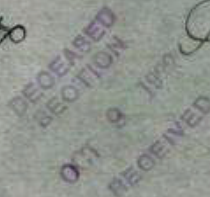
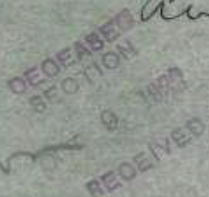
In Ref to Late Soldier (my son)
Pte A A Kelly 2929
14th Batt

The Personal inscription I will omit
On account of no trace of his remains being
found & at any time his resting place
should be located would you kindly
communicate with me as it would make
my grief somewhat easier to bear if I only knew
he had a burial as I never received
any information concerning his end more
than he was killed in action

and oblige yours truly

Mrs

Annie E Kelly
Holus Street
Braidwood





M/S

Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to advise us to whether further information, other than that contained in your communication of _____, has been received by your Department,

in regard to the death of No. 13954 *for H. W. Kelly*
S. H. R. of 55th Battalion *H. A*

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

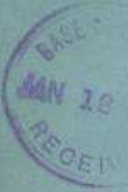
Yours faithfully,

Joe Taylor
 GRAND SECRETARY

Mr. Simpson
18/1

The Officer-in-Charge,
 Base Records' Office,
 Victoria Barracks,
 MELBOURNE, Victoria.

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32954



Mr. Darling
in your place please

Solo Street

Kraisswood

22nd Sept 1920

Officer
To the Base Records

Sir

In Ref to the Plaque

which I should have received I wish to inform
you that it has not arrived up to date
so I am unable to return the receipt until I
receive the above mentioned our former address
was Mougallowe but it has not been sent there
as yet

Yours truly

Arnie E Kelly



DECEASED SECTION
SEP 25 1920
RECEIVED

Cannot locate
D Book
Particular of Soldier please
AA 35
2/42

Please return communication to
base records, Victoria Eke., Melbourne.

In Memory of

Private

Herbert Albert Kelly

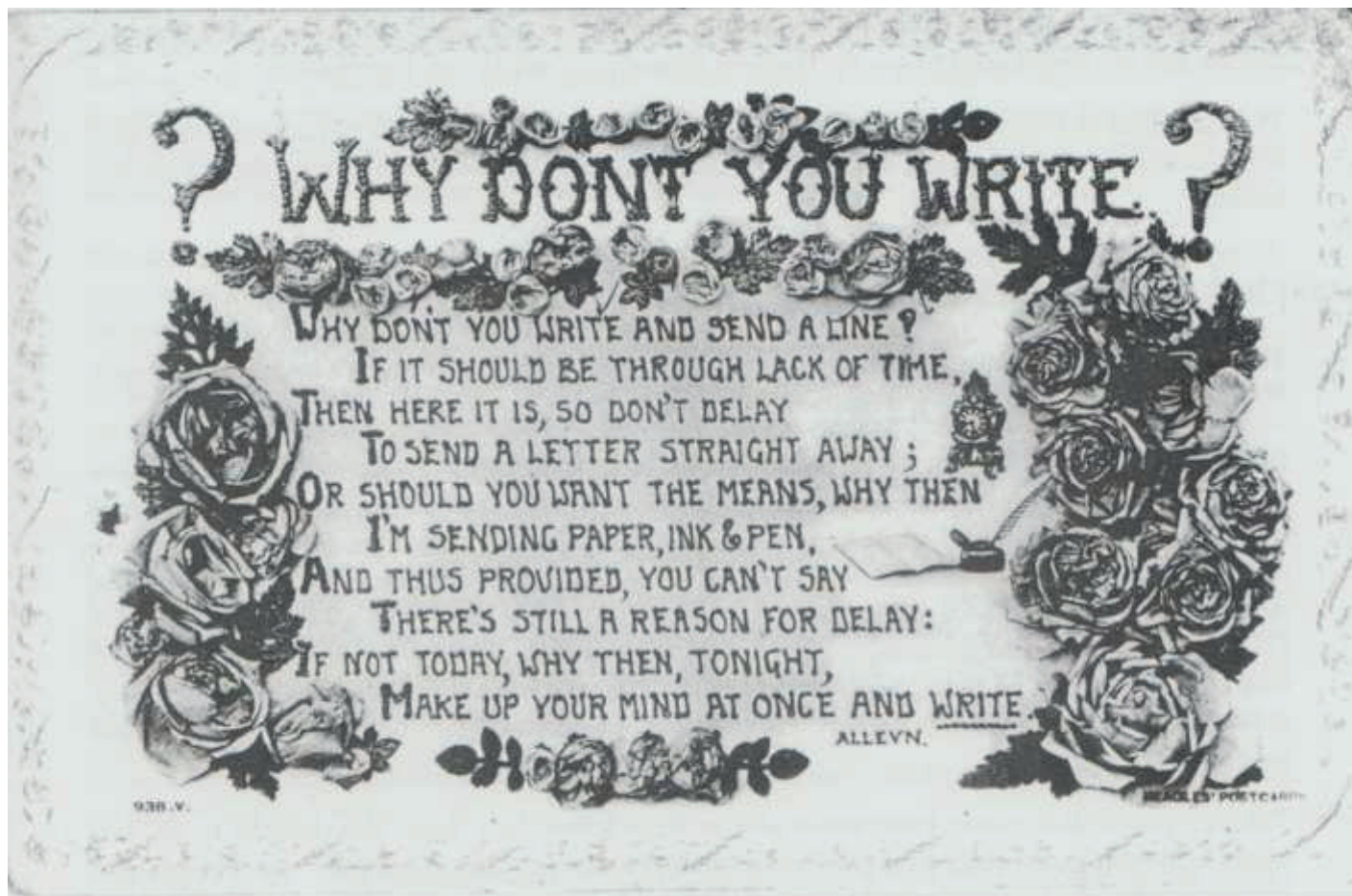
2929B, 17th Bn., Australian Infantry, A.I.F. who died on 05 May 1917 Age 22

Son of Richard and Annie Eliza Kelly. Born at Mongarlowe, New South Wales.

Remembered with Honour
Villers-Bretonneux Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission



Front of post card written from Herbert Albert Kelly to his sister Queenie, Mrs Bill Whitfield, from London. Braidwood Letters from the Front, by Rosslyn Maddrell.

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, Ben and Meaghan 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

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