

Commemoration for the Lives of the Braidwood and District ANZACS

"We will remember them well"

A CALL FROM THE DARDANELLES



ROLL OF HONOUR

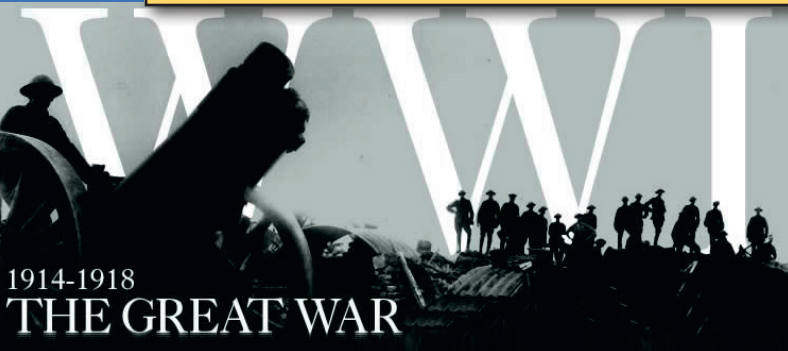
LENNON, James

Service Number: 14

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 **James Lennon**, 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.

James Lennon 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

JAMES LENNON

Service Number: 14

Rank: Private

Unit: 42nd Australian Infantry Battalion

Service: Australian Army

Conflict: First World War, 1914-1918

Date of death: 11 February 1917

Place of death: France

Cause of death: Killed in action

Place of association: Spring Hill, Australia

Cemetery or memorial details: Cite Bonjean Military Cemetery,
Armentieres, Lille, Nord Pas de Calais, France

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

Location on the Roll of Honour: James Lennon's name
is located at **panel 135** in the Commemorative Area
at the Australian War Memorial

42nd Australian Infantry Battalion

The 42nd Battalion was raised at Enoggera, on the outskirts of Brisbane, in December 1915 and became part of the 11th Brigade of the 3rd Australian Division. Due to sharing its numeric title with the famous Scottish regiment the Black Watch, the battalion became known as the "Australian Black Watch". This association was recognised with a bagpipe band.

After training in Australia and Britain, the 42nd deployed to France on 26 November 1916 and entered the frontline for the first time on 23 December. *The winter of 1916-17 was horrendous, and the 42nd spent much of it in the front line, the remainder being spent alternating between training and labouring in the rear areas.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL E001 25
January 1917, France: Western Front (France), Nord Region, Lys Area (France), Houplines: The ruined church at Houplines, near Armentieres, in France, in January 1917.

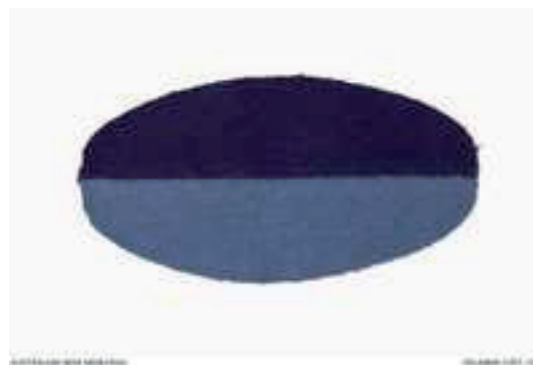
In 1917, the operations of the 3rd Division were focussed on the Ypres sector of Belgium. The 42nd participated in major battles at Messines on 7 June, Warneton on 31 July, Broodseinde

on 4 October, and Passchendaele on 12 October. Even though the battalion was in a reserve role, the battle of Passchendaele proved particularly costly. It lost over a third of its strength, principally from German gas attacks, and trench foot caused by the sodden condition of the battlefield.

Belgium remained the scene of the 42nd Battalion's activities for the next five months as it was rotated between service in the rear areas and the front line. When the German Army launched its last great offensive in March 1918, the battalion was rushed south to France and played a role in blunting the drive towards the vital railway junction of Amiens.

On 4 July 1918, the 42nd took part in the battle of Hamel and captured all of its objectives with only three fatal casualties - demonstrating what a well-planned and supported attack could achieve. The Allies launched their own offensive on 8 August 1918, and the 42nd played an active role both in the initial attack and the long advance that followed.

This advance, though, sapped the strength of the AIF. On 20 September 1918 the 42nd was ordered to disband to provide reinforcements for other battalions. Its men mutinied winning the Battalion a temporary reprieve. It fought its last battle 'St Quentin Canal' between 29 September and 2 October. On 2 October the order to disband was once again issued. The men still disobeyed, but pressure from the AIF hierarchy eventually forced compliance. The 42nd Battalion was disbanded on 22 October 1918.



42nd Colour Patch



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

H00169

1 June 1916, Australia: Queensland, Brisbane Outdoors group portrait of unidentified members of the 42nd Battalion (probably the 1st Reinforcements).



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

E00117

January 1917, France: Western Front (France), Nord Region, Lys Area (France), Armentieres, Informal photograph of members of the 42nd Battalion, just out of the line, washing the mud off their gum boots.

42nd Battn.
A. I. F.

Lennon.
J. 14.

"Killed 11.2.17."

I knew Lennon personally. He came from Queensland. In appearance he ~~was~~ was medium height, elderly, dark grey. He was killed instantly near Armentieres by the bursting of a shell. I saw him after he was killed. He was batman to Captain Uloyle I am not sure where he is buried, but I think in Armentieres.

Witness:-

A. H. Ellen. 87.
42nd Battn.
Harefield.

O. A. H.

London.
10.7.17.

B.

42nd A.I.F.,

^V
Lennon, Pte. J., 14,
A.Coy.,

K. Feb. 11/17. Det: D. & B.

"A shell burst amongst 6 of the men and killed them instantaneously, amongst them Lennon. He is buried at a Cemetery in Armentieres, he had first joined our Batt: the day before he was hit."

Eye Witness: Yes.

Description: Tall, about 45 years old, he was or had been batman to Capt. Moyes.

Informant:-- C.Q.M.S., Harry Ed: Main, 176,
42nd A.I.F., A.Coy.,
Glen Hosp: 28th Essex V.A.D.,
Southend-on-Sea.

Home address:-- Post office, Stanley Street,
Brisbane. B

19.6.17.
D.Cutler.

A.I.F. 42.

Lennon. J. 14.

K. Feb 11th 1917. Dets D/B.

I had the charge of burying him and he was laid in the City Bon Jean Cemetery close to Ernst and a cross was erected by the Battn.

Inf: Sgt. J. Kearney.
No. 14 General
BOULOGNE. 16.7.17.

EH

B
J. 14
d.

FOUR QUESTIONS TO WOMEN

1. You have read what the Germans have done in Belgium. They **HATE** English people. Think what horrors women and children in Queensland will be subjected to, unless Germany is beaten ?
 2. Do you realise that the safety of your home and children depends on our getting more men **NOW** ?
 3. Do you realise that the one word "Go" from you may send another man to fight for our King and Country ?
 4. When the War is over and your husband or your son or your sweetheart is asked "What did you do in the great War?" is he to hang ? his head because you would not let him go.
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**WON'T YOU HELP AND
SEND A MAN TO JOIN
THE ARMY TO-DAY?**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 14 Name LENNON JAMES
 Unit 11th Coy Regt ^{Headquarters}
 Joined on 17 FEB 1916 11th Bde H Qrs.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? ... JAMES LENNON
2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of WAGSWORTH 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.) ... YES
4. What is your Age? ... 42 years 0 months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Horsebreaker
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... NO
7. Are you married? ... YES
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ... MRS CATHERINE JAMES LENNON
67/68 WYKE CITY WEST HOTEL
LEIGHWATER STREET SPRING HILL
BRISBANE, 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 Dishonour from the Navy? ... NO
283 Boundary Street
Spring Hill. Q.
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 ... YES
D.F.O. 1st D.A. dated
13/3/12 K.W. 19/3/12
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 wife and mother)—Do you understand that an separation allowance will be issued in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach eight shillings per day? ... YES
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against small pox and enteric fever? ... YES

I, James Lennon 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 17 FEB 1916
James Lennon
 Signature of person enlisting.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 16 year of age.
 † Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

Transferred to

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DEFENCE
F.S.
D 23060

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

No. 14
Rank Pte Name LENNON, J
Unit 8367th L.I. Bn (late 11th Bde (1916))
Casualty 11/2/17 killed in action C.I.B.L. 1112/8367th Dated London 27/2/17

DATE	PURPORT	REF. NO.
	A.F. B.103 Received	A.F. B.2080A Received
1-3-17	M.O. 1 ADVISED, KILLED IN ACTION 11/2/17	
23-3-17	COPIES MADE OF "THE STAR" MENTION	
3-4-17	General Lennon and re particulars address & home of next	
26-4-17	M.O.R. entry for effects CONFIRMATION RECEIVED OF C.I.B.L. No. 6 C.I.B.L. 1112/8367 th Dated 27/2/17	
10-10-17	PERSONAL EFFECTS EX. [unclear] No personal effects on list B.P. [unclear]	
	General G.H.M. 48/2002-R. Buckle re Graves despatches 29.12.17 A.H. 19-3-17	
27-5-20	PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TRANSMITTED TO NEXT OF KIN. D.F.M. No. 50/238 A.H.	

WAR HISTORY INDEX



LIST

MEMORIAL SCROLL
 To
 Widow
 Mrs. G. J. Lennon
 310580
 29.7.22

MEMORIAL FLAQUE
 To
 Widow (per 1700)
 Mrs. G. J. Lennon
 310580
 22.7.22

"WHERE THE AUSTRALIANS REST."
 Presented to Mrs. G. J. Lennon 29.7.22

13 MAY 1923
BRITISH WAR MEDAL
 VICTORY MEDAL to Widow Mrs. G. J. Lennon.
 Registered Post No. 3550 G. P. O. Melbourne

11/10/23 Outstanding form: "R" to M.O.R. per D.P. 21/304 Cite Bonjean
 Mil
 1916

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 42nd Battalion, A.I.F.
42nd Battalion, A.I.F.
 Rank Private Surname LENNON Christian Name James
 Religion Roman Catholic Age on Enlistment 42 years months.
 Enlisted (a) 17/2/16 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

Signature of Officer.

Date	From whom received	Report	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
		Embarked		17/5/16	
		Disembarked		29/7/16	
8/11/16	11th Bde H.Q.	Larkhill, Absent without leave from midnight 29/10/16 to 8.p.m. 31/10/16 - 44 hours. Admonished Forfeits 2 days pay.	England	29/10/16	FR.806 16 DO.9. 28/12/16
11/12/16	No.1. C.D.	Marched in. classified "A"	Portsmouth England	11/12/16	BR. 7021
12/12/16	do	Marched out to 11th Trng. Bn	do	12/12/16	BR. 8929
17/12/16	11th Trng. Bn.	Marched in from Hospl.	do	12/12/16	BR. 7046 DO.1(2). 15 9/2/17 AFB.3
1/2/17	Correspond. 3rd Ech. 610n. No.33620	Proceeded 0/Seas to France to Reinf. 41st Bn.	do	20/12/16	BR.2335/2/2 DO.15.9/2/17
23/12/16	CO. 3rd ADBD	Marched in fm. England	Etaples	23/12/16	AX3436
25/1/17	do	Marched in to Unit	do	25/1/17	AR.4079

(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) Signature, Standing Order, etc.

(C) (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) (13) (14) (15) (16) (17) (18) (19) (20) (21) (22) (23) (24) (25) (26) (27) (28) (29) (30) (31) (32) (33) (34) (35) (36) (37) (38) (39) (40) (41) (42) (43) (44) (45) (46) (47) (48) (49) (50) (51) (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65) (66) (67) (68) (69) (70) (71) (72) (73) (74) (75) (76) (77) (78) (79) (80) (81) (82) (83) (84) (85) (86) (87) (88) (89) (90) (91) (92) (93) (94) (95) (96) (97) (98) (99) (100)

Form B.103/4 E.204.

(P.T.O.)

Date	From whom received	Report	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks
26/1/17	CO. 41st Bn	Taken on Strength	In the Field	26/1/17	BR.15. C.20/9 DO.9/977
2/2/17	do	Tsf to 42nd Bn.	do	5/2/17	DO.10/1157 B.213 C.2/10
9/2/17	CO. 42nd Bn	Taken on Strength 42nd Bn	do	do	BR.15 C.21/12 DO. 9/948
16/2/17	do	Killed in Action.	do	11/2/17	B.213.C.21/13 DO.10/1127
13/2/17	CO. 3rd Aust Division.	Killed in Action.	do	do	AR.9133 VL.263 20/2/17

ANZAC SECTION,
 3rd. Echelon,
 G.H.Q., B.E.F.

J. J. [Signature]
 Lieut
 Officer in Charge
 Records.

Brisbane

April 26 1914

Dear Sir

I had a letter from
Captain Moyas from France
there was some things sent
to me that was my Husband

No 124

Private James Lennon

24 Battalion 11th Brigade
Head quarters was killed in
action on 11 February 1914
pleas would you

Kindly forward them to
me i am his Wife and oblige
Mrs G of Lennon

Mrs Mrs of Lennon
City view Hotel
Leichardt street
Spring Hill
Brisbane

FORMAL ACKMT.
SENT 2/5/14



Handwritten notes and date: 30/4

FIELD SERVICE.

Army Form B. 2090A.

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 OR CORPS } 42nd. BATTALION, A.I.F. Squadron, Troop, }
 or } Battalion or Company } -----

Regimental No. 14 Rank Private

Surname LENNON Christian Names James

Died { Date 11th. February 1917. Place France
 Cause of Death Killed in action

Nature and Date of Report A.F.H. 213, 16th. February 1917.

By whom made C.O. 42nd. Battalion, A.I.F.

* 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 Particulars not yet to hand Date -----
 By whom reported ----- For Burial Report See Ad 1111

State whether he leaves (a) in Pay Book (Army Book 61) Will not
 a Will or not received (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.

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, with 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.

Station and Date 3rd. Echelon, G.H.Q., D.E.F. Signature of Officer in charge of Section [Signature]
 Adjutant-General's Office at the Base LIEUTENANT, OFFICER I/C RECORDS.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
KIT STORE.



110, GREYHOUND ROAD,
FULHAM, LONDON,
W. 6.

Telephone:--HAMMERSMITH 1699.

Inventory of Effects of— The Late 14 Pte Lennon, J. 42nd Btn A.I.F.

Forwarded to— WIFE.
Mrs C. J. Lennon,
c/o Mrs White,
City View Hotel,
Leighardt Street,
Spring Hill,
Brisbane,
Queensland.

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Effects.

3rd Echelon)
 No. 10772) 2 Identity discs (1 blank), Small wallet,
 Diary, Note book, Pencil, 2 Knives, Purse,
 2 Studs, 4 Coins.

No. of Package D/S.

14159

Checked by

37 High Holborn St. Surry Hills

3/24/17

15-17B 17M

To the Manager

Dear Sir will you be so kind as to give my mother a little information about my brother he was officially reported killed in action on 11/2/17 my mother is anxious to know who he left as the next of kin we dont know whether he was married or not we have not seen him for a few years and she would like to know whether he was married or not or who he arranged as his next of kin his name is Private James Lennon

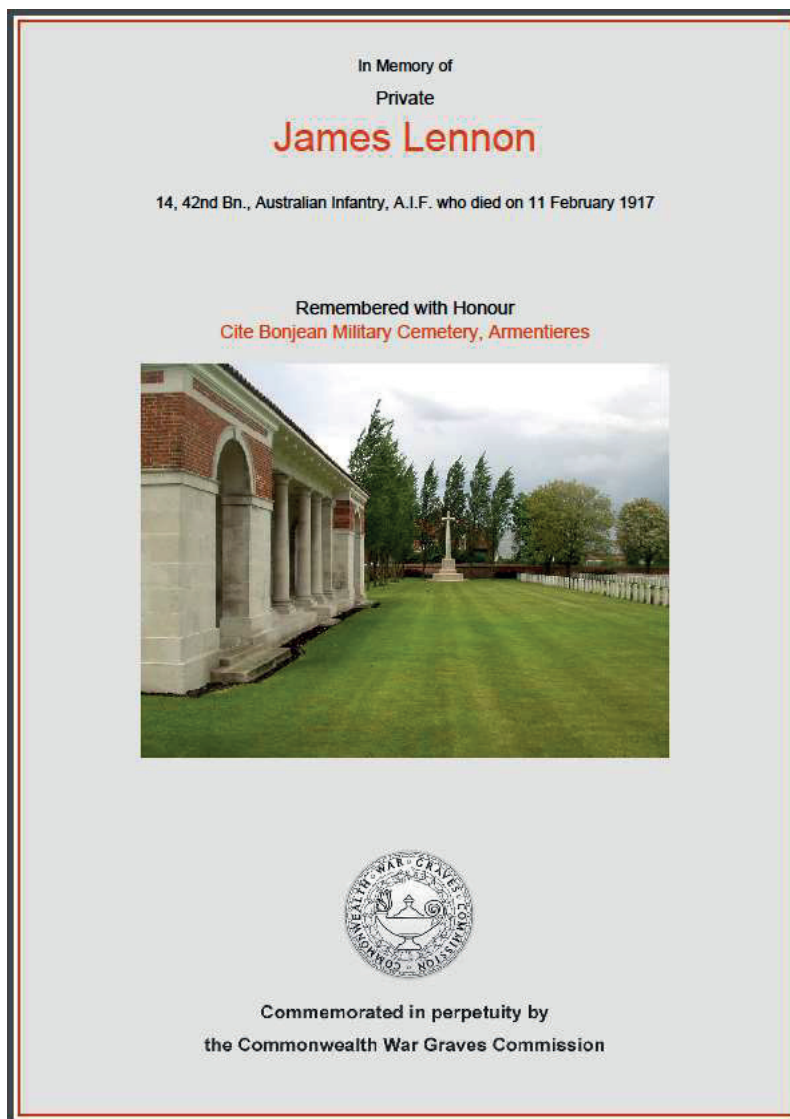
(2)

No 14. 42nd Battalion late
11th Infantry Brigade; Headquarters
He enlisted in Queensland
hoping you will oblige I remain
yours truly

Patrick Lennon

37 High Holborn Street Surry
Hills Sydney





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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The Braidwood RSL Sub Branch raised a good proportion of the funds for the cost of producing these booklets. The efforts of the members of the sub branch involved are very much appreciated. This money was augmented by welcome funding from the Federal Government through the ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program and the Braidwood Community Bank.

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